

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell

May 12, 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 March 12th, 2026 at 6:01 pm at the Russell Town Hall. Present: Chairman Kressel, Supervisor Sosnovske, Supervisor Studinski, clerk, treasurer, and eight residents.
- **The minutes** from the April Town Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes approved with motion by Lori, Second by Marty. Motion carried.
- **Treasure Report** – no outstanding business
- **Clerk**
 - Vouchers- Reviewed by board. Motion by Lori to pay vouchers as presented. Second by Marty.
 - Liquor License renewals presented. Motion to approve by Robert. Second by Lori. Motion carried to renew all license applications as presented.
- **Road Issues/Discussion**
 - Crooked bridge. Crooked Bridge repairs were done. County didn't have guard rail. Got them from WI Interstate Contracting. Bolts were sheered, they are meant to.
 - Lori has not heard back about ATV signs requested. Will let Brian know.
 - Bridge inspections soon. Brian is working on cleaning, brushing, etc.. The FD must do training and they will pressure wash bridges as pump training. Two birds, one stone.
 - Ronald was out grading this morning.
 - Storm Inlets, per paperwork found from 1988, the State said the Town is responsible for everything outside of the driving lane on Highway 17. Lori received prices to repair from Mussons. Estimated \$55,335 total cost to repair all. The town will focus on the 3 worst ones for this year with a cost of \$20,245. Lori made a motion to repair the 3 bad ones. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried. Clerk will run a Class 1 ad. Lori will coordinate with Kevin Lange at Mussons.
 - Gravel needed 3,000 cubic yards for this year. Estimated to cost \$42,000 based on figures we have. Lori made a motion to advertise for 3,000 cu. Yds of road grave. Second by Robert. Clerk will run a Class 2 ad for sealed bids to be opened at June meeting.
- **Cemetery**
 - Culvert needs replacement on Cemetery Road. Robert will talk to Ronald about brusting and culvert. Lori will call in a locate to Diggers Hotline.
 - Tom noted there is gravel in the grass from winter. Brian will take a look at and rake back onto road if needed.
 - Brian put up new flag. We like to have new put up prior to Memorial Day.
- **Parks**
 - Mary Huhta updated the Park happenings. They had their clean-up day. Thanked the First Responders for their help and volunteering. Vicky & Ronald donated money for paint and they have the first coat on. Will need another coat. Mary will coordinate with Ronald for beach-sand delivery.
 - First Responders offered to donate a fire ring and a garbage can. They would monitor garbage and pick-up. Robert said it wouldn't hurt to try. It has abused in the past.

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- Rice Park. Playground company called Mary right before meeting and said they would be here tomorrow to start install (5/13/26). The 90 yards of mulch will be delivered on Friday (5/15/26). Mary said if anyone had a skid steer to help spread, it would be appreciated. Lori said “talk to Ronald”.
- The Park Committee will be meeting to discuss Fundraising. The next plan and funds needed will be for a pavilion. Plan to start with a “basic” pavilion, but also want to look at upgraded options.
- There are tire tracks through the park. Mary asked if the board had discussed with the neighbors as requested.
- Knies property garbage and debris needs to be cleaned/removed. Robert said he would talk to Kriss about. Brian stated he would have our recycling guy look at this Saturday (clean-sweep day) to get a cost on how much he would charge to clean it up if the town needs to intervene.
- **Sanitary District**
 - Their annual meeting was held last night (5/11/26). Robert had a FD meeting and couldn’t attend. No supervisors were present.
 - Leona VanderSanden was present and Robert asked her to update. She stated only her and Teresa Heinzen were there. An updated Annual Report was handed out at the door. Leona stated some numbers are very confusing. She said Teresa made a motion to have a full audit done. Second by Leona. Leona would like the Town Board to follow up on this request.
 - Leona asked where prior Sanitary minutes were, as Kitty did not know. Robert said they are in the vault. Leona stated that years back when her husband was on the Sanitary board, there were State requirements to have a reserve fund. Leona would like Town Board to follow up on this as well.
 - Leona stated she feels the town people need to be aware of issues. If Sanitary would fail, it would fall back on the township, not just the people in the village who have the service.
 - Annual report does not show loan balance. Someone thought maybe \$315,000 or 10 years of payments yet.
- **Recycling**
 - Still need attendant. Marty made a motion to raise recycling attendant pay to \$20 an hour. Lori seconded. Motion carried. Brian noted that is more than he makes. Lori stated he could work the recycling days and make that amount.
- **Public Comment**
 - Tom acknowledged the Streets being swept and thanked board for taking care of.

Meeting adjourned 6:57 p.m.

Next regular board meeting June 9th, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Brown, clerk