

September 8th, 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, Amy, Sue, Edi, Marty (6:03 p.m.), 5 residents, 2 guests.
- Chairman Kressel reported that after August meeting he received resignation from Supervisor Studinski. A special meeting was held on September 2nd to appoint replacement. Chairman introduced and welcomed Edi Zimmerman to the board.
- The minutes from the August Town Board meeting and September 2nd Special Meeting were reviewed. Minutes approved with motion by Marty. Second by Edi. Motion carried.
- **Treasure Report** – Monthly financial reports handed out at the door.
- **Clerk** –
 - Voucher review; Robert made motion to pay bills as presented. Marty second. Motion carried.
 - Clerk noted the Sanitary bill came in after voucher list printed and due by 10/1. Marty made motion to pay Sanitary. Robert second. Motion carried.
 - Clerk noted she did not receive Ronald or Jim's hours until day of meeting, after voucher list printed. Presented their hours to the board with payroll amounts. Robert made a motion to pay. Marty second. Motion carried. Robert asked Ronald to try to get his hours in on time in the future.
 - Budget review, YTD updated budget sheet handed to board. They are to review at home in preparation of the upcoming budget meeting. Clerk noted large expense changes next year; including re-assessment and purchase of election equipment.
- **Ordinance & Resolutions** –
 - Chairman Kressel noted there were 2 ordinances and 1 resolution for review. 7a. Resolution of chain of supervision of town employees. 7b. Recycling ordinance update as required by DNR. 7c. Election worker ordinance establishing split-shifts
- **Roads** –
 - Grader operator update- Ronald stated he will continue to help out the Town of Russell, but he recently took on the Town of Birch under contract and he will need an additional help in the Town of Russell. He has talked to Matt Brock about filling part-time position. Chairman Kressel asked the supervisors their thoughts. A concerned resident asked what experience proposed worker has and if he has run a grader. After brief discussion, Robert said to post job-listing on bulletin board and town website. Table until next meeting to review applicants.

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- Ronald stated he graded roads last week. They are packed down hard.
- Robert told Ronald to figure out how many loads and hours for R&H so we can bill Harrison for half. Brian stated he had his hours broke noted on time sheet.
- Ronald said he put regular blades on last Thursday.
- Edi stated he was contacted by concerned resident about the storm sewer at the end of town. Edi looked at when it was raining and agrees it needs to be cleaned out and can see it will back up. In the past, Jesse and TP had cleaned it out. Robert asked Ronald to look at and dig out. Ronald is worried about having heavy equipment on the chip seal. He will look at to see if he can clean out.
- Ronald and Brian drove around town roads. Found a chunk of culvert on Town Hall Rd, but could not find which culvert it came from. Will keep eye on. Suspected it came from Spectrum knifing.
- Tires in the ditch on Echo noted by clerk. Ronald said he and Brian would go pick up.
- **Parks-**
 - Mary and Elise from Park Committee present and gave an update on what they have been working on.
 - ARPA funds must be spent and reported soon. All work needs to be completed this year to qualify.
 - Fundraising is going slowly, to date \$255 has been donated to the pavilion. Noted that Justin Mondeik has generously offered to donate funds to the cause at his upcoming golf scramble to be held at Club X to C on 9/13/26.
 - Basketball court. Chairman noted he talked to Jeremy Dorgan who would head-up project for concrete and forms. Park committee advised the have delegated up to \$1,000 for concrete and they have ordered basketball hoop.
 - Ronald stated he could talk to GCC about having a full disc-golf course. From Hottenstein Park, through Community Club and to Rice Park. There are currently two new disc golf baskets at Rice Park.
 - There was minor vandalism to a picnic table at the park already. The Park girls were able to sand them out, but concern for future and discussion of cameras was had.
 - The park committee welcomes any volunteer services to help with sanding and staining the picnic tables (4H, Boy scouts, confirmation hours, etc.). If anyone is aware of someone looking for service hours or want to help, reach out to them.
- **Recycling –**
 - Clerk noted we received a contamination charge again as someone is illegal dumping in the broken dumpster. Clerk will contact Republic Recycling and try to get a replacement dumpster and work on removing contamination charge (about \$200) due to faulty dumpster. Discussion about installing cameras.
 - The recycling attendant moved back to Gleason. She had not come to Robert for keys, but when the clerk talked to her she said she would continue doing job.

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- **Sanitary District-**

- Chairman Kressel had attended Sanitary meeting. They plan to have an audit done. Elise Schuler said they will be working on getting quotes in the next months
- Elise asked about plowing to the Sanitary plant and priority of such. If they lose power, they need to get to plant quickly and would like that moved to higher priority rather than “I’ll get to it when I get to it”.

- **Public Comment-**

- County Supervisor Angela Cummings was present. Discussion of the Merrill Fire Department trying to re-do contract. Discussion regarding. Angela appreciated the feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Brown, Clerk