

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell

December 12th, 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 6:01 pm at the Russell Town Hall. Chairman Kressel, Supervisor Sosnovske present, Supervisor Studinski present virtually, clerk, treasurer, nine town residents and one guest.

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

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

- **Clerk**
 - Vouchers- Motion by Robert to pay vouchers as presented. Second by Marty.
 - Clerk presented Election Officials, same as in past. Continued approval.
 - Brian will drop off election equipment at the County office when he makes a trip to town. For updating voting machines as required by WEC.
 - 2024 Calendar meeting/event dates given to board. August meeting will need to be changed. Robert said we could look at new date closer to then. Tabled until June.
 - County Ordinance changes. Three presented. Marty made a motion to approve the resolutions from Lincoln County. Lori second. Motion carried. Signed and to be sent by clerk to the County.
 - Town Hall paint days are January 9-12. Mary Jo will hold off on cleaning until after painting is completed.

- **Road Issues/Discussion**
 - Stabilizer cable broke on old shop door. Robert will contact Ziebells.

- Jesse stated the back door of new garage is still broke and needs repair.
 - Jesse asked about Marshalls hauling timber from behind old shop on private property. Robert stated they will clean up any mess left behind on town property.
 - Jesse needs a re-chargeable fire extinguisher in new patrol truck. There was not one in it when received. Robert will call Brandt.
 - Jesse stated he needs new green lights installed on patrol truck, was told to get them and install. He also requested permission to build box around to protect them. Board approved.
 - Robert met with commissioner twice regarding LRIP and TRIS program. Will submit project to grind, add material, culverts, and double chip seal from First Ave to Lions Park. Jesse asked about Sanitary condition as we do not want to re-do and have it torn up for storm sewer or sanitary issues. Per Dan Jackson they have inspection every two years and sanitary structure is sound.
 - 2024 General Transportation Allowance (GTA) from State is \$112,340. This is the same as last year.
 - Discussion about River Country contract. Still in contract. Marty will handle.
- **Parks**
 - Park Committee effective 1/1/2024 reviewed by the board. Robert made a motion to approve Park Committee members as presented: Elise Schuler, Mary Huhta, Bridget Mitchell, and Mary Jo Rajek. Marty seconded. Motion carried.
- **Sanitary District**
 - Dan Jackson present. They have two commissioners and one treasurer. Requesting town board approval for wage increase of treasurer effective January 1st. Stated treasurer currently is making \$8.89/hour and wants to increase to \$23.27 which is what Rural Water Corporation wage median is. Discussion about substantial increase. Robert asked that the residents of the Sanitary District be included in that decision. There were additional questions brought up. Dan will get back to us with answers to additional questions. He did state to expect a rate increase in the next year/year and half. Tabled until January meeting.
- **Public Comment**
 - Citizens raised serious concerns about EMS; discussion ensued. A special meeting will need to be held and properly posted.
 - Brian asked for permission to buy small tools for the old shop.

Meeting adjourned 7:39 p.m.

Next regular board meeting January 9th, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Brown, clerk