

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes,
Town of Russell, Lincoln County
August 8th, 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 August 8th, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Russell Town Hall. All board members present, clerk, treasurer, 6 residents and 3 guests.
- Chairman Kressel opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Gravel/Granite sealed bids-**
 - Warden Enterprises: Granite \$17.09/yd; Road base \$18.29/ton
 - Kafa Road Material: Granite \$18/yd
 - Red Rock: Granite \$16.24/yd; Road Base \$21.99/yd
 - Peterson Brothers: Road Base \$17.55/yd
 - Ron Christansen Trucking: Granite \$17/yd; Road Gravel \$19.12/yd

Lori made motion to accept Peterson Brothers bid for Gravel at \$17.55/yd. Nathan second. Motion carried. Nathan made motion to accept Red Rock bid for Granite at \$16.24/yd. Lori second. Motion carried

- The minutes from the July Town Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes approved with motion by Chairman Kressel, Second by Supervisor Studinski. Motion carried.
- **Treasure Report** – no outstanding business.
- **Clerk** –
 - **Vouchers-** Received and examined by board. Chairman Kressel made motion to pay vouchers. Supervisor Roggenbuck Seconded. Motion carried.
- **Road Report/Issues** –
 - Nathan talked about Little truck (returning parts to Napa that were ordered to repair). He stated it was not worth repairing, has hydraulic issues. V-Plow is in corner of old shop. Scrap is worth \$600 per ton per Bo Bennish. Robert made a motion to sell the truck. Second by Nathan. Motion carried. Ron Forster interested in purchasing. Robert stated to be politically correct we need to publicly list for sale to any interested parties. Clerk to

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list truck for sale via flyer and post on town website. Will take offers, and open at September board meeting for board approval. Any questions regarding truck can be directed to Nathan.

- Discussion about search for new/different patrol truck. Nathan had obtained estimate for cost new for comparison. 2008 Sterling with 51,239 miles for sale in Fond Du Lac County for \$45,000; listed in WTA magazine. Jesse will look at if he gets that way. Ronald Forster noted to make sure it has manual sander and explained reasoning. Nathan said he would call and ask about sander.
 - Road update from Jesse. It is dusty. Nathan asked about cutting ditches, Jesse stated he would when he is finished with north end. Lori asked if going 3 wide, Jesse said he was.
 - As a starting point for chip seal and to start looking for grants to complete said-projects; Jeff from Scott's Construction presented bids for 2nd Ave, Prairie Pines, Town Hall, and Bradley Street. He will have new/additional bids for us by the next meeting.
 - Robert talked to Jenssen about town hall parking lot and Bayer St. For 19ft of parking lot cost is about \$10,000.
 - Robert is trying to get a hold of Cliff from KSW to discuss Bayer Street. John Ronis stated it should be fixed before winter. Robert will attempt to get a hold of Cliff (KSW).
 - John explained the road and right away. Streich cannot park in town road. Nathan said he will talk to him. Lori said to let him know he will be towed if he keeps parking there.
 - Bridget estimates – Robert said he would talk to Hanz about.
- **Cemetery Sign –**
 - Nathan stated he was having sign made. Clerk asked what the cost was, he thought \$323. It was explained there needs to be a motion for approval. Since already in the works, Lori made a motion to approve sign from Roper. Second by Nathan.
 - Linda stated needs dirt on some plots. Also there is brush and trees in the corner making two spots not accessible. Jesse asked how much time/money he should spend on cemetery? Bo and Ronald offered load of topsoil they have from the GCC.
 - **First Responders-**
 - Concerns and complaints about person speeding. Tim Steinfest present at meeting and aware that Lindell has speed and light issues. Unsure that he will have license for much longer. Lori asked how old you need to be? Tim stated you must be 18 to respond to call.
 - **Public Input –**

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- Nathan brought up Rice Park and he would like river access. Wants to use ARPA money for playground. Linda stated at annual meeting it was said there would be fundraising for park, not using town's money.
- Bo Bennish and Ronald Forster present on behalf of Gleason Community Club. They have been doing numerous upgrades to and around the club. Linda stated there was an agreement for years that the Gleason Community Club has use of Prairie Avenue until the town would need it and open it up. Prior agreement stands as is.
- John Ronis asked about storm sewer grates. This was brought up at May 2023 meeting and believed to be responsibility of DOT.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Next meeting September 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Brown, clerk