

TOWN OF RUSSELL BOARD APPROVED MINUTES
Monday, April 1, 2024
Town of Russell Hall 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Willeford.

Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Agenda Posted: Yes.

Attendance:

Board members present: Chairperson Willeford, Supervisor Ausloos, Supervisor Schmahl.

Others present: Treasurer Cobble, Clerk Mierzejewski, Pete Geyer, Brian Olson.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes from March 4, 2024, were read. Schmahl motioned to approve the minutes as read, Ausloos seconded motion; motion carried. Minutes from March 21, 2024, new town hall meeting were read. Schmahl motioned to approve minutes as read, seconded by Ausloos; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cobble presented the report for March 2024. Ausloos motioned to approve the treasurer's report as read, Schmahl seconded the motion; motion carried.

Monthly Bills: Town Clerk presented the bills for April. Motion made by Schmahl to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Ausloos; motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Town Members/Special Topics:

- Town Hall Update: Willeford checked with Bank First and they do provide loans to municipalities.
- Tom Mueller dba Rustic Retreat Deer Park Cease/Desist/Zoning Noncompliance: Clerk received copies of emails from DNR Warden Peter Dunn to Mr. Mueller regarding DNR's position on exhibition of wolf-dogs which included a physical restrictive barrier between the wolf-dog and the viewing public; the exhibition provision defines exhibit as the "means to display for the purpose of public viewing, regardless of whether a fee is charged"; wolf dogs were legislatively assigned to the DNR to be regulated as a wild animal.

Monthly Correspondence and/or email:

- WE Energies is planning on rebuilding part of the electrical distribution system in the township and inquired if there were any road projects scheduled in the next 5 to 10 years in the areas of Clark Road, Highview Road, and part of Sexton Road.
- DNR sent info on land that will remain in Managed Forest Land after transfer of ownership.
- Kiel EMS requested to be on the annual meeting agenda to discuss service update and proposed increase in rate for 2025.
- Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department sent a guide for Erosion Control and Stormwater Management permitting requirements. If more than one acre of land is disturbed an Erosion Control permit will be needed from the County.
- Department of Revenue sent notice that Lottery Credit will be distributed by County to municipalities by April 15th.
- Rural Insurance sent Business and Work Compensation policies; both reviewed.
- WTA Sheboygan County Unit Meeting is scheduled for April 4th at Town of Wilson.
- Per State statutes if annual meeting held at same time and place as previously a notice does not need to be posted in newspaper. Clerk asked board if the notice should be posted in newspaper; discussion followed. Geyer said he could hand out a notice at the recycling center; clerk will give him 50 copies of the agenda to hand out. Notice will not be posted in newspaper.

Building Permit: Witkowski Inspection Agency sent building permit application for R. Risse for a home addition; board reviewed application.

Liquor/Operator Licenses: None.

Recycling Center: Geyer stated more regrind is needed by dumpsters; he will let board know when he is ready for it.

Constable Report: Nothing.

Town Roads: Brian Olson from Sheboygan County Highway Department discussed the 6-to-20-foot bridge inventory, completing grant application for road repair, and discussed repair options for various town roads. Question raised about applying brine prior to snowstorms. Olson explained brine keeps the snow from sticking to the roads and it is more efficient than applying salt.

Other Town Business:

- Cobble had listing of delinquent dog licenses for this year; list reviewed.
- Discussed political signs placed on town property. Clerk checked with WTA if there is a state statute regarding this; there is none; however, the town could adopt a policy that can be enforced uniformly. Discussion held.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Schmahl, seconded by Ausloos; meeting adjourned 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lynette Mierzejewski

Town of Russell Clerk