

TOWN OF RUSSELL BOARD APPROVED MINUTES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Town of Russell Town Hall

Budget Meeting

Call to order at 6:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Agenda posted: Yes, in paper, on website, at town hall.

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

Others present: Treasurer Cobble, Clerk Mierzejewski, Tim Tripp

Clerk presented proposed 2022 budget to those present. Board members reviewed the budget and changes were made. Discussion followed. A new 2022 budget was printed and given to those present. After review, Supervisor Schmahl motioned to approve the proposed 2022 budget subject to the clerk checking/verifying town tax levy calculation. Supervisor Ausloos seconded motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Ausloos, seconded by Supervisor Schmahl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:51 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Willeford.

Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Agenda Posted: Yes.

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

Others present: Treasurer Cobble, Clerk Mierzejewski, Tim Tripp, Bethanie Gengler, Eilene Ribbens, Louise Hansen

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes from October 4, 2021, were read with the change from Bill Kraus to Dick Kraus in attendance and under town hall update changing 2 build sites to 1 build site. Supervisor Ausloos made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Supervisor Schmahl seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cobble handed out a revised September treasurer's report. He then presented the treasurer's report from October 2021. Supervisor Schmahl made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as read. Supervisor Ausloos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Town Members/Special Topics:

- Town Hall Update. Supervisor Schmahl spoke with Town Hall Committee Chairman Pat Zorn about other options to building a new town hall including updating current town hall to include a first-floor bathroom and turn it into office; and holding annual meeting and voting at other facilities in township, i.e. Marsh Educational Building, Town Russell Church. Supervisor Schmahl also spoke with Aaron Brault, Sheboygan County Planning Department who suggested the Town present a counteroffer to the original offer made by the County. Discussed various options. Chairman Willeford will speak with Brian Witkowski about updating current town hall. Supervisor Schmahl will follow up with Aaron Brault.
- Tom Mueller Conditional Use Permit. Bethanie Gengler, founder of Roadside Zoo News, addressed the board with concerns that Tom Mueller is operating Rustic Retreat Deer Park in violation of state and federal laws. She explained anyone who exhibits animals to the public must obtain a USDA Class C Exhibitor's License. Also WI DNR PUB-CS-20 indicates any person using captive wild animals in interactive sessions must be licensed to exhibit by USDA; and furthermore DNR mandates that wolves and wolf-dog hybrids that are greater than 3 months of age "must not be used in interactive sessions or exhibited outside of the enclosure". The USDA also considers any type of interaction as "exhibiting". Ms. Gengler indicated she had spoken to Tom Mueller, and she stated he blamed the town board for putting her up to calling him.
- Nick Brownson Conditional Use Permit. Clerk to contact zoning administrator to get final recommendation, and when received to schedule planning board meeting.

Supervisor Ausloos had to leave at 8:12 p.m. due to not feeling well.

Monthly Correspondence and/or email:

- Sheboygan County Shared Revenue Program paperwork was reviewed and will be submitted by the clerk.
- Sheboygan County Sales Tax Revenue Sharing paperwork was reviewed and signed by Chairman and Clerk; Clerk will submit form to county.
- Wisconsin Towns Association sent notice of increase in dues for 2022.
- Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department sent update regarding Bathrooms of Convenience in accessory structures.

- WI Dept of Administration final population estimate is 376, of which approximately 295 are of voting age.
- WI Local Redistricting does not affect Town as population is under 1000 and meets the one ward parameters.
- WPS and WE Energies sent information on Natural Gas Pipeline Safety.

Building Permit: None for October.

Liquor/Operator Licenses: None.

Recycling Center: Nothing to report.

Constable Report: Treasurer Cobble contacted constable about stray dog; treasurer was able to find owner via Facebook.

Town Roads:

- Road Signs. Discussion tabled until next year on purchasing larger road signs.
- Estimate received from County Highway Department on repair of Holstein Road by Sexton Road. Chairman Willeford discussed with Drake Farms who agreed on cost sharing the expense of repair. Supervisor Schmahl motioned to go ahead with repair of Holstein Road, seconded by Chairman Willeford. Motion carried.

Other Town Business:

- Clerk asked Board to contact/appoint people for helping at the polls.
- Discussed upcoming meeting dates. See below.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Schmahl, seconded by Chairman Willeford. Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lynette Mierzejewski

Town of Russell Clerk

Tentative Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Monday, January 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting

Monday, March 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting