

## Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 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 January 13, 2026 at 6:17 pm at the Russell Town Hall. Present Chairman Kressel, Supervisor Sosnovske present at 6:17, clerk, treasurer, Ronald, Brian and 1 resident. Additional resident arrived at 6:20 p.m. Supervisor Studinski absent due to illness
- **The minutes** from the December Town Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes approved with motion by Chairman Kressel, second by Marty. Motion carried.
- **Treasure Report** –
  - No updates
- **Clerk**
  - Vouchers- Marty made a motion to pay bills as presented. Second by Robert. Motion carried.
  - Robert made a motion to transfer \$250,000 from Index account to the Town Checking to pay tax bills (County, MAPS, NTC). Marty second. Motion Carried.
  - Request from the NRF to use the hall as pit-stop on their October 10, 2026 field-trip. Robert made motion to approve the use of the hall for NRF at the cost of \$50. Second by Marty. Clerk will follow up with Scott Valitchka with Natural Resources Foundation.
  - Assessor fee increase discussed. Board is happy with current assessor. Annual increase of \$2,000. Clerk will reach out to Jeremy Kurtzweil for payment options.
  - Clerk has spent hours researching internet and phone options. We would like to get rid of Brightspeed due to cost, poor customer service and unreliable coverage. We do occasionally need to fax, so a landline is somewhat needed.
- **Road Issues/Discussion**
  - Robert said Lemmer has engineer looking into Crooked Bridge. Robert will call Lemmer to see what will be done about temporary fix for now.
  - Ronald said he has been dealing with rain and ice on the roads. Robert stated no other townships road are in any better condition.
  - ROW permit drafts from clerk given to board. Robert talked to Chairman Baumann from Merrill township. They were working on and were going to discuss at the Lincoln County Unit meeting on Thursday. Robert would attend and get information. Clerk asked Marty if he would attend, he hadn't planned on. No quorum therefore clerk will not post meeting.
- **Parks**
  - Park Committee has decided to hold off on skating rink this year since they heard that the Gleason Community Club would be having skating rink.
  - Hottenstein property. No action to be taken at this time. No benefit to town to obtain the gifted property at this point.

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- **Recycling -**
  - The town is still looking for part-time recycling attendant.
  - Clerk gave the board a schedule for days they will cover as attendant until one is found.
  - Clean-up day should be scheduled for May. Amy will reach out to Jason Macomber to schedule and get updated price list.
  
- **Public Input**
  - Marty stating County Land Services surveyed all culverts navigable streams. DNR County mapping is done.
  - Clerk noted there is NO February primary election.
  - Brian advised to put flashers on tractors. Brian stated he will need more 4x4s in springs for updating signs. Also, Stoney hadn't got back to him with new ATV signs yet. He would like them before he posts road limits; to do them all at once.
  - Tim said the First Responders would like to bid on truck from Auction. Crossbridge cannot approve FR to borrow money without the town board approval. Would like board approval so he can get pre-approved should a service-vehicle become available to them.

Meeting adjourned 7:01 p.m.

Next regular board meeting February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Brown, clerk