

Annual Meeting of Town Electors – April 19, 2016

Posted Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Garage and the Town website. Notice was advertised in the Daily Press on April 9, 2016 and April 16, 2016. Notice was e-mailed to the Ashland Daily Press.

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Paul “Rocky” Tribovich at the Town of Russell Community Center. Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good was present. A total of 10 electors were present.

No Pledge of Allegiance was performed since it was done during the General Public Hearing held at 6:30 p.m. at this location prior to this meeting.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Don Sullivan and seconded by Larry Meierotto to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 Annual Meeting, the minutes of the Special Town Electors Meeting of November 10, 2015, and the minutes of the Caucus held January 12, 2016. The motion carried by a vote of 10-0-0.

2015 Financial Report – Chair Tribovich asked if anyone had any questions regarding the following report. None were asked.

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TOWN OF RUSSELL								
2015 BUDGET EXPLANATIONS								
REVENUES								
\$ (27,940)	TRIP Road Aids not received							
\$ (1,261)	BIA Road Maintenance Contract Extrodinary Services							
\$ 10,739	Severance Yeild							
\$ 3,191	County Timber sales up							
\$ 745	Managed Forest Lands tax collections							
\$ 205	Alcohol Licensing							
\$ (12,735)	Driveway snow plowing							
\$ 7,568	Campground receipts							
\$ 698	Sales to Town Residents and Others							
\$ (200)	Community Center Rental Income							
\$ (100,627)	Excess Revenues to Balance Budget							
\$ (510)	Miscellaneous (sales, tax refunds, interest, credits)							
\$ (120,127)	Revenues Under Budget							
EXPENSES								
\$ 703	Legal/Audit Expense							
\$ 3,264	Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer(computer & copy machine)							
\$ (1,932)	Election Expenses							
\$ 572	Community Center Expenses							
\$ 6,333	Town Garage Building Expenses (Doors)							
\$ 5,182	Gen Twn Exp - Forest Harvest Plan & Dues Increase for WI Towns Assoc.							
\$ 5,388	Contractor Services							
\$ (13,123)	Fuel & Oil							
\$ (3,677)	Salt/Sand/Screening							
\$ 5,843	Blacktop Patch							
\$ 3,622	Culverts							
\$ (70,935)	Equipment Purchases							
\$ (2,429)	Repair Parts & Services							
\$ (53,000)	Major Road Construction							
\$ (2,586)	Road crew payroll & benefits							
\$ 703	Legal/Audit/Leagal Advertising							
\$ (3,352)	Miscellaneous							
\$ (120,127)	Expenses Under Budget							
\$ -	Net Gain/Loss							

TOWN OF RUSSELL			
2015 ANNUAL REPORT			
(Unaudited Statement)			
	2015	2015	
REVENUES	Approved	Actual	
	Budget	(Compilation)	Variance
Operating Revenues			
Property Tax Levy	\$103,066	\$101,212	(\$1,854)
Intergovernmental			
Shared Revenues	\$114,193	\$114,193	\$0
Road Aids	\$56,745	\$56,728	(\$17)
BIA Road Maintenance	\$45,095	\$43,834	(\$1,261)
TRIP Road Aids	\$27,940	\$0	(\$27,940)
PILT	\$136	\$136	\$0
Forest Crop - Severence Yield	\$0	\$10,739	\$10,739
County Timber Sales - Forest Law	\$19,754	\$22,945	\$3,191
Managed Forest (tax collection)	\$1,901	\$2,646	\$745
Forest Law Payments	\$2,571	\$2,571	\$0
Sales & Excise Tax Refunds	\$1,070	\$1,485	\$415
Other Government Payments	\$3,635	\$3,936	\$301
State Fire Dues Payment	\$755	\$701	(\$54)
Municipal Services Payment	\$1,796	\$1,789	(\$7)
Recycling Grant Flow Through	\$8,888	\$8,888	\$0
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$387,545	\$371,803	(\$15,742)
Licenses & Permits			
Liquor & Cigarettes & Dog	\$3,887	\$4,092	\$205
Total Licenses & Permits	\$3,887	\$4,092	\$205
Public Charges			
Snowplowing	\$20,000	\$7,265	(\$12,735)
Campground & Boat Ramp	\$51,700	\$59,268	\$7,568
Services Rendered	\$0	\$698	\$698
Community Center Hall Rental	\$608	\$408	(\$200)
Total Public Charges	\$72,308	\$67,639	(\$4,669)
Miscellaneous			
Interest Income	\$392	\$395	\$3
Refunds & Credits	\$0	\$134	\$134
Loan Proceeds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sales of Used Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance Recovery	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Income	\$0	\$569	\$569
Excess Revenues Applied to Budget	\$111,405	\$10,778	(\$100,627)
Total Miscellaneous Income	\$111,797	\$11,876	(\$99,921)
Total Operating Revenue	\$575,537	\$455,410	(\$120,127)
Loan Balances	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	
Bremer Bank - Land Nov 2024	\$29,317	\$26,269	(\$3,048)
Northern State Bank - Truck 2009 Oct 2015	\$11,389	\$0	(\$11,389)
Northern State Bank - Grader 2007 Feb 2018	\$47,179	\$35,241	(\$11,938)
Bremer Bank - Gravel 2014 Nov 2017	\$47,331	\$31,031	(\$2,669)
Total Outstanding Debt	\$135,216	\$92,541	(\$29,044)

	2015 Approved Budget	2015 Actual (Compilation)	Variance
EXPENDITURES			
Operating Expenditures			
General Government			
Board of Directors	\$12,695	\$12,070	(\$625)
Committee Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legal/Audit	\$6,200	\$6,903	\$703
Clerk/Treasurer Office	\$38,076	\$41,340	\$3,264
Elections	\$4,500	\$2,568	(\$1,932)
Assessor	\$7,256	\$7,254	(\$2)
Community Center-Shooting Range	\$7,140	\$7,712	\$572
Town Garage	\$12,380	\$18,713	\$6,333
General Town Expense	\$1,000	\$6,182	\$5,182
Total General Government Expenditures	\$89,247	\$102,742	\$13,495
Public Safety			
Fire Protection	\$20,742	\$20,742	\$0
Ambulance	\$16,970	\$16,970	\$0
Total Public Safety Expenditures	\$37,712	\$37,712	\$0
Public Works			
Road Maintenance	\$120,265	\$65,700	(\$54,565)
Gravel Mining & Crushing	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment Purchases	\$75,000	\$4,065	(\$70,935)
Road Wages	\$86,000	\$84,540	(\$1,460)
Fringe Benefits	\$50,749	\$52,542	\$1,793
Workman's Compensation	\$4,885	\$2,078	(\$2,807)
Payroll Liabilities	\$6,579	\$6,467	(\$112)
Total Public Works Expenditures	\$343,478	\$215,392	(\$128,086)
Culture & Recreation			
Town Recreation Area	\$40,484	\$34,865	(\$5,619)
Other Cultural	\$650	\$650	\$0
Total Cultural & Recreation Expenditures	\$41,134	\$35,515	(\$5,619)
Loans			
Northern State Bank - Grader/Loader	\$14,186	\$13,872	(\$314)
Bremer Bank - Land	\$3,360	\$3,360	\$0
Northern State Bank - Truck 2009	\$9,720	\$9,720	\$0
Gravel	\$17,388	\$17,388	\$0
Total Loan Expenditures	\$44,654	\$44,340	(\$314)
Other Funds & Expenditures			
Recycle Grant Flow Through	\$8,888	\$8,888	\$0
BRB Town Contribution	\$924	\$1,144	\$220
Property Liability Insurance	\$9,500	\$9,658	\$158
Fall Festival Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Expenses	\$0	\$19	\$19
Total Other Funds & Expenditures	\$19,312	\$19,709	\$397
Total Expenditures	\$575,537	\$455,410	(\$120,127)
NET REVENUES vs EXPENDITURES	\$0	\$0	\$0
	12/31/2013	12/31/2014	
CASH BALANCES	Balance	Balance	Variance
General Checking Account	\$15,025	\$21,233	\$6,208
Cash	\$42,827	\$200	(\$42,627)
Freedom Investors	\$368,875	\$498,270	\$129,395
Tax Collections Due Others	(\$40,325)	(\$85,390)	(\$45,065)
Accounts Recievable	\$214,540	\$145,555	(\$68,985)
Accounts Payable	(\$13,909)	(\$3,613)	\$10,296
Sub totals	\$587,033	\$576,255	(\$10,778)
Restricted Funds WHEDA-Bremer	\$ (185,000)	\$ (185,000)	
NPS Grant (LSB Boat Ramp Improvement)	(\$14,000)	(\$14,000)	
Gravel Crushing Reclamation Reserve	(\$20,767)	(\$20,767)	
Total Cash	\$402,033	\$377,255	
Ammouts Owed on Loans	\$135,216	\$92,541	
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE TO TOWN	\$266,817	\$284,714	

A motion was made by Larry Meierotto and seconded by Don Sullivan to approve the Treasurers report. The motion carried 10-0-0.

Presentation by Roads Committee – Paul “Rocky” Tribovich, Chairman of the Roads Committee reported this was discussed at the General Public Hearing and he complimented the Road Crew on the fine job they did this winter and spring maintaining roads.

Presentation by Plan Commission – Larry Meierotto, Plan Commission Chairman, reported the Plan Commission reviewed one Zoning request, prepared and recommended for approval revisions to the Zoning Overlay District for Alternative Developments and Historic Sites. And is nearly finished revising the Comprehensive Plan. Kathy Wendling, Plan Commission member commented on the development of an Adopt-A-Road program and provision to allow Monuments of Recognition.

Presentation by Recreation Committee – Chairman Tribovich stated this committee was abolished and does not exist for giving a report. He discussed plans to add a 10x12 ft. wood shed enclosed on 3 sides with two sliding doors at the campground, add new sites to replace the 8 sites and group site removed from NPS lands with 11 or 12 tent sites to be located around the perimeter of the ball field, maintenance to existing sites consisting of adding gravel to parking pads and relocation of some existing sites and fire rings. It was noted that the NPS does not see a need to dredge the harbor this year. Discussion followed about the planned boat ramp reconstruction and timing of the work and closure times for the ramp and how to notify users of the closure.

Any other business that may legally come before the Electors at the Annual Meeting per Wisconsin SS 60.10 – Tribovich called for other business. None was offered.

A motion was made by Larry Meierotto and seconded by Mark Bugher to set the 2017 Annual Meeting for 7 p.m. on April 18, 2017 at the Community Center. The motion carried 10-0-0.

A motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:20 p.m. was made by Don Sullivan and seconded by Larry Meierotto. The motion carried 10-0-0.

Minutes Respectfully Prepared by:

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer

Proof of Posting; I, David L. Good, Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Russell certify that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held April 19, 2016, were posted at the Town Garage and the Town of Russell website at 4:00 p.m. on April 20, 2016.

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer