

TOWN OF RUSSELL BOARD APPROVED MINUTES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Town of Russell Hall 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order** at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman Willeford.

**Pledge of Allegiance** followed.

**Agenda Posted:** Yes.

**Attendance:**

Board members present: Chairman Willeford, Supervisor Schmahl, Supervisor Ausloos.

Others present: Treasurer Cobble, Clerk Mierzejewski, Dan Schirmer, Pete Geyer.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from November 7, 2022, were read. Schmahl motioned to approve the minutes as read. Ausloos seconded motion: motion carried. Minutes from the Budget Meeting held November 7, 2022, were read. Schmahl motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Ausloos; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cobble presented the treasurer's report from November 2022. Motion made by Ausloos to approve report as read. Schmahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Monthly Bills:** Clerk presented the bills for December 2022. Motion made by Schmahl to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Ausloos. Motion carried.

**Town Members/Special Topics:**

- Town Hall Update: No new update.
- Tom Mueller Pending Conditional Use Permit: Court trial was November 28, 2022. Judge Persick ruled in town's favor; that to obtain a CUP the town has right to get documentation from property owner, and to require property owner comply with law set forth in documentation from other agencies.

Per Judge Persick, Thomas Mueller, dba Rustic Retreat Deer Park LLC, cannot have public interactive sessions with the wolfdogs; if Mr. Mueller does have public interactive sessions with the wolfdogs, she will fine him \$500 a day retroactive to 11/28/2022.

CUP application received from Attorney Voeklner on behalf of Rustic Retreat Deer Park LLC. Board reviewed document and deemed it insufficient due to missing previously requested information; and portions of the application were clearly in violation of Judge Persick's ruling.

- Recycling Center Encroachment/Lease Agreement: Board and Dan Schirmer reviewed current draft of lease agreement. Schmahl motioned to agree to the current draft of the lease as written unless other party has further revisions/questions. Ausloos seconded motion. Motion carried.
- Clerk indicated date needs to be set for the Caucus. Board set date for Monday, January 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. Notice will be posted in newspaper, at town hall, and on town website by January 5, 2023.
- Clerk brought to the board's attention an error made on the 2023 proposed budget. Town levy amount was figured incorrectly; the new amount is an increase of \$1385.00. Board reviewed. Schmahl motioned to approve corrected 2023 budget, Ausloos seconded motion; motion carried.

**Monthly Correspondence and/or email:**

- Payment received from Sheboygan County for dog listing for \$48.00
- Year in Review received from Grota Appraisals.
- County Board of Canvass minutes for November 8, 2022, general election was reviewed. Town of Russell had no discrepancies. There were 195 voters of which 16 were absentee voters and 15 were election day registrations. Town had 77% voter turnout; state-wide turnout was 58%.
- Also 2 residents expressed interest in being poll workers, board will speak with them.

**Building Permit:** No permits for November.

**Liquor/Operator Licenses:** No applications for November.

**Recycling Center:**

- Pete Geyer indicated he will have the recycling center open on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.
- Pete Geyer talked with GFL about placement of the recycling dumpsters closer to the retaining wall when they drop off the dumpsters.
- After discussion, decision made to post a sign by the dumpsters for residents to call Pete to schedule a drop-off date for larger items and/or loads; reason being it is easier to fit these items in the dumpster when the dumpster is empty.
- Need to address the potholes left by trucks dropping off the dumpsters.

**Constable Report:** Nothing to report.

**Town Roads:** Complaint received about mud and manure being all over roads from farmer hauling manure with a tractor to the fields. Schmahl spoke with the farmer; farmer understood issue, was cooperative, and agreed to pay attention to this issue in the future.

**Other Town Business:** Resident in town wants to put a 30x40 foot shed 5 feet from lot line. Would need to speak with Zoning Administrator, Jerrod Henschel, about zoning regulations.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Ausloos, seconded by Schmahl. Meeting adjourned 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Lynette Mierzejewski  
Town of Russell Clerk

**Tentative Upcoming Schedule**

Caucus Meeting, January 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Monthly Meeting Monday, February 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Monthly Meeting Monday, March 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Monthly Meeting Monday, April 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Spring Election Tuesday, April 4, 2023

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

Meeting dates and time will be finalized the month prior