

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell**  
**April 9th, 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 April 9, 2024 at 6:01 pm at the Russell Town Hall. All board members present, clerk, treasurer, and 11 town residents.
- Chairman Kressel opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The minutes from the March Town Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes approved with motion by Lori, Second by Marty. Motion carried.
- **Treasure Report** – no outstanding business
- **Clerk** –
  - **Vouchers**- Motion by Chairman Kressel to pay bills as presented. Second by Supervisor Sosnovske. Motion carried.
  - **Transfer** – Motion by Robert to transfer \$80,000 from Index to Checking to pay bills. Second by Lori. Motion carried.
  - **Liquor License** – Tabled until May when all renewal applications returned
  - **BOR** – verified dates; Open Book 4/15, BOR 4/29. Notice posted
  - **Claims** – Stenberg subrogation claim; per Marty give one chance to make payments as agreed up. Clerk will send letter. Sukow claim- Disallowance letter from Insurance company to be sent by town via certified mail.
  - **Closed Session** – April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. to meet with Attorney.
  - **Insurance Renewal** – Robert made a motion to accept insurance renewal as proposed. Marty second. Motion carried.
- **Sanitary District** –
  - Dan Jackson present and presented surveys returned. Dan said currently has 14 yes, 9 no and 2 maybes. Robert brought up letter received from Leona, Dan said he had not seen or read it. John Ronis asked “what happens when reserves are gone?”. Mr. Jackson stated he suspects there will be a rate increase in the future. Todd Mattson asked about duties and time it takes and hours spent for Sanitary duties. Jesse asked about the end plan and what funds are in place if infrastructure needs repairs? Dave Heller stated the requested raise amount is unreasonable in consideration to town clerk and treasurer wages. Chairman Kressel made a motion that he wants the town board to see all surveys returned as well as a time sheet, second by Lori. Motion approved. After receiving and reviewing above requested info the board will discuss in closed session.
- **First Responders** –

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- Squad 1 is going to auction. Tim asked about lights and sirens. Will look into if they need to be removed or the auction company takes care of.
- Updated training to be held w/Merrill FD at no cost
- Packet and letter from Chief Steinfest explaining process for electing officers and will be working on updating the constitution and terms of elected officers.
- New Elected officers as of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lori made a motion to approve nominated Chief, Tim Steinfest. Second by Marty. Motion carried.
  
- **Park Committee –**
  - Elise wants permission to hire Vreeland Land Surveyors out of Weston.
  - Marty made a motion to allow the Park Committee to approve expenditures without board approval, not exceeding \$5,000. Lori second. Will review in future as needed.
  
- **Road Report/Issues –**
  - Brian did a lot of work on cutting and removing trees on roads after the storm
  - Marty said County Line culvert plugged, Brian will take a look at tomorrow
  - Cutting Edge blade discussion. Marty presented cost estimates. Motion by board to order 8 sets of blades from McCoy. Lori second. Jesse also requested 4 sets of nuts and bolts.
  - Jesse plans to get out this week and work on cutting back shoulders as requested.
  - Jesse asked about status of County Line bridge. Marty stated that new bridge will be going in next year. Town of Summit received funding for this.
  - Robert and Lori planning to attend WTA Spring Road School in the Dells which is April 29-May 1. Clerk will submit early-bird registration.
  
- **Public Comment –**
  - Dan Jackson stated the Sanitary District will meet 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month in the Fire Barn.

Reminder that the Annual Meeting is Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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Next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, May 14th, 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