

# **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2025**

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Russell, Lincoln County, was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the Russell Town Hall. This meeting was posted on the Town Website and two 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 11 town residents.

Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting were handed out at the door and reviewed by all present. Linda Dorgan made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. John Ronis second. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Annual reports were handed out at the door. Chairman Kressel asked if any questions. John Ronis made a motion to approve the Annual Report, Second by Linda Dorgan. Accepted as reported. Motion carried.

Fire Department: Written report handed out at door on behalf of the Fire Department. Robert gave brief of fundraisers and financial report. Received grant with other local FD's from The Bierman Foundation; applying again for same grant to upgrade equipment.

First Responders: Written report by Tim Steinfest handed out at the door. Robert stated any questions could be directed to Chief Steinfest.

Sanitary District: No one present from the Sanitary district. Annual report presented at the door. Robert stated they have their Annual meeting in May; their meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business: Roadwork; Bradley and Town Hall Road, scheduled to have gravel down the first week of May. Bids to go out for chip seal. Lori stated that work should be started by end of June. Resident brought up concerns of large blacktop chunks in their yards and ditches. They maintain their lawn and don't feel they should be responsible for the mess left. Robert advised that clean-up will be done. TP asked when Bradley was graded last and why that was not done for upcoming project. Not graded since September to his knowledge. TP said too late now and should've been done already. Jesse asked about picking up brush and trees in ditches. Robert stated it is gray area. Town's duty is to make roads passable. TP asked about bridge approaches and what is planned for them. Some are very rough shape; suggested cold patch to off-set lips. Lori said we will take care of the lips this year. Jesse stated a hot patch would be a better fix, Prairie Forks bridge is terrible.

Recycling: There will not be Clean-up day this year due to low turnout last year and cost to the town.

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Parks: TM asked about park and DNR issues; as well as the town's liability for park. Lori stated the DNR is already aware and been in contact with. Insurance company was contacted; park is covered under town's policy with no additional cost. It is currently a park; just improving. Playground equipment and Dirtwork to be started soon. Job was put out for bids and we did not receive any.

Town Surveys and lot lines: Jesse asked what is the game plan for having lands surveyed? Robert stated that would not be up to the town, but individual property owners. TP stated to have certified survey you must have two points.

JR asked about town storm sewers and curbs, who is responsible for? They are in rough shape and in need of repair. Robert will talk to the County Highway Commissioner about fixing storm sewers; they maintain the highway. John stated it is a major repair. TP stated it was a DOT project; DOT should be responsible for and re-did. Robert will find prints and paperwork. TP thought Russ Lange said after the DOT puts in, the County is supposed to maintain. Somewhere between 1986-1988 it was put in.

Marty noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Bridge replacement is supposed to start next year.

Set next year's meeting date: April 21, 2026 at 6 p.m. Motion by Dave Heller. Second by John Ronis.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Amy Brown, clerk 4/21/2025