

TOWN OF RUSSELL BOARD APPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Call to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Winkel.

Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Agenda Posted: Confirmed.

Attendance: Board members present: Winkel, Ausloos, Schmahl, Cobble, and Michels.

Others Present: Marie Koeser, Dennis Schnell, Michelle Geyer, Lil Pipping, Pat Zorn, Lucy Mueller

Approval of Meeting: Motion to approve the Town of Russell, July 2, 2019, meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Schmahl, 2nd by Supervisor Ausloos. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cobble presented the treasurer's report for July 2019. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Ausloos, 2nd by Supervisor Schmahl. Motion carried.

Monthly Bills: Motion to pay bills made by Supervisor Schmahl, 2nd by Supervisor Ausloos. Motion carried.

Town Members/Special Topics: Lucy Mueller spoke to the Board regarding question on a new construction. She was advised on the Zoning and was told to get plans together which the Board will forward to the Zoning Administrator

Monthly Correspondence and/or E-mail

- Birschbach Inspection Services sent a letter advising they would be discontinuing as the Building Inspector for the Town of Russell effective September 1st. Birschbach recommends JK Inspections as his replacement. A letter of introduction was provided from Jon Schulz of JK Inspections providing his background and qualifications. After discussion among the Board, Michels was advised to contact JK Inspections and request Jon Schulz attend the September meeting to meet with the Board.
- County Sanitary Ordinance – The letter was reviewed and will be posted on the Town's website.

Building Permits: James Zielke for a metal roof – Motion to approve made by Supervisor Schmahl, 2nd by Supervisor Ausloos. Motion to grant building permit carried.

Liquor/Operator Licenses: 3 permits (2 renewals, 1 new) for Jovan's – motion to approve made by Supervisor Ausloos, 2nd by Supervisor Schmahl. Motion carried to approve operator licenses.

Recycling Center: Marie Koeser addressed the Board regarding concerns about having no place to go with tree branches and brush after storms. Dennis Schnell advised that there is a spot at the center where the brush could go. It was suggested that the Fire Department would be willing to come and do a controlled burn 2-3 times a year. No grass clippings, leaves, or boards would be accepted and items can only be dropped off during hours the recycling center is open. Supervisor Schmahl suggested a trial period of 1 year after which time the Board would follow up with Dennis Schnell to see if this is working out. Dennis also reported that a town resident has inquired whether concrete is accepted. No concrete will be accepted at the recycling center. Dennis and Michelle Geyer will work on signage for the dump. A motion

was made to allow residents to drop off brush no greater than 6 inches in diameter in quantities no greater than a pickup truck per week at the recycling center during open hours. Exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances. Motion made by Supervisor Ausloos, 2nd by Supervisor Schmahl. Motion carried.

Constable Report: Supervisor Ausloos reported that a town resident may be breeding dogs. He will look into the matter.

Town Roads:

- The board has estimates from Scott Construction and Struck & Irwin regarding seal coating and chip sealing. Discussion occurred on whether Fahrner would warranty some of their work. Chairman Winkel will contact them to find out. The board will contact Struck & Irwin to request a split payment with half paid in 2019 and the balance due in 2020. Supervisor Ausloos made a motion to accept the bid from Struck & Irwin pending agreement of the split payment and talks with Fahrner regarding warranty work. 2nd by Supervisor Schmahl. Motion carried.
- Roads on the east side of J were sprayed for Wild Parsnip.
- The grass cutting has been finished. It was completed in July so it would be taken care of before the weeds went to seed.

Other Town Business:

- Town Hall Update:
 - Lil Pippin from “The Friends of the Marsh” provided information on the construction of the multi-purpose educational facility that is planned for the Marsh. She provided brochures outlining the potential layout. She also explained that upon completion, the building would be gifted to the County. Chairman Winkel has been discussing the possible partnership between the group and the Town of Russell regarding partnering for a new facility. The county is also in favor of this idea and will be providing proposals regarding lease options for the town.
- 2020 Property Revaluation
 - Grota Appraisals has the town scheduled for revaluation in September/October. This would be an external review only with letters from Grota going out to residents in September.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Ausloos, 2nd by Supervisor Schmahl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Sue Michels

Town of Russell, Clerk

Tentative Upcoming meeting schedule:

Meeting dates and time will be finalized the month prior

If you wish to be on the agenda, please contact the Town Clerk: Sue Michels townclerkmichels@gmail.com

- Tuesday, October 1, 2019 @ 7PM
- Tuesday, November 5, 2019 @ 7PM
- Tuesday, December 3, 2019 @ 7PM