

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell

February 9th, 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 February 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Russell Town Hall. All board members present, seven town residents and two KSW representatives.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **The minutes** from the January Town Board meeting were reviewed, approved with a motion by Supervisor Heller, second by Supervisor Sosnovske. Motion carried.

- **Treasure Report** – No outstanding business

- **Vouchers**- Received and examined by board. Question regarding Lincoln County Highway department bill, Chairman Kressel will stop and talk to them about the bill received and charges for State Highway 17. No adjustments or contact made with Quinlins Equipment of \$591.07. Clerk to hold off on paying. Supervisor Sosnovske to contact them regarding. River Country Co-Op bill is incorrect and town should not be charged tax, Chairman Kressel asked clerk to contact them for correction. Supervisor Sosnovske will contact them about prices and we were locked in at \$3.10 price. Supervisor Heller asked why Verizon so high for the Fire Department. Chairman Kressel advised that due to requirement of having computers in all the trucks, there is need for internet and roaming charges; thus increase in bill. Chairman Kressel made motion to approve and pay vouchers except as noted, second by Supervisor Sosnovske. Motion carried.

- **Clerk** -Requested insurance coverage review, specifically deductibles and making sure coverage adequate. Amy will get updated quotes, tabled until next meeting. Personal property for new garage discussed. Suggested to meet with agent for a complete review of all coverage. Amy will contact insurance agent.

- **Road Report/Issues** –
 - Jesse advised to wait until it is done snowing before sanding.

- **New Town Garage**
 - Cliff from KSW present at meeting. Brought in manuals for garage. There needs to be a discussion for liquidated damages. Cliff noted that the sooner the better as contractor need to be paid. Noted the parts and equipment were order and in no one's control there were shipping

delays. The asphalt was credited back. KSW assumed the expense of temporary doors and tried to make it right. Meeting date to discuss liquidated damages set for February 15th, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Town of Russell town hall.

- **Sanitary District** – Dan Jackson present. He feels the town owes for the hook-up fee for new town garage, as well as to be billed at the regular rate of \$165 quarterly for sanitary fees. Chairman Kressel presented that the Sanitary waives the fee for the town hall, as it is for the good of the community. The town also plows the sanitary road at no charge. Robert does not feel the Sanitary should charge the town for the service at the new town garage. Supervisor Heller stated that the Sanitary Districts falls under the entity of the Town of Russell. Dan will discuss with the Sanitary committee. Tabled discussion until next month.

- **Zoning** –
 - The town is out of compliance for assessment. Per Jeremy Kurtzweil, our town assessor, the cost would be around \$20,000. If the town does not approve re-assessment; the State will supervise and re-assess at a greater cost. Supervisor Sosnovske made a motion to re-assess. Chairman Kressel seconded. Motion carried.

- **First Responders** –
 - No updates. Status of squad to be given back to town unknown. Will wait to hear from First Responders and what they have decided.

- **Public Input**
 - Supervisor Sosnovske asked what the new shop budget is for equipment. Jesse's main request at this time is a welder and pressure washer. It was requested that Jesse and board put together a wish-list and cost estimate for equipment needed. Will be discussed at Tuesday nights meeting regarding the new town garage.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Brown, clerk