

TOWN OF RUSSELL BOARD APPROVED MINUTES

Monday, August 3, 2020

Call to Order at 7:10 p.m. by Dan Schmahl. Interim Chairman Willeford was available via teleconference and copies of the agenda, minutes, monthly bills had been forwarded to him.

Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Agenda Posted: Yes.

Attendance: Board members present: Ausloos, Schmahl.

Others present: Treasurer Cobble, Clerk Mierzejewski, Brian Witkowski.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes from July 6, 2020, were read. Supervisor Ausloos made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Supervisor Schmahl seconded motion. Motion carried. Minutes from July 15, 2020, special meeting were read. Supervisor Ausloos made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Supervisor Schmahl seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cobble presented the treasurer's report from July 2020. Supervisor Ausloos made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as read. Supervisor Schmahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Monthly Bills: Town Clerk presented the bills for August 2020. Motion made by Supervisor Ausloos to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Schmahl. Motion carried. Due to Interim Chairman Willeford not attending the meeting, Clerk Mierzejewski verified with the bank that 2 signatures would be adequate for a check to be cashed. Town Clerk informed board Advanced Disposal had a charge of \$75.00 for Appliances/Freon from June 9, 2020. This was not paid this month. Board discussed and decided to pay bill next month and to send a letter that proof /evidence needs to be shown this was in Town Russell dumpster (photograph) in the future before this charge will be paid.

Town Members/Special Topics:

- Representative from St. Cloud Fire Department contacted Interim Chairman Willeford to renew a 5-year contract for fire protection that is due September 2nd. Current amount is \$1700.00 per year. After discussion it was proposed to pay \$1700 for year one, \$1700 for year two, \$1800 for year three, \$1900 for year four, \$1900 for year five. Interim Chairman will contact St. Cloud representative to present proposal.

Monthly Correspondence and/or email:

- Town Clerk sent a letter to Lucy Mueller for reimbursement for fire sign and post.
- Clerk received check for \$3224.00 for township's portion of county sales tax.
- Notice received from Sheboygan County Planning Department that a fire number was assigned to Paul Mueller property. Supervisor Schmahl will order fire sign.

Building Permit:

- Building permit application received from Michael Braun to put new siding on attached garage. Supervisor Ausloos made a motion to approve building permit, seconded by Supervisor Schmahl. Motion carried.
- Brian Witkowski, building inspector, was present to review contract with town. Town Board discussed a few changes to the contract. Also discussed that line items of the contract can be changed after one year if needed. Mr. Witkowski agreed to changes and will update contract and forward to Interim Chairman and Clerk for signatures. Interim Town Chairman made a motion to retain Witkowski Inspection Agency as Town of Russell inspector once contract is signed and executed. Seconded by Supervisor Ausloos. Motion carried.
- Town Board asked Brian Witkowski about a property in question in the township that charges people to stay at a cabin on their property about having an inspection. Mr. Witkowski stated that by law if someone stays there the building should be inspected.

Liquor/Operator Licenses: None.

Recycling Center:

- Discussion was held with caretaker of the recycling center about accepting ashes. Determined there were too many issues with accepting ashes at the recycling center. Consensus of the board is not to accept ashes at the recycling center. Supervisor Ausloos will move the board where the agenda is posted at the recycling center from by the road to closer to the collection area.

Constable Report:

- Constable Ausloos reported a stop sign was down/pushed over by Clark Road and Highway J area; could have been vandalism; this was fixed.
- Treasurer Cobble indicated he reported a late dog license to the district attorney.

Town Roads:

- Interim Town Chairman met with Brian Olson from the County Highway Department for estimates on repair of Grogan Road east and west of Highway J. Estimates were handed out to those present and discussed. This would be a project for next year and possibly could split the cost between two years.
- Discussed the extensive cutting of the ditches in township by county.

- Town resident contacted Interim Town Chairman about an area on Clark Road that was pulverized when a farmer was hauling manure. Cones were put out. Interim Town Chairman will discuss this with the farmer.

Other Town Business:

- Supervisor Ausloos is working on the ATV ordinance.
- Discussion held about article in newspaper about town resident who is renting out a cabin on his property and if the property has the proper zoning and permits to do this.
- Town Clerk asked about increasing hourly wage for recycling center caretaker. Discussion held, an increase has not been done in a long time, and motion made by Supervisor Ausloos to increase the recycling center caretaker's hourly wage by \$3.00 an hour effective August 1, 2020. Supervisor Schmahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Ausloos, seconded by Supervisor Schmahl. Meeting adjourned 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Lynette Mierzejewski
Town of Russell Clerk

Tentative Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- October meeting, October 5th 7:00 p.m.
- November meeting, November 2nd 7:00 p.m.
- November election, November 3rd, General Election
- December meeting, December 7th, 7:00 p.m.

If you have an item for the agenda, please contact
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