

TOWN OF RUSSELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Russell, Lincoln County, was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Russell Town Hall. This meeting was posted on the Town Website and one public place.

Chairman Kressel called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at the meeting were all board members, the town clerk, the town treasurer and seven town residents.

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were handed out at the door and reviewed by all present. John Ronis made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Nathan Roggenbuck second. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Annual reports were handed out at the door. Chairman Kressel asked if any questions. There were few questions. John Ronis made a motion to approve the Annual Report, Second by Nathan Roggenbuck. Accepted as reported. Motion carried.

Fire Department: Robert Kressel reported. There were 45 calls in 2021, 10 more than the prior year. New Firetruck was delivered and still working on equipping it. Four new members. Terry Prueser asked about the FD Funds Transfers. John Ronis explained the \$447,000 was transfer of the money that was being saved and for loan on new truck. Andrea Roggenbuck asked about PFAS being used. Robert explained that we use foam directly from the DNR in Tomahawk.

First Responders: No members present to give report.

Old Business: Nathan Roggenbuck suggested the un-used town roads be abandoned to avoid on-going issues. Chairman Kressel stated it is not as simple as abandoning the roads due to platting. It is a zoning issue. Supervisor Sosnovske stated you cannot have land-locked property and would have to be a group decision of all landowners. Andrea Roggenbuck stated if it is not considered a road something should be done to "Make the town normal".

Resident brought up ongoing issues with the proper zoning of his new building. Discussion erupted and profanity was used by said-resident. The resident was asked to leave the meeting. The resident complied and left meeting, but threatened Supervisor Heller as he exited stating he would beat him with his cane if he came on his property.

Terry Prueser asked about grading or mowing platted roads, such as off of Bachelors and Deer Shiners, could avoid issues of "I didn't know there was a road there".

Andrea stated again this should be resolved and could avoid big issues in the future. Suggested town work with the landowners in this matter.

John Ronis stated there was a survey done years back in regards to the railroad right-of-way. Chairman Kressel said he would look into the roads, alleys, etc. and see what is involved to resolve issues.

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New Business: John Ronis said there was an agreement done years ago in which the Fire Department paid 2/3 of heating for the municipal building. He does not feel the situation is the same as it is then. John Ronis made a motion that the town and fire department split the cost of heating equally. No Second. Failed motion.

Andrea Roggenbuck asked about having the speed limit lowered to 25 mph through the center of town. Due to busy area around GBC and new ice cream shop. Chairman Kressel said he would have to ask the State, it is a State highway. Perhaps look into the cost of Vehicle Activated Speed Indication Signs, or is it possible to borrow one from the County?

Town Re-Assessment: Terry Prueser asked about. Chairman Kressel explained that the town is non-compliant and we need town re-assessed or the state will do it, at a higher cost to us. The motion to re-assess was made and approved a few months back at a regular board meeting.

Road Work: we are waiting on LRIP grant program response regarding the work that needs to be done on Bradley Street. Perhaps the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money the town was granted can be allotted for roads/infrastructure. Nathan asked about new granite for roads. Chairman Kressel asked for the people's opinion on the granite. Terry said a week or two to dry up and grade the roads, could better assess. Couple spots on Axen in need of repair. Nathan felt it would be worth looking into blacktop on the problem spots on Echo Road. Residents would like brushing done in spring. Some intersections last fall had blind spot. Board will discuss with Jesse about brushing. Andrea noted the sweeper hasn't been up here yet. Nathan noted that Turtle Lake was not plowed a lot this winter. Requested wider and parking area a little bigger.

Recycling: Town Clean-Up day is scheduled for 5/21/2022. The town needs to respond to DNR complaint made about recycling hours. Andrea suggested maybe someone could sit there for needed service hours. Final decision was to hand out a questionnaire to residents on clean-up day to see what the town people want (another day added, longer hours, week day).

John Ronis made a motion to have the Annual Meeting for Town of Russell on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6 p.m. Second by Nathan Roggenbuck. Motion Carried.

No other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.