

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell**  
**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 February 13, 2024 at 6:02 pm at the Russell Town Hall. All board members present, clerk, treasurer, 7 town residents and 3 guests.
- Chairman Kressel opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The minutes from the January Town Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes approved with motion by Supervisor Sosnovske, Second by Supervisor Studinski. Motion carried.
- Guest Speakers; Superintendent Shannon Murray and School Board President Kevin Blake presented upcoming referendum information. Q&A by residents.
- **Treasure Report** – clarification of money handling/deposits through town. First Responder & Fire Department deposits should go through Town Treasurer.
- **Clerk** –
  - **Vouchers**- Board advises not to pay Kerber & Rose at this time due to the fact they have not completed what they were hired to do. Amy will discuss with Kerber & Rose. Remove Lincoln County payments for Hottenstein property, gave update from Chris Marlowe regarding issues surrounding property transfer. Marty inquired about bill for old garage heat. This is on auto-fill. Motion by Chairman Kressel to pay bills as presented, except noted. Second by Supervisor Studinski. Motion carried.
  - **Election Workers** – Clerk presented additional workers needed for upcoming elections. Gail Byrne, Jerry Wistein, MaryJo Rajek and Lori Studinski approved as workers. Robert made motion to approve. Lori second. Motion carried.
  - **Closed session meeting** – date set to meet with insurance attorney for closed session. February 27, 2024 at 6 p.m.
  - **Rabies Clinic**- The board is okay with town hosting rabies clinic, Chairman Kressel felt the Fire Department would also be on board with. Will work with Mary Sosnovske to see if this is something we should pursue, finding a vet is the biggest hurdle.
- **First Responders** –
  - **Ambulance**- Tim had checked on donating to another organization after last discussion regarding the donated ambulance, no one wanted. It needs repair and they will get an estimate to see what the cost would be. Motion by Chairman Kressel to allow the First Responders to sell at auction if that is the route they choose. Second by Supervisor Sosnovske. Motion carried.
- **Park Committee** –
  - Meeting date is 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month
  - Surveys will be handed out as well as on-line for community input
- **Road Report/Issues** –
  - Jesse is going to brush within the next week, weather dependent

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- Diesel contract, Marty talked with River Country. They offered contract of 1,500 gallons at \$2.99. They are holding us to old contract and must use rest of gallons contracted last year. Jesse was going to contact FS and see what price would be and get back to Marty.
- Weight Limits, Jesse wants to wait to post signs. We cannot prematurely “shut-down” our local businesses needing to use the roads. Board agrees that we will play it by ear and address when needed.
  
- **Town of Summit meeting –**
  - Town of Summit holding meeting regarding bridge replacement on Big Hay Meadow Creek. Meeting is 2/15/24 at 5 p.m. at Town of Summit town hall. Marty and Robert plan to attend. Clerk will post notice of quorum.
  
- **Zoning –**
  - County resolution re: Doering property and Kevin Rell request. Board signed and clerk will return to zoning. Board waives recommendation.
  
- **Public Comment –**
  - Brian stated there are 75 metal folding chairs in old town garage. Board agrees to leave there at this time and may have future need to use.
  - Angela Cummings stated there is County Board meeting Monday regarding the offer to purchase of Pine Crest by private company.

Next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

No further business. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Kressel at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Amy Brown, clerk