

*TOWN OF RUSSELL
N9138 HOLSTEIN ROAD
ELKHART LAKE WI 53020*

BOARD APPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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, Pete Geyer, Lori Braun, Brett Glaeser from Ayres, Jon Maurer, Mark Schuricht, Darrick Hartman, Jerrod Henschel, Clerk Mierzejewski.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Clerk read February 2nd minutes. Schmahl moved to approve minutes, seconded by Ausloos; motion carried. Clerk then read February 17th minutes. Ausloos moved to approve minutes, seconded by Schmahl; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Cobble presented February report. Checkbook balance is \$293,160.56. Schmahl motioned to approve report, seconded by Ausloos; motion carried.

Monthly Bills: Clerk presented March bills totaling \$23,981.34. Schmahl moved to approve bills, seconded by Ausloos; motion carried.

Public Comments: Lori Braun presented concern about speed limit in residential areas in St. Ann. Traveling east out of St. Ann no posted speed limit until 55 mph sign. The three other roads are county roads and posted at 45 mph just past the intersection. Concern with higher speed limit and the presence of families with children in these areas. Board will investigate placing a 25 mph speed limit sign on Sheboygan Road.

Town Members/Special Topics:

- New Town Hall: Concern about light pollution from lights on exterior of town hall. Discussion held. All outdoor lights total a 100-watt bulb; will continue to monitor. Discussed concern of pump circulating water constantly with security lights on in town hall. Contractor was contacted and said pump only circulates when there is motion in the town hall.
- Old Town Hall: A few inquiries have been made about the realtor's listing.

Monthly Correspondence and/or email:

- Information from DNR regarding transfer order on Managed Forest Land reviewed.

- Clerk handed out information on County GIS updates.
- Clerk received information from Bank First on Money Market rates and stipulations. Discussion held.
- Willeford received Sheboygan County timber cutting notice/permit for property on County H.

Building Permit: None.

Liquor/Operator Licenses: None.

Recycling Center: Clerk stated contract with GFL is up for renewal this year. Willeford will contact them about renewing contract. Also there is a monthly \$75.00 equipment use fee which Geyer thought should have been removed from bill. Willeford will check on this also.

Constable Report: Nothing to report. Ausloos has not heard from DNR Warden Arndt about the signs that were shot up.

Town Roads:

ARIP-Holstein Road:

- Willeford explained the Temporary Land Easements (TLE) and Warranty Deed. Maurer, Schuricht, and Hartmann were given TLE documents they need to sign and witnessed by a notary. Maurer was given a warranty deed, for land township is purchasing, that needs to be signed and witnessed by a notary. Discussion held. Signed documents to be put in drop box at town hall when completed.
- Ayres will record the plat with the county. After this clerk to take TLE and Warranty Deed to County Register of Deeds to be recorded.
- Clerk had received email from Henschel regarding Implements of Husbandry ordinances; copies handed out to town board. Henschel explained his concerns for safety of semi traffic on Sexton Road and proposed changing the stop sign orientation at the intersection of Holstein Road and Sexton Road, so traffic on Sexton would have to stop instead of traffic stopping on Holstein Road. Clerk stated if traffic were to stop on Sexton Road, in winter driver can see if a vehicle is coming on Holstein Road, but in summer it would be more difficult due to fields being planted. Will put this on Annual Meeting Agenda for discussion.
- Glaeser explained manure lines can be place on Holstein Road during construction. He would need to know where these are to be placed and what size line by April board meeting.
- Various items discussed including width of road, four inches of asphalt will be placed over 15 inches of stone and adding geo grid. Also discussed water overtopping north of town hall and no feasible solutions to be made to west ditch to prevent this due to grade.

- Glaeser explained schedule. Plans will go to Department of Transportation on March 26th. Bid notice to be posted April 9th and 16th in TriCounty News.

Transportation Resolution:

Clerk handed out copies of a resolution supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution that was discussed at the WTA District Meeting. Discussion held. Schmahl motioned to create resolution as presented at WTA District Meeting in support of road aids, seconded by Ausloos; motion carried.

Other Town Business: Clerk discussed assessment documents from 1930s to 1980s that are stored in old town hall basement. Due to concern of mold on hard-bound ledgers do not want to bring these to the new town hall. Sheboygan County Historical Society suggested removing the ledger covers and retaining the documents in plastic bags. Clerk will order large plastic bags, silica gel pouches, and plastic storage containers to place these in, and take care of transferring documents.

Willeford asked if April meeting could be changed because he will be unavailable April 6th. April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Schmahl, seconded by Ausloos. Meeting adjourned 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Mierzejewski
Town of Russell clerk