

## TOWN OF RUSSELL ANNUAL MEETING 2024

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Russell, Lincoln County, was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the Russell Town Hall. This meeting was posted on the Town Website and three public places; verified by Chairman.

Chairman Kressel called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at the meeting were Robert, Amy, Lori, Marty, Sue and 4 town residents.

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were handed out at the door and reviewed by all present. Linda Dorgan made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Dave Heller second. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Annual reports were handed out at the door. Chairman Kressel asked if any questions. Dave Heller made a motion to approve the Annual Report, Second by Leona VanderSanden. Accepted as reported. Motion carried.

Fire Department: Written report handed out at door on behalf of the Fire Department. Robert said every year they respond to more calls. They have 3 new members. Chief felt everything going well and good teamwork by current members. No plans of raising stand-by fees. No truck or equipment issues. Will have their annual fundraiser ATV ride.

First Responders: Written report by Tim Steinfest handed out at the door. Robert stated that Chief Steinfest was at board meeting the prior week and gave the board an update of this year's election and current officers. Dave asked about selling ambulance. They did try to donate it, but no one wanted. It is approved to sell and currently going to auction.

Sanitary District: No one present from the Sanitary district. We did not receive their annual report. Robert stated they have their Annual meeting the first week of May. Leona stated that they are under the town; therefore it is the town's responsibility to do their due diligence in monitoring them.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business: Roadwork; Robert and Lori asked Jesse and he stated he will need the same amount of gravel and granite this year, would like more. LRIP for Bradley Street; waiting on reply if we qualified for funding. Terry Prueser stated that 4 years ago we were waiting on funds and nothing has been done. TP Suggested pulverizing all of Bradley and pack it and grade it. Marty suggested that Robert and Lori discuss with people at the Spring Road Convention that they are attending in the Dells. Dave Heller felt this was a good goal for this year and to also replace the culverts. Asked if we could start project and still qualify for remaining under LRIP. Terry said that Crooked bridge and Prairie Forks bridge approaches need work. Terry feels that we should take road money to fix some of the bridges. Marty stated Harrison put a wedge on the R&H Bridge a few years ago that held up well. Robert said he will get prices for and discuss with County about the bridge aprons. Leona asked about First Ave bridge replacement and funds. Robert stated if our grant request is approved it would be 100% funded. Terry asked if any brushing will be done. Robert stated that Jesse started brushing, but it got too soft.

Recycling: Clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Parks: Three ladies from town have formed the board-approved Park Committee. We were granted \$75,000 from the County and additional funds would come from fundraising. Dave felt group was very organized.

Set next year's meeting date: April 15, 2025 at 6 p.m. Motion by Dave. Second by Leona.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Brown, clerk 4/17/2024