

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

**April 13<sup>th</sup> 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 April 13th, 2022 at 6:06 pm at the Russell Town Hall. All board members present, and seven town residents.
  
- **Robert opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance**
  
- **The minutes** from the March Town Board meeting were reviewed, approved with a motion by Supervisor Heller, second by Supervisor Sosnovske. Motion carried.
  
- **Treasure Report** – Bridge and Equipment CD’s due. Budgeted for \$10,000 to go into each account. Supervisor Heller made a motion to approve depositing \$10,000 into the Bridge and Equipment CD funds. Supervisor Sosnovske seconded. Motion carried. Sue will transfer funds.
  
- **Vouchers-** Received and examined by board. Marty asked about the NorthStar charges for the Fire Department. Robert explained the charges were for truck repairs, flushing radiators, etc... Town Clerk advised that the Verizon bill for the Fire Department cannot be changed by anyone but John Ronis, as he is only one authorized on account to do so, after Amy spent 53 minutes on the phone with Verizon trying to get changed, per Jamie Rusch’s request. Review of all other vouchers. Supervisor Heller made motion to approve and pay vouchers, second by Supervisor Sosnovske. Motion carried.
  
- **Clerk** – Noted the regular Town Board meeting for May will be changed to the second Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 due to conflict with the clerk’s calendar. We will re-assess regular meeting date at a later date. Robert made a motion to approve. Second by Marty. Motion carried. Noted that the Annual Meeting (the people’s meeting) is next Tuesday at 7 p.m. The ARPA expenditure report is due on 4/30/2022. Robert will check into further and get back to Amy.
  
- **Road Report/Issues** –
  - Jesse advised poor road condition on Bradley and he fell through the culvert. He will have Lemmer look at. Jesse wants to schedule repairs with County as the north end of Town Hall Road ditching also in need of desperate repair and needs Grade-All, felt it would be cost effective to do both roads at same time. Asked Dave to schedule with Digger’s Hotline. Jesse also wants timeline on Bradley Street repairs, if grant not approved soon for re-doing, should town look at compacting gravel on as interim repairs. Robert will check on LRIP and see where grant request is at.
  - Jesse asked about storm sewers. That should be the State or County’s issue, not the towns. The State pays the County to maintain.

- Dan Jackson, Sanitary District, stated they are working on fixing the collapse and barrels on Highway 17. Waiting for frost to come out to contact contractor.
  - Robert would like to do Road Report before putting out Gravel and Granite Bids.
  - Mr. Prueser asked about Bridge repairs and stated there was a program years ago for cost sharing. Robert will also ask Hanz about this when he contacts him.
- **New Town Garage**
    - Jesse wants approval for some basic tools for the new town garage and in need of pressure washer as soon as possible. He did not have price list as requested. Robert made a motion to allow \$2,000 budget for Jesse to purchase needed items. Marty seconded. Motion carried.
    - Dan Jackson asked about maintenance schedule for Sanitary catch trap by new garage. Jesse informed him that it is a clean catch and will not operate if full of sand.
- **Sanitary District** – Dan Jackson said there was an informal agreement, no fee for sanitary for exchange for town road maintenance. Dan wants the town to pay \$110 a month for the new town garage and town hall. (\$55 per building). Chairman Kressel explained there is mutual agreement and the town takes care of road maintenance, in spring the Fire Dept. flushes sanitary. The price for grader is \$175 an hour/1 hour minimum. There is currently a bill for recovery from when Sanitary attempted to plow road themselves, which didn't work and resulted in Jesse coming and then having to call Forster Trucking for recovery. Tried explaining to Mr. Jackson the current agreement is fair and would be a wash. Dan stated they were never paid for the hook-up of service to new shop. Robert will follow up with MSA on this. Dan Jackson will present the findings to the Sanitary Board to see how they would like to proceed. It was suggested to do a trial period of billing between Sanitary and Town.
- **Zoning –**
    - Clarification needed for the Re-Zoning letter the County sent. The County is reviewing 5/12/2022; General Zoning change action. Robert will talk to Mike Huth at the county, current issues within the town for zoning prior to signing the resolution. Robert will also ask about any new county ordinances for outdoor wood boilers since they have improved and have lower emissions. Marty asked him to ask about Farmland preservation as well.
- **Recycling -**
    - Recycling/Clean Sweep Day is set for Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Jesse has 40+ tires to get rid of, should he do it at that time?
- **Public Input**

- Recently, prior to election, the town hall floor was left in terrible condition as well as damage to corner of wall in the hall. We were also contacted by cleaning person regarding additional time and equipment needed to clean the mess that was left and the floor cannot handle additional abuse. Chairman Kressel contacted the First Responders and they were not aware who or how the damage became. The board agreed a letter will be sent to all keyholders addressing this issue and only authorized personnel should be in the municipal building.
  
- Dave made a motion to postpone the Annual BOR meeting until a later date due to re-assessment needed. Marty Seconded. Motion carried.

**No further business. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Kressel at 7:23 p.m.**

**Next board meeting, Thursday, May 12th, 2022 at 6 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Brown, clerk