

August 12th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Town of Russell

- Chairman Kressel opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Notice of this meeting was posted in 1 public place and on website.
- Chairman Kressel called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present- Robert, Lori, Amy, Sue, Brian, 3 town residents and 2 guests. Marty arrived at 6:06 p.m.

- The minutes from the July Town Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes approved with motion by Lori, second by Robert. Motion carried.

- **Treasure Report** – Monthly financial reports handed out at the door.

- **Clerk** –
 - Voucher review; Motion to pay as presented by Lori, Second by Robert. Motion carried
 - ARPA close-out report completed. May be additional information needed in the future after review.
 - Budget- Time to review and start planning for November budget hearing.

- **Road Issues/Report** –
 - Brian reported that 80% of gravel is down, the other 20 loads left to go on R & H.
 - Resident brought up concerns of road conditions. Asked why not using granite. The gravel does not pack and something changed this year and he feels it is very dangerous. Roads are terrible. He has lived in Town of Russell for 50 year and this is the worst he's ever seen the roads. He feels we are going backward and would have rather had nothing put on than the gravel they are using. Axen is a highly traveled road. Marty stated that after it freezes it may be coarser. Lori stated roads are not being graded properly. Chairman Kressel thanked resident for his input and concerns.
 - Bridge reports are back. Clerk read clarification explanation of billing from the County regarding bridge inspections.

- **Parks** –
 - Brian stated that Rice Park work done, he spread the woodchips and completed the mowing.
 - Chairman Kressel stated that numerous residents have stated they would like to see something for the older kids at the park, such as a Basketball hoop.
 - Clerk noted that the First Responders have been taking care of the garbage at the park and Echo. Chairman Kressel thanked for doing that.
 - Clerk asked if she could order signs for the park with "Park Rules" and "No Vehicles Beyond this Point" as previously discussed. Chairman Kressel and Supervisor Sosnovske agreed to go ahead with getting signs.
 - Echo is weedy mess. That time of year.

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- **Recycling –**

- Clerk asked if anyone had made contact for other recycling providers as given at last meeting to check on price comparisons. No one had, but Marty stated this was discussed at the local WTA meeting in Harrison. Senator Mary Felzkowski was present at that meeting and concerns brought to her attention for further review. The State only provides \$1,400 a year to township for recycling requirements and cost far exceeds that.

- **Sanitary –**

- Chairman Kressel asked clerk if new meeting date for Sanitary was established. Clerk stated she had not heard back from Kitty. He stated he would talk to Kitty.

- **Public Comment –**

- Terry Kocinski and her husband were present. She wanted to give the board a formal update on her uncle Randal Streich's home. There was a fire at the home on Bayer Street and there were concerns about public safety and tear-down. Mr. Streich passed on 8/5/26 and now she can proceed with getting house tore down and cleaned up. In the process of getting estimates and hope to have cleared soon.
- Mike Williams had suggestion for the board. When a new Sheriff is elected, he would like to see him invited to the town meeting and request more police presence in the area.
- Robert stated that he was informed the town should look for a new grader operator. Board said job-opening should be advertised and posted. Resident asked if this could be contracted out? Robert shared the estimate received from Musson's was \$245 an hour from the time they leave their shop until they return. Another estimate was for \$145 an hour.

6:42 p.m. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted:
Amy Brown, Clerk