

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell**  
**July 9<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 July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:01 pm at the Russell Town Hall. All board members present, clerk, treasurer, 3 town residents and 1 guest.
  
- Chairman Kressel opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
- The minutes from the June Town Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes approved with motion by Chairman Kressel, Second by Supervisor Sosnovske. Motion carried.
  
- **Treasure Report** – no outstanding business
  
- **Clerk** –
  - **Vouchers**- Motion by Chairman Kressel to pay bills as presented. Second by Supervisor Sosnovske. Motion carried.
  - **August meeting date change** – Clerk reminded of August meeting date change due to election. First Tuesday; August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.
  - **ARPA** – clerk advised that ARPA report needs to be filed by end of year designating funds.
  - **Hall Use** – Tom Tiffany’s office would like to have option to use the hall for mobile office for an hour. Meant for constituents who need help with Federal Agencies or have questions can come in and talk with staff for about an hour. Board approved. Clerk will contact.
  
- **Road** –
  - Lori noted that sand at Echo was donated by Meverden, not American Asphalt as previously discussed. She is aware there were complaints about the new sand. She stated it is better than what was there and it was free.
  - Bid for pulverizing Bradley from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to J and Town Hall from the bridge to the curb. Only estimate received was from American Asphalt after properly posting ad for bids. Marty moved to accept the bid. Robert second. Motion carried.
  - There were 3 applicants for the part-time equipment operator opening. The town board reviewed the applications. Robert made a motion to hire Ronald Forster at \$24.50 an hour with a 6-month review and hire Jeff Miller at \$20 an hour, to be used when needed, and a 6-month review. Lori second. Motion carried. Robert noted that the operator does not need 3 bosses. Duties are outlined and it is Ronald’s responsibility to take care of roads as he sees fit.

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- Lori stated that tools and equipment are needed in the town garage, such as pressure washer, impact, car port over salt/sand.
- Ronald will schedule gravel delivery with Meverden and assess where he thinks needed. It will probably not be done until August. He should start grading and catch up on roadwork that has not been done the past month.

Meeting adjourned 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Brown, Clerk