

TOWN OF RUSSELL BOARD UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Call to Order at 7:07 p.m. by Interim Chairman Willeford.

Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Agenda Posted: Yes.

Attendance: Board members present: Willeford, Ausloos, Schmahl.

Others present: Treasurer Cobble, Clerk Mierzejewski; members of St. Cloud Fire Department Mark Fritz, Bob Sippel, Neal Birschbach.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes from August 3, 2020, were read. Supervisor Schmahl made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Supervisor Ausloos seconded motion. Motion carried.

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

Town Members/Special Topics:

- Mark Fritz from St. Cloud Fire Department addressed the board regarding an increase in the annual amount for fire protection provided to Town of Russell. He explained there has been no raise in 5 years and would like a \$200.00 increase up front. Discussion followed and the following motion was agreed upon between Town of Russell and St. Cloud Fire Department: Motion made by Supervisor Schmahl to pay \$1800.00 year one, \$1800.00 year two, \$1900.00 year three, \$1900.00 year four, \$1900.00 year five for fire protection to St. Cloud Fire Department. Supervisor Ausloos seconded motion. Motion carried. Mark Fritz will draw up the contract and forward it to Interim Chairman Willeford.
- Interim Chairman spoke with Jon Maurer about damage done to Clark Road by manure haulers. Mr. Maurer did admit it was manure haulers from his farm; he used Clark Road to prevent damage on Grogan Road east of Highway J. Per Wisconsin Towns Association Mr. Maurer would be responsible to fix damage on Clark Road. Discussion followed and it was decided to ask Mr. Maurer to attend the next meeting to discuss further.

Monthly Bills: Town Clerk presented the bills for September 2020. Discussion followed. Motion made by Supervisor Ausloos to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Schmahl. Motion carried.

Monthly Correspondence and/or email:

- Dawn Niedfeldt had questions if the town had ordinance for dog at large. Constable Ausloos will contact her.
- Kevin Meyer inquired if a permit was needed to move a building on town roads. Discussion followed. No permit is needed, but a written plan including the route to be taken; length, width, and height of building; anticipated date of move; if electric company has been contacted regarding power lines crossing route taken; name of who is doing the move and a certificate of insurance from them; and a bond to be paid prior to move. Clerk will send an email to Mr. Meyer requesting the above information.
- Lucy Mueller had questions about placement of mailbox by road; clerk to contact her and inform her to contact US Postal Service.

Building Permit: Copy of building permit application and payment received from Brian Witkowski for Debbie Wallner accessory building and culvert permit. Town Board reviewed the information received.

Liquor/Operator Licenses: Jovan's requested two renewals of operator licenses and 1 new application for operator license. Board reviewed applications and Supervisor Ausloos made a motion to approve the three operator licenses, seconded by Supervisor Schmahl. Motion carried.

Recycling Center:

- No concerns.
- Supervisor Ausloos will make a new board for the agenda posting by the recycling center.

Constable Report: Constable Ausloos, along with two Sheboygan County DNR wardens, met with Tom Mueller on August 20, 2020, about the wolves on his property. This was prompted by town residents who voiced concerns, to members of the board, about wolves in the township per an article in the local paper in July promoting his Rustic Retreat Deer Park, LLC located on his property. Mr. Mueller was informed he needs a conditional use permit for Agricultural Tourism since he is charging people to tour and stay overnight at the Rustic Retreat Deer Park, LLC.

Town Roads:

- Halbach Excavating will be contacted about culvert work on Sexton Road and Irish Road that needs to be done in 2020.
- Tom Perl contacted Town Clerk about overgrowth of trees on Sheboygan Road by his property. He stated the county will not take care of it because it is a town road. He is concerned since deer cross the road in this area and motorists are unable to see them approaching due to overgrowth. Town Board will investigate it.

Other Town Business:

- Town is looking at retaining attorney to assist with writing town ordinances.
- Fire sign received for Paul Mueller property. Supervisor Schmahl will deliver the sign along with a post to Mr. Mueller. Clerk will send bill for sign and post to Mr. Mueller.
- Brief discussion on Marsh Building proposal by Sheboygan County versus the Town building their own town hall; Interim Chairman offered donating land if the Town decides to go this route.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Schmahl, seconded by Supervisor Ausloos.
Meeting adjourned 9:13 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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