

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes,
Town of Russell, Lincoln County
October 10th, 2023 at 6:00 PM

- 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 October 10th, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Russell Town Hall. Present: Chairman Kressel, Supervisors' Lori Studinski & Nathan Roggenbuck, Treasurer Sue Fisher, Clerk Amy Brown, 10 residents

- Chairman Kressel opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- The minutes from the September Town Board meetings were reviewed. Minutes approved with motion by Supervisor Studinski, Second by Supervisor Roggenbuck. Motion carried.

- **Treasure Report** – no outstanding business.
- **Clerk** –
 - **Vouchers**- Received and examined by board. Nathan made motion to pay vouchers. Lori Seconded. Motion carried.
 - **Local WTA meeting** – No board member's plan on attending currently
 - **Elections MOA** – Robert read to board and signed

- **Road Report/Issues** –
 - Per Jesse, Gravel/Granite delivery starts on Monday. Neuwirth, Town Shop and Bayer Street and County Line.
 - Robert met with Brian re: Bayer Street and cutting right of way trees. Brian filled with cold patch. Contact made with resident regarding work that is being done. Nathan talked to resident who said he would move his car and Nathan will contact resident when needed.
 - Town Hall Road work will be done on Friday per Jesse.
 - Jesse asked how many loads to put on Town Hall. With our limited amount of granite/gravel he was told to hold off until next year.
 - Brian has 1/3 of cold patch left. What should he do with? Would like off sand pad before winter so we can have sand delivered. Jesse wants to know when to get sand? Used about 9 loads last year. Jesse would like to hire Ronald to deliver as it would be less expensive than having the County to deliver, instructed to go ahead and take care of.
 - Robert met with Road Commissioner and looked at Bridge on First Avenue. They completed necessary paperwork for grant which would be 100% funded if approved.

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Cost is \$716,437.50 to replace the bridge. Hanz submitted and felt confident it would go through, but cannot guarantee. Would start in 2025 and finish in 2028.

- Nathan stated he has grant started for re-pavement. Robert is working on LRIP and met with Hanz on October 4th. This would be 70/30 funding. Nathan gave Robert STP grant application which is 80/20 funding. Robert will give to Hanz and discuss. We will not know until February or March if approved. It would cost \$14,000 to re-seal First Ave and Prairie Pines.

- **Town Truck updates.**

- The old little truck was sold for \$2,050 to Ronald Forster
- The big red truck is at ISA for upcoming auction. Amy asked if the town wants to have a minimum that we are willing to let the truck go for and should someone be watching on-line auction and bid on if necessary? Nate offered watch auction, but the board felt to let it go for whatever the high bid and sale is.
- New Truck was delivered by Mid-States yesterday (10/9/2023). It died at garage when it was parked. MidStates claims it ran out of fuel. Brian stated when it parked there was a clunk prior to it dying. MidStates called tow truck and truck was returned to them for repairs and to find the issues. Robert not happy he was not aware of delivery. Amy had contacted Lance at MidStates and advised that contact should be made with Chairman Kressel prior to delivery, this was not done. Nathan stated he called Taylor County (former owner of truck) because he was nervous about truck dying on delivery, he stated they told him they had not had any problems with the truck in the past. Nathan was asked if there was a warranty on the truck, he said he had no idea and was not involved with the paperwork. Marty asked the closed place to service Western Star, also unknown. Marty did investigate and informed closest repair shop is Minocqua.

- **Cemetery –**

- Jesse is done mowing for the year
- Sign is up and fixed.

- **Public Input –**

- Todd Mattson would like to cultivate old dump. He would take care of road. Just to keep up on this property. The board did not see a problem with, but would check into any rules that there may be with doing so.
- Amy Brown addressed the board regarding Town Board issues since April

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- Angela Cumings (County) said the County has ARPA money available to townships, but would need to ask for. Contact A & L Committee/Renee Krueger
- Town resident expressed desire to have a town park. There are other moms with children she has spoken with as well who think it would be beneficial. It was explained this is in the works and there is a need to form a Park Committee. She is willing to be part of this. We can put on website asking for interested residents to be part of this. This will be put on November's Agenda.

Annual Budget Hearing to be held prior to November Monthly Meeting, November 14th at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Next meeting November 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Brown, clerk