

Town of Russell Annual Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 2019 @ 7PM

**Attending:** Jon Ausloos Jaremy Cobbel, Rosemarie Dickman, Herb Dickman, Cletus Dickrell, Michelle Geyer, Larry Kempf, John Kiehnau, Linda Kiehnau, Dick Kraus, Stan Meinert, Mark Novotivic, Dan Schmahl, Colleen Schnell, Janet Seiler, Aaron Turba, Don Turba, Ken Turba, Sue Watry, Tony Weigert, Terry Winkel, and Pat Zorn.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance followed.**

**Agenda Posted was confirmed.**

**Minutes of the last year's annual meeting: of 4/17/18.** Motion to approve by P. Zorn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Kiehnau. Motion carried.

**Financial Report for 2018:** Motion to approve by P. Zorn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Meinert. Motion carried.

**State Convention:** P. Zorn made a motion for the board to attend the State Convention, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Kempf. Motion carried.

**Town Newspaper:** D. Turba made a motion to maintain Tri County News as the town newspaper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Novotivic. Motion carried.

**Town Bank:** S. Meinert made a motion to maintain Bank 1<sup>st</sup> National as the town bank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Turba. Motion carried.

**Recycling Center:** Comments on having a dumpster at the collection site for the farm plastic. Determined that it was more of a farm business expense and should be left on the farm. Request for an updated list of acceptable recycles to be available at collection site.

**Special topic of the Town Hall:** Discussion to continue repair current or investigate new hall.

- Problems with current town hall include; not AODA, mold issues, leaking roof, close to the road, no parking, may be uninsurable if we switch insurance carriers.
- What is the estimate to repair the current hall?
- Maintain current for \$1,000 a month is very attainable.
- How much is the board looking to spend and what is the plan to attain that funding?
- Do you have any locations determined for the new hall, and how much land is needed?
- New facility could be rented out to town residents for events. A new hall should be something the town is proud of. We could expand and include a sport or play area.
- Next steps:
  - Committee determined to investigate new building to include sites, costs, floor plan, funding and donations.
  - Town members that volunteered for Committee include Michelle Geyer, Dick Kraus, Gary or Janet Seiler, Terry Winkel, and Pat Zorn.
  - Any additional town resident that would like to be part of the committee should contact Terry Winkel.
  - Suggestions or concerns can be given to any committee member.

- Recommendation to put items on the ballot for the entire town to vote in future election.

#### **Town Roads:**

- 2018 repairs included Rusmar Rd, Holstein Rd, Sheboygan Rd, and Grogen Rd.
- Trees were cut on Grogen and Cty J. corner. Comments: You still cannot see the traffic coming from the south is you are traveling east on Grogen. This will be investigated further.
- Crack filling on Sexton Rd from 2 yrs. ago was looked at by the vendor in fall 2018 and the vendor will return in Spring to do repairs at the vendor cost.
- The board will look at maintaining past repaired roads to ensure they continue to be passable
- Concerns for the future:
  - Irish Court needs to be examined.
  - Highview and Clark has sizable holes.
  - Culverts will be needed on Clark/Ford and Sheboygan/Cty J in 2019.
  - Signs on Sexton and all town roads.
  - What about looking at cleaning out ditches due to water runoff.
  - Can the county repair Cty J.

#### **Other Town Business:**

- Michelle Geyer will be making new signs for the current hall, which will be movable in the future
- Garbage at the end of Hunter's court remains a problem
- Colleen Schnell has resigned as town clerk. Anyone interested contact Terry Winkel.

#### **Upcoming activities:**

Open Book is Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 4-6

Board of Review is Tuesday, June 4, 2019 from 6-8

Elkhart Lake Triathlon will be running through the town of Russell on June 8, 2019.

2020 Annual meeting will be April 21, 2020.

**Motion to adjourn** by P. Zorn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Kempf. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Colleen Schnell, Clerk