

Town of Russell Annual Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017@ 7PM

Attending: Terry Winkel, Larry Kempf, Colleen Schnell, Pat Zorn, Jeremy Cobbel, Dan Schmahl, Jon Ausloos, Gary Seiler, Janet Seiler, Valerie Kempf, Rosemarie Dickman, Herb Dickman, Shelly Geyer, Pete Geyer, John Kiehnau, Linda Kiehnau, and Mark Schuricht.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman T. Winkel at 7p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Minutes of the last year's annual meeting of 4/19/16 were read by Clerk L Kempf. No additions or corrections were needed. Motion was made to approve the minutes by J Cobble, seconded by Pat Zorn, motion carried.

Annual Report Questions:

- G. Seiler asked where we were with the long-term debt. L Kempf responded that we are about half-way to paying it off.
- P. Zorn asked what is Sheboygan County Treasurer Insight? L Kempf responded that it was the election machines.
- G. Seiler asked about the ambulance service. T. Winkel and J. Cobbel responded that it is a service charge to cover the area based on the population of the town. If the ambulance responds, the individual is charged.

Motion was made by D. Schmahl, seconded by P. Zorn to approve the annual report.

Discussion: J. Kiehnau asked about the streetlights and the cost savings moving to LED lights.

Motion carried

State Convention

P. Zorn made a motion for the town board to attend the State Convention. Seconded by G. Seiler.

Motion carried.

Town Newspaper

P. Zorn made a motion to keep Tri County News as the town newspaper, seconded by G. Seiler. Motion carried.

Town Bank

P. Zorn made a motion to keep Bank First National as the town bank, seconded by J. Kienhau. Motion carried.

Recycling Center

No concerns were expressed. Comment on the hours was positive.

Zoning

Zoning ordinances were reported by D. Schmahl. The state has approved all changes. In the past 35 acres were needed, now as per the state it is a density but you can purchase 1.75 acres and then 35 acres would be set aside for farming. There is a limit of houses on a base farm track. Each farm can

have 4 lots on 160-acre track. This is a way to preserve farm land. Jerrod Henschel is the Zoning administrator. He will be an asset to the board and the town.

Building Permits

Ken Turba, not in attendance, was honored for his 40 years of service to the Town of Russell as the Building Inspector issuing permits. Ken will be mailed the card and gift certificate for his service. Colleen Schnell, new town clerk, will issue the building permits in the future.

Town Roads

Past process the board used was to fix 1-mile of road per year.

Last year the board decided to take a more maintenance aspect across the town roads.

The board is attempting to put a plan together to keep all roads up to date and in the best condition.

M. Schuricht commented that something needed be tried to keep all roads in working condition before they are totally damaged beyond repair.

P. Zorn commented that frost damage did not seem as bad as other years.

T. Winkel mentioned that soon, shoulder grading will occur to keep the roads in better shape.

County will be replacing road signs that were snapped off this winter.

Holstein Road will need to be redone in the future, we have had 2 different companies confirm it.

Brush on some roads that need to be taken care of-to keep the ditches open.

Upcoming activities:

Elkhart Lake Triaffalyn will be running through the town of Russell on June 10, 2017.

Open Book is May 4, 2017 from 4-6

Board of Review is May 31,2017 from 6-8

Annual meeting will be April 17, 2018.

- Motion to accept 4/17/18 as the annual meeting was made by J. Kiehnau, seconded by G. Seiler.
- Motion carried.

Retiring Clerk Honored

Larry Kempf, outgoing clerk, retired after 30 years of service.

Larry received a card of thanks.

A brick will be purchased at the Sheboygan County Marsh in honor of Larry and his years of service to the town.

Motion to adjourn by P. Zorn, seconded by G. Seiler. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Colleen Schnell, Clerk