

TOWN OF RUSSELL
SELECTMENS MINUTES
4/16/2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

<u> X </u>	Tom Kulig
<u> X </u>	Gloria Farrell
<u> X </u>	Wayne Precanico

TOWN EMPLOYEES

<u> X </u>	Nancy Boersig
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INFORMATION:

- 1.) HIGHWAY UPDATE
 - a.) Received 6 applications for Highway position. BOS will review and set up interviews
 - b.) Submitted Chapter 90 paperwork for General Knox Road funding & new truck
- 2.) POLICE UPDATE
 - a.) Chief Hennessey requested \$9,000 from the ARPA funds to side the new Police Garage. Currently the garage is only budgeted for T1 siding with no paint. If the town was to side it will last 20+ years with very low maintenance. Wayne made a motion to approve \$9,000 from ARPA funds to side the new police garage, Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 in favor
 - b.) Drug Take back will be held the weekend of April 27th
 - c.) All plans are in place for this weekends canoe races. Set up will begin on Friday at the school

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- 1.) Voted to accept minutes from 4/2/2024. Tom made a motion to accept as written and Gloria seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0 in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) WESTFIELD RIVER ACCESS SITE
 - a.) Waiting on states response to revised plan and cost, changed to plan #3 but want a smaller footprint. State said current plan cost \$172,000 and has to have a minimum of 10 parking spots
- 2.) AWARD MINI SPLIT BID FOR LIBRARY
 - a.) Bid awarded to Nyzio Sheet Metal LLC \$42,985.00 Tom will contact contractor
- 3.) HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE MEMBER MEETING
 - a.) Meeting Thursday April 18, 2024 7:00pm Stanton Hall, Huntington
 - b.) BOS reviewed 1st Qtr 24 report
 - c.) BOS will review new contract for FY25
- 4.) OTHER OLD BUSINESS
 - a.) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) BUDGET FY25
 - a.) BOS will wait for Finance to recommend how much free cash to use to balance budget
 - b.) Additional articles for warrant
 - Strathmore Park pavilion roof
 - Repairs to the Town Hall exterior
 - Final clean up of Cable items
 - Benches for Town Hall Annex
 - c.) BOS reviewed Finance Committee minutes from 3/27/24 meeting
 - d.) Finance meeting tomorrow 6pm to review FY25 Budget

2.) OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- a.) BOS reviewed Planning Board minutes March 2024
- b.) BOS accepted resignation from Dale Oleksak Cultural Council
- c.) Gloria is following up with Casella about the damage that was caused by their driver at the Transfer Station. Chief Hennessey explained that the Police should have been contacted for damage to property so a official report could be filed.

PUBLIC INPUT: Shelia Mizejewski reported to the BOS that Woronoco #2 was burning brush last week after 4pm with no water source in the area. It was called into 911 but the Fire Chief reported it was OK. Shelia feels the BOS need to question the Chief on how this permit was issued with no water and allowed to burn after 4pm. Wayne reported he will speak to Chief Renuld

ITEMS SIGNED: W#22
W#22A
FY19 CDBG Close out report

Adjourned 7:33pm