

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
04/27/2022
@ 6:00 pm @ Russell Town Hall

Present:

Tess Eells/ Town Clerk
Supervisor White
Councilor Burnham
Councilor Whiteford
Councilor Beachard
Councilor Kerr

Guests:

Bobby Knox

Pledge

Meeting was called to order @ 6:00 PM by Supervisor White.

A discussion about buying a new playground set for the Blanchard Hill Ballfield:

- The slide that is there has a crack in it and the rest is in bad shape.
- Councilor Burnham presented a new one to the board she found.
- She also said they went over to look at the one Hermon has.
- Rubber mulch was discussed instead of wood chips for under the playset. They think putting a layer of sand with fabric over it and then a layer of rubber mulch will work.
- They will take the old set down and dig out the pea stone.
- Replace all the boards around the playset
- Cement in the rest of floor area in the pavilion and put ramps for easier access
- Supervisor White will check and see if the money for the purchase of benches and backstops can be taken from ARPA money and put back into general account

RESOLUTION # 40 Purchasing a Playset for Ballfield

A motion was made by Councilor Whiteford and seconded by Councilor Beachard:

Therefore, the Town Board authorizes to appropriate \$3,499.99 for a Lifetime Big Stuff Deluxe Swing Set and another \$389.00 for the Ace Flyer Teeter-Totter with free shipping and will be delivered within 5-10 days. Also, Supervisor White appoints Councilor Burnham and Councilor Kerr to be the Playground committee.

Ayes – 5 Beachard, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 41 Hiring Peggy L. Mousaw for ARPA reporting

A motion by Councilor Burnham

Seconded by Councilor Whiteford

Therefore, the Russell Town Board authorizes hiring Peggy Mousaw , DBA Consulting Inc. NY Certified WBE 2013-2024 at the cost of \$135.00 for filing the ARPA reports due 4/30/2022.

Ayes – 5 Beachard, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays - 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION #42 COVID Relief Funds (ARPA)

Motion by Councilor Whiteford

Seconded by Councilor Kerr

Therefore, the Russell Town Board will authorize to spend ARPA funds on the following projects for 2022:

- Replace Town hall Steps due to safety reasons and resurface Theatre steps
- Fences, benches, backstops, and bathrooms at the ballpark
- Replacement of playground at ballpark

Ayes – 5 Beachard, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

A separate ARPA account should be kept for audit purposes.

Councilor Kerr suggested contracting the work out so it can get done sooner, They will contact JMD Contracting and Bird Contracting to see about the work.

Supervisor White stated when people reserve the pavilion, we should charge a deposit to be given back if cleaned up good and no damage is done after it is all completed.

RESOLUTION #43 13' Truck Dump Box & Hoist

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Whiteford

Therefore, the Russell Town Board authorizes payment for a 13' Truck Box & Hoist from Auctions International in the amount of \$8,925.00 INV # 90357. This will come out of Highway Fund Balance.

Ayes – 5 Beachard, Burnham, White, Whiteford, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to adjourn at 6:40 PM

The minutes were submitted by
Tess Eells/ Russell Town Clerk