

TOWN OF RUSSELL BOARD APPROVED MINUTES

Monday, August 5, 2024

Town of Russell Hall 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order at 7:04 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.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: July minutes were read. Ausloos motioned to approve the minutes as read, Schmahl seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Cobble presented July report. Schmahl motioned to approve as read, Ausloos seconded; motion carried.

Monthly Bills: Clerk presented August bills. Ausloos motioned to pay bills as presented, seconded by Schmahl; motion carried. Discussed mowing of ditches. Clerk to compare mowing costs from last year with this year's cost.

Public Comments: None.

Town Members/Special Topics:

- Town Hall Update: Discussed process going forward with building plans.
- Tom Mueller dba Rustic Retreat Deer Park Cease/Desist/Zoning noncompliance: Discussion held. Will go ahead with cease and desist order due to continued posts on social media of interactions with wolf dogs.

Monthly Correspondence and/or email:

- Clerk discussed increase in Department of Revenue Shared Revenue payment.
- Clerk received notice Town's assessor contract expires this year; new contract will be forthcoming from Catalis.
- Notice received from Brett Zemba at Sheboygan County Planning Department on new procedure for reporting zoning map updates due to retirement of Kevin Struck.
- Clerk responded to Division of Alcohol Beverage survey regarding new statewide operators' permit and municipal implementation of full-service retail sales for producers.
- Permit request received from WE Energies for J. Maurer electrical work was reviewed and signed.

Building Permit: Witkowski Inspection Agency sent permit application for M Murray for a shed. Application reviewed by board.

Liquor/Operator Licenses: None.

Recycling Center: Nothing to report.

Constable Report:

- Ausloos working on implementing ATV use on town roads.
- A. Borisenko dog is scheduled for rabies vaccination in October.

Town Roads:

- Quote received from County Highway Department for blacktop repair to 1345 feet on Grogen Road east of CTH J with estimated cost of \$40,429.00. Okay was given to go ahead with project.
- Culvert on Sheboygan Road by CTH J needs repair.

Other Town Business:

- Schmahl reported on Agricultural Road Improvement Program (ARIP) grant.
 - He has been working with Dean at the County Highway Department.
 - Town of Morrison received grant in first round; Schmahl spoke with their town board about the process.
 - Schmahl met with Town of New Holstein chairperson and the engineer they hired to assist with grant writing process. Engineer is from Ayres and he also wrote Town of Morrison grant. Engineer will do scope for mile section of Sheboygan Road in Town of New Holstein and assist them with application.
- Schmahl motioned to enter into a contract with Ayres to provide engineering expertise in writing ARIP grant application for Town of Russell. Motion seconded by Ausloos and motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Schmahl, seconded by Ausloos. Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Mierzejewski
Town of Russell clerk