

Proposed Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell

November 14th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

- Chairman Robert Kressel called the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Russell to order on November 14th, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Russell Town Hall. All board members present and eleven town residents.

- Pledge of Allegiance

- **Proposed Use Budget Hearing- Town of Russell November 14th, 2023 at 6 p.m.**
 - The Proposed Use Budget hearing was held at the Town of Russell Town Hall. This meeting was posted in three public places and on the website. Chairman Kressel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge to the Flag. All board members were present and eleven town residents. Summaries of the Proposed Budget were handed out at the door. Dora asked for copy of itemized proposed budget. Supervisor Studinski made a motion to accept the budget as proposed. Supervisor Sosnovske seconded. Motion carried.
 - Chairman Kressel called the Meeting of Electors to order in which the Town Electors voted on the Levy for 2023, to be collected in 2024. The Town Levy would be \$79,908. Linda Dorgan made a motion to accept the Town Levy as presented. Second by John Ronis. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.
 - Town of Russell Fire Department Budget review. Approved by Fire Department at their November meeting. Lori made motion to accept budget as presented. Seconded by Marty. Motion carried

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell

October 14th, 2023 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 November 14, 2023 at 6:08 pm at the Russell Town Hall. All board members present, clerk, treasurer, and eleven town residents.

- **The minutes** from the October Town Board meeting and Special November meeting were reviewed. Minutes approved with motion by Chairman Studinski, Second by Supervisor Sosnovske. Motion carried.

- **Treasure Report** – no outstanding business.

- **Clerk**
 - Vouchers- Motion by Lori to pay vouchers as presented. Second by Marty.
 - Transfer funds from Index to checking to pay bills. Robert made motion to transfer \$50,000 from Index to Checking. Marty second. Motion carried.

- **Town Business**
 - Supervisor Nathan Roggenbuck resigned November 3, 2023. The board held a properly posted special meeting to appoint new supervisor for remainder of term. Marty Sosnovske agreed to fill the open seat. Was given oath. Dan Jackson asked if that was proper procedure to appoint vacant seat. He was advised it was.
 - Draeger offered contract to lock in LP prices at \$1.69 or less for the year. Robert made a motion to lock in the pricing offered. Lori second. Motion carried.
 - Town Hall paint and blinds update. Robert made a motion to have Design by Stephanie paint town hall, including bathrooms as quoted. Marty second. Motion carried. Marty suggested to use ARPA funds to pay for this update.
 - Cemetery flag was replaced prior to Veteran’s Day by Brian. It was torn and wrapped around pole. We will need to keep an eye on and replace on a schedule. Brian will check into getting a new solar light installed on pole to light up flag.

- **Road Issues/Discussion**
 - Repairs on Town Hall Rd complete. He had a budget of \$5,000 for the job and is at about \$4,100 now. He would like 9 more loads of gravel. Robert made a motion to allow for 5 more loads of gravel from Forster Trucking. Marty second. Motion carried
 - Robert has not heard back from Hanz on the grant application for First Avenue bridge. This would be the 100% funding to replace.

- Jesse stated Prairie Forks bridge approach needs replacing, preferably this year. Lori stated it could not be completed this year.
 - The County will be raising their prices in 2024, Jesse suggested we line up any jobs we have in mind now and lock in current pricing.
 - Grader is at K-Equipment having necessary repairs done to bearings. Should be complete by next week per Jesse.
- **Parks**
 - Park Committee Ordinance/Resolution Effective 1/1/2024 reviewed by the board. Robert made a motion to set up Park Committee ordinance/resolution as presented. Lori seconded. Signed and passed. Amy will give information to residents interested in being part of committee as to next steps.
 - Letter to County requesting funds reviewed and approved to be sent.
- **Old Business**
 - Town Hall Rd- Jesse happy with. North End Town Hall cut banks back.
 - New Patrol Truck update and warranty. Truck was delivered 11/10/2023. Robert and Jesse looked over truck. Marty asked if test driven. Yes, Jesse drove it, no issues. All board members advocate for purchasing warranty due to issues of prior delivery attempts. Warrant for 12 months, 25,000 miles with added Emergency Road Service for \$3,109. Lori made motion to get the warranty and towing. Marty seconded. Motion carried. Amy to contact MidStates to get coverage added as soon as possible.
 - Town Garage/Bayer Street issues. Bayer street was widened and smoothed out. Ditched. Jesse stated the GBC side will need new culvert next year to help with water. Lori requested that Jesse make wider when dry.
 - Street Sweeper couldn't come before Halloween. Coming this week to clean up street. Brian will work on disposing of leaves, etc..
 - Jesse asked about moving Recycling Dumpsters. Discussed options and decided to leave where they are for now.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Next Regular Town Board meeting Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Brown, Clerk