

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
@ The Russell Town Hall @ 6:00pm
06/18/2024**

PRESENT:

Supervisor Matthews
Councilor Burnham
Councilor Beachard
Councilor Kerr
Councilor Rowe
Highway Superintendent Meilleur
Town Clerk Darcie Cross

GUESTS:

Morris Jeffries
Larry Denesha

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Matthews

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard Seconded by Councilor Rowe to accept the minutes from 5/21/24 as presented by the Town Clerk

Ayes - 5 Matthews, Rowe, Kerr, Beachard, Burnham
Nays - 0
Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: 6/18/2024

May 2024 Report:

17 dog licenses	98.00
Hunting licenses commission	22.67
2 Marriage License Comm	15.00
6 Certified copies	60.00
2 Building Permits	50.00
0 Impoundment fees	.00
0 donation for community room	.00
Fax and copy money	.00
<u>Revenue to supervisor</u>	245.67

Disbursed amounts:

Ag & Market (spay, neuter program)	27.00
NYS Department of Health	45.00
<u>DECALS Sweep</u>	<u>1,132.33</u>
Total Disbursed	\$1,450.00

I have collected 92.12% of the taxes, another check has been sent to the county.

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

Ayes - 5 Rowe, Matthews, Kerr, Beachard, Burnham

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

BALL FIELD COMMITTEE: None

- Councilor Burnham asked about the work that has been done and what is left to do.
- Supervisor Matthews is going to check on the rest of the Lowe's order and take inventory of what we have and what is still missing/needed.
- Hwy Superintendent Meilleur said they will be working on the bathroom/septic after Russell Fest so there won't be a mess since some festivities will be held at the field.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor's Report
June 18, 2024

1- Financial Report

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

-Account balances as of June 18, 2024 for the general fund, highway fund, capital improvement fund, and street light fund have been filed with the town clerk.

Received notification from Epic sports, the bench should be here 6/18/24

Reduced DA600 by \$3,200, and increased A600 by \$3,200. Purchase of trailer for highway.

Front steps are coming along, and chimney work has begun.

Waiting on Lowes for final materials for ballfield, project on temporary hold at the moment.

Contacted EKCS, they are going to bill this years summer rec. in August, so we can include in 2025 budget, which will then be applied to 2025 program.

Dereck C Matthews
Town Supervisor

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Rowe accepting the supervisor's report.

Ayes - 5 Rowe, Matthews, Kerr, Beachard, Burnham
Nays - 0
Motion carried.

LEGISLATURE REPORT: Larry Denesha

- On the 3rd of June adopting a Local Law 2024 for St Lawrence County regarding a wireless communications surcharge for emergency services. An additional \$0.30 wireless surcharge will be in place for emergency services/911 calls. 77% of calls that come into emergency services are wireless. There already is a landline surcharge in place.
- They have passed a resolution making June Dairy month in St Lawrence County. In 2023 there were 176 dairy farms operating in St Lawrence County.
- Some areas of County Route 17 have been paved.
- There was a conference call with Chief's of Staff from Senator's Blankenbush, Walczyk, and Stefanik offices regarding Russell Volunteer Fire Department pumper truck and roof. Recommended Luke Manning to see about USDA Grants.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Rowe to accept the legislature report as presented.

Ayes - 5 Rowe, Matthews, Kerr, Beachard, Burnham
Nays - 0
Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Russell: Councilor Burnham

- They will be ordering food, picking up supplies and organizing for Russell Fest tomorrow.

A motion was made by Councilor Kerr and seconded by Councilor Beachard to accept the Russell Fire Department report as presented.

Ayes - 5 Rowe, Matthews, Kerr, Beachard, Burnham

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

DeGrasse: none

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Richard Meilleur

- Damage to the town barn, between the bays. The insurance company was contacted, and it has been looked at.

Highway Report

We have finished cutting shoulders in DeGrasse with a total of 7.2 miles of shoulders cut. We also graded and added gravel and cut ditches where needed. We are starting to cut shoulders on West Rd, Hewlett Rd, and Dutton Rd now. We have been cleaning ditches at Hill Rd and Lazy River Rd also.

We added 6" of gravel we made out of our pit on seasonal McCarthy Rd and it turned out real good. We are back mowing roadsides again as our brush hog has broken down a couple of times this year. I am hoping to have all roadsides mowed for the 1st time by the end of next week.

I would like to thank the men for another safe and productive month.

Highway Superintendent
Richard Meilleur

A motion was made by Councilor Rowe and seconded by Councilor Kerr to accept report as presented.

Ayes – 5 Rowe, Matthews, Kerr, Beachard, Burnham

Nays – 0

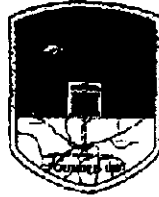
Motion carried.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT: None

RESOLUTION: #45 Audit Report- Dereck Matthews & Sandra Burnham

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard and seconded by Councilor Kerr to authorize paying the following bills.

Town of Russell
P.O. Box 628 * Russell N.Y. 13684
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Audit Committee Report
June 18, 2024
audit

Dereck C Matthews
Sandra Burnham

	Vouchers	Total
General	138-161	\$63,625.73
Highway	91-108	\$40,655.56
Capital Improvement	4-5	\$5,059.44
Street Lights	06	\$774.67

Ayes - 5 Rowe, Matthews, Kerr, Beachard, Burnham
Nays - 0
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Hwy Superintendent Meilleur will be placing the dock in the water tomorrow at the canoe launch.
- Hwy Superintendent Meilleur said the historical sign has been placed in the cemetery for the dedication.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Monument at Balsam Cemetery needs repair. Councilor Burnham stated there are chunks missing at the base of the monument. Discussed Witherbee and Whalen to go look at damage and if it is under \$3,000.00 they will have them repair.

RESOLUTION: #46 To repair Monument at Balsam Cemetery

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to authorize having Witherbee and Whalen to come repair the monument if it is under \$3,000.00.

Ayes - 5 Rowe, Matthews, Kerr, Beachard, Burnham
Nays - 0
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr to adjourn the meeting @ 6:39 pm

All were in favor.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Darcie Cross - Russell Town Clerk