

TOWN OF RUSSELL BOARD UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Monday, February 7, 2022

Town of Russell Hall 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order at 7:02 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, Bethanie Gengler, Eilene Ribbons, Louise Hansen.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes from January 3, 2022, were read. Supervisor Schmahl motioned to approve the minutes as read; seconded by Supervisor Ausloos, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cobble presented the treasurer's report from January 2022. Supervisor Ausloos motioned to approve the treasurer's report as read; seconded by Supervisor Schmahl, motion carried. Treasurer Cobble also handed out the December 2021 revised treasurer's report.

Monthly Bills: Town Clerk presented the bills for February 2022. Motion made by Supervisor Schmahl to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Ausloos, motion carried. Check written to Town of Greenbush for cost share on repair of River Lane to be held until Chairman Willeford verifies with Wade at Highway Department if the section repaired was in Town of Russell.

Town Members/Special Topics:

- Town Hall Update: Proposal for renovation of current town hall received from Tom Sabel. Board reviewed and discussed.
- Clerk Mierzejewski to contact Aaron Brault regarding holding elections at the Marsh Building, to have forms completed for Wisconsin Election Commission for approval of polling location change, and to reserve the Marsh Building for the annual meeting, 3rd Tuesday of April.
- Tom Mueller Conditional Use Permit (CUP):
 - Supervisor Schmahl contacted DNR about interactive sessions continuing with the wolves. DNR sent warden to Rustic Retreat Deer Park and issued citation. Tom Mueller told warden he will continue to do interactive sessions.
 - Peter Dunn from the DNR wanted to verify all definitions and gets facts prior to going forward.

- Supervisor Schmahl emailed Peter Dunn about the bison, if it has proper health papers if purchased out of state and brought across state lines because of diseases that can spread between bison and cattle.
- DATCP is investigating the wolfdogs being purchased out of state and brought across state lines.
- Bethanie Gengler spoke with DNR Warden Isaac Haack who indicated the DNR administration and DA's office is working on a resolution to the issues.
- Discussion held and board indicated Tom Mueller is in a zoning violation due to not having a CUP for Rustic Retreat Deer Park, and to approve the CUP the town's wild animal ordinance needs to be followed. Chairman Willeford will discuss with town's attorney.
- Chairman Willeford asked Bethanie Gengler if she knows of attorneys who deal with this type of situation.

Monthly Correspondence and/or email:

- Clerk Mierzejewski received public record request from Kevin Sande, who requested WI Voter Registration Application and Application for Absentee Ballot on 7 residents. This was completed.
- Notice received from DNR on transfer of ownership on managed forest land. This will be filed.
- Email received from Pleasant View Realty asking if Town has short-term rental restrictions of homes (Airbnb, Vrbo). Clerk will check with other townships if they have ordinances pertaining to this and board will review.
- WE Energies requested list of road weight restrictions. Clerk will fill out form indicating Holstein Road between Sheboygan Rd and County H will be Class B from March until May 15th.
- Application received for Sheboygan County Stewardship Grant Program. This was put on hold this year.
- Fire signs were ordered for the Recycling Center and the Marsh Building.
- February 15, 2022, Spring Primary. Due to Kiel School District being the only contest on Town of Russell ballot, polling locations have been combined. Residents who live in Kiel School District are to vote at the Kiel Community Center.

Building Permit:

- No building permits were issued January 2022.
- Witkowski Inspection Agency contract ends May 31, 2022.
- Question raised if building permits were issued for accessory sheds being constructed. Clerk verified permit was obtained May 2021 for one resident. Supervisor Ausloos will check with the other resident.
- Nick Brownson Conditional Use Permit. Could have multiple zoning on one parcel. Need to get approximate size of each parcel. Then it goes to planning board, town board, then county and DATCP.

Liquor/Operator Licenses: Board reviewed three operator licenses received from Jovan's. Motion made by Supervisor Ausloos to approve all 3 operator licenses, seconded by Supervisor Schmahl. Motion carried.

Recycling Center: Supervisor Ausloos working on new building for caretaker.

Constable Report: Constable Ausloos reported things have been quiet.

Town Roads: Culvert on Sheboygan Road by Fireman's Park will be addressed in spring.

Other Town Business:

- Treasurer Cobble reviewed the delinquent property tax report with the board.
- WTA District Meeting is April 2, 2022, at Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center in Manitowoc. Board members will attend.
- Annual Board of Audit was conducted. Treasurer Cobble handed out his report and Clerk Mierzejewski handed out her Summary Report. Town Board reviewed. All numbers matched. Supervisor Ausloos motioned to accept Annual Town Audit, seconded by Supervisor Schmahl, motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Ausloos, seconded by Supervisor Schmahl. Meeting adjourned 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Lynette Mierzejewski
Town of Russell Clerk

Tentative Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Monday, March 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2022, Spring Election
Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2022, Partisan Primary

If you have an item for the agenda, please contact Town Clerk