

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell

April 14th, 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 April 14th, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Russell Town Hall. Chairman Kressel, Supervisor Sosnovske, Supervisor Studinski, clerk, treasurer, Ronald, Brian, Angela Cummings, and 5 residents.
- **The minutes** from the March Town Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes approved with motion by Supervisor Studinski, Second by Supervisor Sosnovske. Motion carried.
- **Treasure Report –**
- **Clerk**
 - Vouchers- Lori asked what Mick Dorgan payment was for. Robert said it was for the cemetery sexton. Lori asked what Bauman & Associates was. Clerk said that was for the accountant for last year. Lori asked about the bill for Draeger for the old shop, Brian stated there shouldn't be LP charges as the heat is off. Motion to pay vouchers as presented by Chairman Kressel. Second by Marty.
 - Transfer of funds to pay bills. Clerk and Treasurer stated we can hold off on transferring funds until next month.
 - Insurance Renewal contract. The board stated they reviewed coverages as sent by clerk. Marty felt could lower coverage on new garage. Decided to leave coverage as it is for now. Robert made a motion to accept the insurance renewal as presented. Second by Lori. Robert signed and Amy will send to insurance company.
 - Reminder that next week is Annual meeting.
 - Open book and Board of Review dates set.
- **Road Issues/Discussion**
 - Lori did a rough estimate for gravel needed following road inspection. Guess about \$63,000
 - Ronald said Rice Lane and Bachelors Ave need something done soon. They are tore up.
 - Old Garage – Lori said that the Gleason Community Club wants to rent to keep equipment in as a resident wants to donate and build a skating rink, but they want to build it at GCC vs. the Park due to GCC having a warming shelter. They want to know if they can keep Zamboni in old town shop. Brian stated he would not be for that. The town needs the shed to keep the Big Tractor and Lawn mowing tractor in. About ¾ full. The new garage has the grader and patrol truck in it. Lori said that it is generous donor offering to the town. Tom asked if perhaps that would be opening up others wanting to use. Clerk asked who would own equipment and who would be insuring. Lori stated that it does not matter and didn't know.
 - Marty asked about flashers and signs on tractors. Brian said that was taken care of.
 - Discussion on street sweeper this year. Robert felt it is needed. Lori made a motion to have the street sweeper come this year. Second by Marty.
 - Crooked bridge – Ronald and Brian didn't get to it yet. Waiting on weather, river to lower. Ronald stated we need parts from the County to repair guardrail. Lori stated to buy a blinky sign is \$1,400 and feels it would just get stolen. Is there a "Dangerous corner ahead" sign? Lori does not feel there is much more the town can do. Make sure it is taken care of and sanded in the winter.

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- Ronald said the East and West roads were still froze. Frost is out of R&H. Working on the ones the sun can hit and melt. Did some brushing. County Line looks great.
- Ronald said the computer panel on the tractor are beeping and gauges not working. Lori told him to get an estimate. Tony Dallman had sent Ronald some information.
- Barricade on Cemetery, had cone out, someone stole it.
- Bridge estimate. Robert said 11 different engineering firms were looked at. Chose Westbrook Associated Engineering for Hay Meadow bridge project. Discussed with Lemmer, he had good luck with them. Robert will be meeting with all parties prior to May 29th. Project going forward.
- **Parks**
 - Mary Huhta present for Park Committee. Stated Clean-Up day for Echo Lake is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th from 9 am – 12 pm. All Help is welcome and appreciated. Requested board approval to buy paint to freshen up the bathrooms. Ronald stated he would donate the paint. Mary received estimate from Peterson for washed sand, \$254 delivered. Board agreed that would be fine, since last load was donated. Timing will depend on road limits when it can be delivered. Lori asked how they were going to move rocks and spread. Ronald stated he would be willing to help and donate his time and machine. Mary will coordinate with Ronald.
 - Rice Park progress. They met with installation company. Construction is planned for mid-May. When it dries up the logs from trees cut will be hauled out prior to then.
 - They will begin fundraising for pavilion after the playground is up. They don't feel asking for donations prior to showing progress would be beneficial.
- **Recycling**
 - Attendant still needed. Lori reminded that May is her month to fill-in.
 - Clean Sweep Day is May 16th
- **Public Comment**
 - Angela Cummings thanked people for their vote.

Meeting adjourned 6:54 p.m.

Next regular board meeting May 12th, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Brown, Clerk