

TOWN OF RUSSELL BOARD APPROVED MINUTES

Monday, December 1, 2025

Town of Russell Hall 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order at 6:30 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, Gary Kraus, Pete Geyer, Shelley Geyer, Scott from Neumann Plumbing, Brian Olson Sheboygan County Highway Department, Craig Schuh and Brett Glaeser from Ayres Associates, Josh and Ashley Lammers, Clerk Mierzejewski.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Clerk read November 3rd minutes. Discussed correction to be made in Constable Report. Ausloos moved to approve amended minutes, seconded by Schmahl; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Cobble presented November report. Checkbook balance is \$302,210.22. Schmahl motioned to approve report, seconded by Ausloos; motion carried.

Monthly Bills: Clerk presented December bills totaling \$30,525.37. Discussion held. Ausloos moved to approve bills, seconded by Schmahl; motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Town Members/Special Topics:

- New Town Hall:
 - Walk through was done by board members, clerk, and treasurer with Kraus to discuss progress and any other items needed.
 - Kraus presented expense spreadsheet; discussion held.
 - Discussed hiring someone for snow removal, grass cutting, and janitorial services.
 - Discussed use of salt vs sand on new concrete; decided to get buckets of sand.
 - Shelley Geyer researched enclosed bulletin board options; Schmahl will order one for outside entryway.
 - Scott from Neumann Plumbing indicated water test showed borderline iron levels. Discussed option of iron filter vs water softener and decided to install a water softener.

Monthly Correspondence and/or email:

- Reviewed Kiel Fire Department Ambulance Service Agreement for 2026. Cost has remained the same as last year, \$7.36 per person. Willeford and Mierzejewski signed agreement.

- WE Energies sent permit application for new electrical service for M. Willeford, board reviewed; clerk signed and returned application.
- Clerk discussed using .gov for town email instead of .com. Will check with website designer on how to proceed.

Building Permit: None.

Liquor/Operator Licenses: None.

Recycling Center: Ausloos will check with St. Anna Fire Department about burning brush pile.

Constable Report: Update on deer poaching per WI DNR warden Tony Arndt. Arndt is working with county. Two individuals confessed to killing 6 deer and shooting at 6 or 7 more. There were also road signs that were shot up.

Town Roads:

- ARIP. Glaeser and Schuh from Ayres updated board on culverts on Holstein Road.
 - The size of the 36-inch culvert by Drake is okay.
 - Culvert by County H is owned by County and sized for a 25-year rain event.
 - By Grogan Road putting two 19x30-inch culverts in.
 - Sportsman's Club land there is one 34x46 culvert; will put in two 38x60 culverts. DNR is looking at wetland determination here.
 - Bridge (box culvert). Need to make the road wide enough for culvert; will need to purchase right of way from landowners adjoining that area. Ayres will send an amendment to professional services contract and will take care of obtaining the right of way.

Other Town Business:

- Town Hall on County H was recently appraised at \$54,500. There are a few people interested in property. Brian Olson discussed Sheboygan County is interested in town hall for brine storage; he was told town is in preliminary stages of selling the property.
- There are some over-hanging tree branches that need to be trimmed on Sexton Road south of County H on curve. Olson will look at having this taken care of.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Schmahl, seconded by Ausloos. Meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Mierzejewski
Town of Russell clerk