

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00pm**  
**05/16/2023**

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor White  
Councilor Burnham  
Councilman Beachard  
Town Clerk -Tess Eells  
Councilor Kerr  
Councilman vacant  
Highway Superintendent Meilleur

**GUESTS:**

Larry Denesha  
Bobby Knox  
Kevin Klock  
Brenda Klock  
Morris Jeffries  
Ryan Lennon

**PLEDGE:**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor White at 6:00 PM

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Beachard to accept the minutes from 04/18/2023 as presented by the Town Clerk.

Ayes – 4 Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr  
Nays – 0 Motion carried

**TOWN CLERK REPORT: 05/16/2023**

April 2023 Report:

27 dog licenses	162.00
Hunting licenses commission	15.75
0 Marriage License Comm.	.00
10 Certified copies	100.00
4 Building permits	100.00
0 Impoundment fee	.00
0 donation for community use	.00
Fax and copy money	<u>.00</u>
<u>Revenue to supervisor:</u>	\$377.75
<u>Disbursed amounts:</u>	
Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	45.00
NYS Department of Health	.00
<u>Decals</u>	<u>269.25</u>
Total Disbursed	\$692.00

As of 05/9/2023 I have collected 87.60% of taxes.

I attended the Clerk conference from April 23-26 in Syracuse, as usual it was a great learning experience and make sure the next clerk attends it will benefit the town.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham

Seconded by Councilor Kerr

To accept the clerk Report as presented

Ayes - 4 Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion Carried

### **BALLFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT: In Supervisor report**

#### **SUPERVISORS REPORT: 05/16/2023**

- Financial Report

-Details of all income and expense transactions have been filed with the town clerk.

-Account balances as of May 16, 2023, for the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and street light fund have been filed with the town clerk.

-The fence and backstop work are coming along good. We will need a few yards of topsoil to fill the gaps under the backstops. I will be getting some more supplies this week to finish the top rail. I would like to get the fields rolled as soon as the roller is freed up, but they are looking good. We will get the concrete poured as soon as Andy Wood gets freed up.

Richard stated they can do some fill for backstops when they are hauling fill for the parking lot up by old school. He also stated the men could roll the field.

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Beachard to accept the Supervisor Report as presented.

Ayes-4 Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr

Nays-0 Motion Carried

#### **LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha**

- The Highway Outposts are done we bonded for 1 and paid for 2.
- ARPA Funds: we allocated 2million900 thousand to the IDA for facility structure, CEO training, Childcare training, and tourism. We have spent 1million754thousand so far.

- He discussed the Enhanced Federal Advance Program: It started out that the money would go to the counties and NYS intercepted the funds/ 1.6 billion that counties should get. The State passed in the budget to take the funds over in 3-4 years in 2027 the state will keep all the money. The county will have to raise taxes 6% to cover the cost. There are 60% of NYS are eligible for Medicaid.
- After 3 years of unpaid taxes, they become delinquent and will foreclose. Last year we took \$100,000 over the back taxes that were owed on the property. There is legislature in that will make it so the money taken in over the amount of taxes owed will be given to the landowner. It is headed for the Supreme Court now.
- DMV: the new state budget will give the counties 10.5% of the money now whereas, the county was getting 12.5%.
- On a good note, the sales tax was up.

A motion by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept legislature report as presented.

Ayes – 4 Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

A Motion by Supervisor White and seconded by Councilor Kerr to enter executive session to discuss a employee agreement on supplemental insurance at 6:18 pm All were in favor

Motion by Supervisor White seconded by Councilor Beachard to exit executive session at 6:44 pm and back to regular meeting.

A agreement was made between retired employee and town board for cost of the supplement insurance per highway contract.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Bobby Knox

- I will be putting out flags on the Firemen graves.
- Our Chicken BBQ went well we sold out
- We are doing a kayak raffle \$5.00 a ticket the ticket will be drawn on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We will have a Election Day dinner.

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept FD Report as presented.

Ayes – 4 Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr

Nays – 0 Motion carried

**Highway Superintendent Report: 05/16/2023 \* Richard Meilleur**

We have spent the majority of our time getting ready for our paving projects. We have opened up the Belleville Road to let more sun in. We removed all the large trees and brush and cleared the whole road back to the right-a-way.

We have cut, split and stacked 50 cords of firewood from the trees we removed off the Belleville Road.

We are also ditching and cutting shoulders on the Smith Road and Lazy River Road from CR 25 all the way to the Hermon town line.

We have stockpiled 738 tons of crushed stone from Barrett's to use on our dirt roads; we will be putting it on after we finish prepping for the paving projects.

As of today, we have 1 truck broke down and we are having a hard time getting the wiring harness we need to fix it also our chipper is down with a blown engine; we are trying to get a price on a complete engine and a price on a rebuild kit.

I would also like to thank the men for another safe and productive year. The new truck should be here in August or September.

The cost to fix the chipper could be around \$15,000. Some parts are 3 months out getting them.

If it cost too much to fix the International that is broke down we will put it on Auction International with the small mower and a few other things.

Shane Mackin would like to take his vacation week the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July.

Superintendent Meilleur went over the CHIP's paving projects 2023 (CHIP's, EWR, PAVENY, POP) with the board:

1. Smith Road: From CR 25 1.2 miles west to the West Road 1" shim + 1.5" top x 18' wide. Type 6 hot mix 1850 tons at \$63.04/ton=\$116,624.00. SLC paving 1.5 days @ \$5,800/day = \$8,700.00. 5/8 gravel 350 yards @ \$10.50 yard = \$3,150.00 for a total of \$128,474.00.
2. Lazy River Road: From Hermon Town Line 1.45 miles East shim remaining sections .8 miles 1" shim 1.45 miles 1.5" Top x 18' wide. Type 6 Hot Mix 1740 tons @ \$63.04/ton = \$109,689.60. SLC paving 2 days @ \$5,800.00/day = \$11,600.00. 5/8 Gravel 350 yards @ \$10.50/yard \$3,675.00 = \$124,964.60
3. Belleville Road: From Fordham Hill Road 1.85 miles South 1" shim 1.45 miles 1.5" Top x 18' wide Type 6 Hot Mix 2750 tons @ \$63.04/ton = \$173,360.00. SLC paving 2.5 days @ \$5,800.00/day = \$14,500.00. 5/8 gravel 400 yards @ \$10.50/yard = \$4,200.00 = \$192,060.00.
4. Pestle Street: From CR 24 to .16 miles West (to Mill Street) 1.5" Top (Type 7). Type 7 Hot mix 200 ton @ \$66.00/ton = \$13,200.00. SLC paving 1 day @ \$5,800.00/day = \$5,800.00 = \$19,000.00.
5. Silver Hill Road: From CR 17 .85 miles South (to Cook Road) crushed limestone 3" deep x 18' wide. 5/8 crushed stone 1048 tons @ \$10.50/ton = \$11,004.00.

6. Cook Road: From Silver Hill Road .85 miles Southwest to bus turnaround crushed limestone 3" deep x 18" wide 5/8 crushed stone 1048 ton @ \$10.50/ton = \$11,004.00
  7. Mackin Road: From CR 17 .4 miles North crushed limestone 3" deep x 16' wide 5/8 crushed stone 438 ton @ \$10.50/ton = \$4,599.00.
  8. Nolan Road: From CR 17 .7 miles East crushed limestone 3" deep x 16' wide 5/8 crushed stone 770 ton @ \$10.50/ton = \$8,085.00.
- 4.66 miles total paving projects \$464,498.60  
 2.8 miles total crushed stone on dirt roads \$34,692.00  
 Total 7.46 miles overall total \$499,190.60 that leaves \$4,579.10 as a buffer-rollover.

Other paving projects (NOT CHIPS)

1. RVFD 46"x88' x 1.5" = 38-ton Type 7 Hot Mix @ \$66.00/ton = \$2,508.00
2. Courthouse: 50' x 85' x 1.5" 40-ton Type 7 Hot Mix @ \$66.00 = \$2,640.00
3. Town Hall: 85-ton Type 7 Hot Mix @ \$66.00 = \$5,600.00

These are paving projects that the board can agree on to be done to tie all the 3 buildings in. Supervisor White did not think the back of Town Hall Needed to be done, just from corner by post office to Pestle Street Road.

**RESOLUTION # 35** Acceptance of CHIP's Projects

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Beachard to: **Therefore**, the Town Board will accept the CHIP's, EWR, PAVENY and POP projects as presented above by the Highway Superintendent.

Ayes – 4 Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr  
 Nays – 0 Motion carried

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT:** Douglas Beachard

- We went over the CHIP's projects to be done this year.
- We went over the work for the Chipper.
- We talked about the Town Hall steps; we need 3 bids. Jefferson Concrete, St. Lawrence concrete and find one more per ARPA guidelines.
- We went over the work to be done on the Lazy River Road.
- We were wondering if the town heard from Michels on the money owed to CHIPS. Tim said he called them last week again.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept the Highway reports as presented.

Ayes – 4 Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr  
 Nays – 0 Motion carried

**RESOLUTION \* 36     AUDIT REORT: 05/16/2023**

Sandra Burnham  
Timothy White

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard and seconded by Councilor Kerr to authorize payment of the following bills:

Fund	Vouchers	Total
General	111 - 139	\$17,581.85
Highway	70 – 88	\$39,566.03
Capital Improvements	-	\$ .00.
Street Lights:	5	780.24

Ayes-4     Beachard, White, Burnham, Kerr  
Nays-0     Motion Carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Councilor Burnham asked if the small lawn mower will go out to bid. Richard stated he will put it on Auctions International with old patch truck and the international if cost too much to fix.

Councilor Beachard asked if someone was found to do the repointing and chimney work on the town hall? Supervisor White stated not yet.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Pilot Consent Resolution was tabled until June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting because we did not hear back from lawyer yet on it.
- The County approached the town to do a local law to keep no parking along the guide rails on town roads.
- Superintendent Meilleur stated the DOT called about the bridge that was put on Lafaver Road. I want to keep the bridge closed signs up. Supervisor White stated the County put the signs up and if they decide to take them down it is on them.

The Town Will hold a public Hearing on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm for a local law on no parking near town road guiderails.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM

All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by  
Tess Eells-Russell Town Clerk

