

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell**

**January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

- Notice of this meeting was posted 1 public place and on website.
  
- Chairman Robert Kressel called the Town of Russell board meeting to order on January 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Russell Town Hall. All board members present and eleven town residents.
  
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
  
- **The minutes** from the December Town Board meeting were reviewed, approved with a motion by Supervisor Sosnovske, second by Supervisor Heller. Motion carried.
  
- **Treasure Report** – No outstanding business
  
- **Vouchers**- Received and examined by board. Question regarding Quinlin’s bill and noted that a revised/corrected billing had not been received. New bill includes additional charges of \$591.07. Clerk to pay as billed last month and contact to be made by board regarding corrections. Chairman Kressel made motion to approve and pay vouchers, second by Supervisor Heller. Motion carried.
  
- **Road Report/Issues** –
  - Chairman Kressel talked with Mr. Hanz regarding L-RIP Program and grant for roadwork to be done on Bradley Street from First Avenue to County Road J. Estimate for the project is \$245,000. This includes 3” gravel, pulverized and 2 ½” blacktop, plus culverts (3-4 minimum). The deadline for the grant is 1/15/2022 and Mr. Hanz is filing paperwork on behalf of the town. Demonstrating growth to the community and would be 70/30 split, leaving the town with approximately \$73,000 bill. We will wait to hear back regarding approval or denial of said-grant application.
  - Roads look good. There is drifting on the south end of County Line and drifts by County Rd J per Mr. Lange. Jesse will be advised.
  
- **New Town Garage**
  - Present at the meeting was Cliff from KSW Construction with update on overhead doors. Cliff stated Overhead Door of Wausau will be on-site tomorrow mid day for installation of doors which have been delayed in shipping. He would like a final walk-through meeting. Meeting of board members and Cliff scheduled for Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Clerk will post meeting for public.

- Dan Jackson of Sanitary District present. Stated there is \$300 hook-up fee owed by the town to the Sanitary District. Chairman Kressel noted this issue was not on agenda and could not be discussed at this meeting.
  - Form from the State regarding boiler inspection. Cliff noted he has copy. Chairman Kressel will keep our copy on file.
- **Recycling** – Complaint filed with the DNR. Chairman Kressel suggested we table the discussion of increased/changed recycling hours until spring when we are able to move the dumpsters.
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- **First Responders** –
    - Present at the meeting was Mr. Tim Steinfest and Mr. Andrew Heading. Prior to meeting Mr. Steinfest gave the board a letter stating after reviewing minutes from December 2021 and the opposition of separation, they respectfully retract their request for separation. Mr. Steinfest stated they would still like to request to sell or donate the ambulance they were gifted. The squad is licensed to the Town of Russell. Supervisor Heller would like to see the ambulance donated to another organization in need. Tabled until given back to town and will find someone in need of the ambulance. Chairman Kressel publicly Thanked the First Responders for their service to our community. Mr. Steinfest noted that they had 221 calls in 2021, which was up 43 calls from the previous year. Mr. Steinfest also confirmed the use of town hall for their meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month. No known conflicts. Chairman Kressel ok'd request.
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- **Zoning** –
    - Chairman Kressel read aloud the email received from Mr. Huth, the Zoning Services Administrator. Mr. Walker present at meeting, said he received letter as well stating same as email. Aware there needs to be a resolution. Mr. Walker is looking into having a survey done and accepts the burden of doing such.
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- **Election Board Review** –
    - Chairman Kressel noted virtual meeting due to deadline of 12/31/2021 of the Election Board members. Motion to accept Election Board by Chairman Kressel and Second by Supervisor Heller. Motion carried.
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- **Assessor**
    - Town Assessor, Jeremy Kurtzweil, unable to be present due to medical procedure. Robert summarized the need for the town's re-assessment. Mr. Kurtzweil's phone number was noted

on the agenda packet and residents asked to call him directly with any questions regarding the town's re-assessment.

- **Public Input**

- Mr. Lange asked that the tree line on First Ave and County Line be assessed as there is a site issue if going Northbound looking west. Brian will take a look at and trim trees as needed.
- Tax Collection Hours -Town Treasurer will be in office on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 12 pm. Chairman Kressel noted there is also drop-box for payments to be dropped off.
- Physical address at town hall. Mr. Steinfest noted we do not have physical address at town hall which causes some confusion for deliveries, etc.. Supervisor Heller will look into this.
- Dora Gorski and Angela Cummings present at meeting. Both are candidates for County Board seat. Each given an opportunity to discuss their issues and candidacy.
- Chairman Kressel requested the clerk send board information week prior to board meetings.

**No further business. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Kressel at 7:00 p.m.**

**Next board meeting, Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at 6 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Brown, clerk