

TOWN OF SCHLEY ANNUAL MEETING

State of Wisconsin...Town of Schley Lincoln County

The Town Board of the Town of Schley provides its written notice and an agenda of the public meeting of said Town on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at the SCHLEY TOWN HALL at 6:00 P.M. The public may provide comments of the Town Board if public comments are noted on the Agenda and upon recognition by presiding officer.

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call
4. Verification of public notice by Town Board
5. Approval of last year's Annual Meeting minutes
6. Financial Report
7. Specific matters for discussion & possible action by Town Board
 - a. Town Spring Clean-Up
 - b. Town Hall construction update
 - c. Road Maintenance Plan
 - d. Town of Russell Fire Department report
 - e. First Responders update
 - f. Open Book & Board of Review dates
 - g. Building inspector updates – Rich Grefe
 - h. Planning Commission report
 - i. Set Time/Date for next year's meeting (3rd Tuesday of April 2025)
8. Members of a sub-committee of the Town of Schley may attend Town Board meeting to present information gathered regarding subject for which sub-committee may report on their unit.
9. Discussion of possible action and agenda for upcoming Town Board meeting.
10. Adjournment

Meeting notice posted in two (2) bulletin boxes...Town Hall...Z's Fork Horners ...
www.TownofSchley.com

Date March 31, 2024

Designee: Becky Dallman Clerk
Becky Dallman, Clerk (715-571-1262)

Contact information:

Chairman, Tim Klimek (715-921-2543)
Treasurer, Susan Podeweltz (715-536-3756)

Supervisor, Craig Brown (715-966-0067)
Supervisor, Gerald Plamann (715-536-8743)

Annual Meeting
April 18, 2023

Town of Schley Annual Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2023

Town Chairperson Klimek called the Annual meeting of the Town of Schley to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Schley Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Brief silence in remembrance of the two Merrill High School students who passed away this week.

Roll call: Klimek, Brown, Plamann, Podeweltz, Dallman

Verification of posting of meeting notices by Town Board.

Attendees read the minutes from the April 19, 2022 Annual meeting. Mary Ann Gretenhardt motioned to accept the minutes, 2nd by Cody Bergman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Financial report reviewed. There were no questions. Angela Cummings motioned to accept the report, 2nd by Tony Dallman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Plamann stated that the Town spring clean-up is scheduled for 5/13/2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Flyers are being handed out on recycling Saturdays. Recommendation made by Town resident to have recycling one evening per month over the summer. Town Board and Maintenance crew consulted and will have the second Wednesday of the month in June, July, and August from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. as additional recycling days. The Maintenance crew will determine who is working which Wednesday. The first and third Saturdays will remain as is for recycling.

Klimek stated that the Planning Commission will be putting a plan together for steps to repair or build a new town hall. Recommendations from Town constituents would be to form a building committee. Prior building committee members stated that funding any projects, whether repairs or building new, was not supported previously because no one wanted their taxes to be raised. Routine maintenance of the building was not kept up. Further discussion will be at the May 2023 Town Board meeting. Town constituents would like to see a timeline for the project completion.

Klimek stated that bids will be sought for 4,000 yards of granite and possibly 2,000 yards of gravel. Granite will be placed on highly traveled roads and gravel will be placed on less traveled roads (due to dust issues). Granite maintenance will be done on portions of Heineman, Trout, Townline, and Town Hall Roads. Culvert replacements will be done on Mosser and Prairie Dells Roads. Town Hall Road is being cold patched; Klimek will inquire about the County Highway department sealing the road with the spray patch machine. The box culvert on Burgener Road needs to be replaced. Klimek will work with the County Highway Commissioner on potential funding sources. The new grading contractors have begun grading the roads. Snowplowing expenses have been higher than other years due to record snowfalls.

Annual report for Town of Russell Fire Department was given by Cody Bergman. There were 45 calls for service in 2022. Engine 4-23 is now fully equipped. Engine 7 was retired. Bonnie Prueser has retired after serving for over 30 years. The Fire Department recruited 4 new members. The budget will not be raised for 2023. Turnout gear and SCBA equipment will be need to be replaced over the next couple of years.

Klimek provided the First Responders report. There were 226 calls, 67 were from the Town of Schley primarily on Lilac Lane.

Open book will take place on May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Board of Review is on May 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Rich Grefe stated that there were 7 building permits issued in 2022. He provided an updated contract for the Town Board to review, which will be done at the May 8 Town Board meeting. He questioned whether decks need to be inspected; the County currently doesn't do deck inspections.

Brown will be added to the banks accounts as an authorized user and be given a Town credit card. Dorn will be removed.

Earl Welker reported for Planning Commission. In 2022, there were 25 land use applications, 2 rezone requests, and 2 land divisions. The Commission provided 35 recommendations to the Town Board. The Town Land Use Plan was completed and made requests to the County to review their Home Occupations and Exotic Animal ordinances. The Planning Commission reviewed and made recommendations to the Town Board to support County changes to the Shore Land Ordinance and zoning district conditional uses. Welker also made recommendations on updating the website, software, and financial reviews and postings.

Angela Cummings provided a booklet of information gathered on Pine Crest Nursing Home. The ad hoc committee is looking to gather input from constituents before a final decision is made.

Next year's Annual meeting will be held April 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Schley Town Hall.

Town Board and Town Planning Commissions oaths completed.

Tony Dallman motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Cody Bergman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Becky Dallman, Clerk
Respectfully submitted by Becky Dallman

2023 TOWN OF SCHLEY FINANCIAL REPORT

Summary of Expenditures & Receipts

2022 Year End Balances

2022 Merrill Community Bank Public Money Market	459,349.54
2022 Merrill Community Bank Checking Acct.	3,881.21
2022 Occupancy Bond Acct.	10,690.23
2022 Special Projects Acct.	96,640.63
Total	570,561.61

2023 Balance Forward:	570,561.61
2023 Checking Acct. Interest	13.59
2023 Occupancy Bond Acct. Interest	1.25
2023 Public Money Market Interest	137.12
2023 Special Projects Acct. Interest	192.92
2023 Treasurer's Receipts	951,690.85
	1,522,597.34

Total Receipts:	1,522,597.34
Less Expenditures:	1,009,240.02 see Note 1
Outstanding check from 2023 - #5536	32.32
2023 Year End Balance	513,389.64
Year End Adjustment	0.01 see Note 2
Total	513,389.65

2023 Year End Balance:

2023 Tomahawk Community Bank Public Money Mrkt	400,009.51
2023 Tomahawk Community Bank Checking Acct.	2,594.33
2023 Savings/Occupancy Bond Acct.	13,952.26
2023 Special Projects Acct.	96,833.55
Total	513,389.65

Note 1 - \$1,007,995.59 - 2023 expenses per Checks Written report

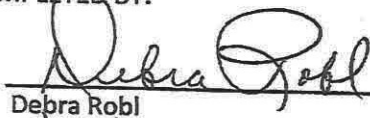
Check #5111 for \$12.11 issued in 2022, cashed in 2023

Check #5354 for \$32.32 issued in 2022, cashed in 2023

Check #5401 for \$1,200.00 issued in 2022, cashed in 2023

Note 2 - Check #5593 for \$385.75 issued on 9/11/23, cashed in amount of \$385.74; credit \$0.01

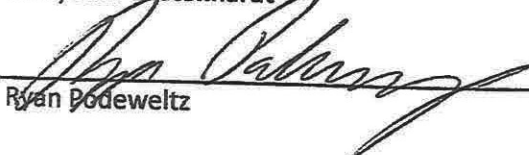
AUDIT COMPLETED BY:


Debra Robl

3-2-24
Date


Mary Ann Gretenhardt

3-2-24
Date


Ryan Podeweltz

3-2-24
Date

ATTENTION: TOWN OF SCHLEY

The Town is sponsoring a “**CLEAN-UP DAY**”
Saturday, May 4, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Bring your old appliances and recyclables as listed below to the Schley Town Hall. You must be a Town of Schley resident. The Town will pay half of the regular fee for you.

Items taken for free:

Grills (charcoal or gas)
Humidifiers
Lawn mowers
Microwaves
Patio furniture (metal)
Dryers
Stoves (electric or gas)
Washers

Batteries
Bed frames (metal)
Hot water heaters
Dish washers (steel tub)
Farm Equipment
Farm equipment
Fuel oil tanks

Items with charges:

Junk tires \$8.00 each
TVs \$30.00
Computers \$30.00
Monitors \$30.00
Tires on aluminum/steel rims \$6.00 each
Air conditioners \$20.00
Dehumidifiers \$20.00
Freezers (chest or upright) \$20.00
Refrigerators (electric or gas) \$20.00

Items not taken:

Tractor/large truck tires
Drain, fuel, & hydraulic oils
Paint

Remember to Recycle

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Becky Dallman, Clerk

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**Town of Russell Fire Department
Gleason, Wisconsin**

2023 Annual Report

April 2024

In 2023 the Town of Russell Fire Department responded to 63 different fire calls across our area which is again another increase from the year before. We will have a list of fire calls below.

For the year of 2024 we are very proud to announce that through careful budgeting and planning we again will not be increasing our budget for this year. However, with the increase in all costs and updated safety measures we must take to provide the best service possible to our members and community this may have to change in the future. For 2024 we did apply for a Federal Grant to help alleviate some of our operational costs and through our active fundraising efforts we have been able to keep our heads above water

Over the past couple of years, we have worked closely with our neighboring departments in establishing a better Mutual Aid System to be able to bring needed resources to a call in a more efficient manner. This should go into effect sometime this summer and should only increase our efficiency when dealing with major incidents.

Some great news for our department, we have reached a milestone unseen for many years. 96% of our volunteers are fully qualified for all aspects of firefighting. Usually, we have a few members who just drive trucks or perform other duties while on scene. This makes our department much more efficient in performing our duties. While we are very proud of this accomplishment, we are still looking for additional members to add to our roster. Anyone can apply and we can put you to work! Anyone that may be interested can contact Chief Kressel.

Thank you for your continued support!

Chief Kressel
Town of Russell Fire Department

2023 Fire Calls

Structure Fires	10
Vehicle Fires	1
Carbon Monoxide	1
Wild Fires	6
Vehicle Accidents	20
Search and Rescue	9
Mutual Aid	7
False Alarms	9



Town of Russell First Responders

P.O. Box 165 Gleason, Wisconsin 54435

townofrussellemr@gmail.com

2023 Annual Report

Dear Town,

April 11, 2024

The Town of Russell First Responders had another blessed year in 2023.

We continue to serve the communities of the Town of Birch, Town of Harrison, Town of Russell and Town of Schley in Lincoln County as well as the Town of Parrish, Town of Summit and Town of Vilas in Langlade County. We continue to serve Merrill Ambulance Service (Lincoln County), Tomahawk Ambulance Service (Lincoln County), Antigo Ambulance Service (Langlade County), Oneida County Ambulance Service (Langlade County) and Rhinelander Ambulance Service (Langlade County) for all medical emergency calls we are called to. We also serve the Town of Russell Fire Department, Tomahawk Fire Department and Town of Peck Fire Department for structure and other fire related standbys we are called to. The Fire Department standbys are to have medical responders on scene in the event of any medical emergency that could arise with Fireman or other persons on scene. We serve the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Department and Langlade County Sheriff's Department for requested standby's and search and rescue operations. We now do medical standbys at the Gleason Community Club Snowmobile and ATV Races in Gleason.

Town of Russell First Responders is a not for profit, 100% volunteer organization, owned by the Town of Russell. Dedicated members donate their time, fuel and personal vehicles to help save lives in your community.

We responded to 226 emergency calls within 7 towns and 2 counties for the calendar year 2022 and 265 emergency calls for the calendar year 2023. This is an increase of 39 calls from 2022.

The breakdown on EMS calls by ENS Numbers is Towns of Birch and Russell combined 140 calls, Town of Schley 58 calls, Town of Harrison 46 calls, Town of Parrish 6 calls, Town of Summit 5 calls, Town of Vilas 10 calls. (These numbers are not exact but very close)

We recently added 3 new licensed EMR's to our roster. As of current, we have 10 members, 9 of which are licensed Emergency Medical Responders.

Donations from each town we serve, as well as donations from Churches, Clubs, Associations, other organizations and citizens like you, enables your first responder organization to have updated equipment, supplies and medications to function in the capacity we do now. The Town of Russell First Responders assists with all medical emergencies, lifting assists, firefighter standby's, simple accident extrication, welfare checks, traffic control, Sheriff Department standbys, search and rescues, shoreline water rescues, family transports by personal vehicle to hospitals when needed as well as some emergency animal rescues with oxygen and CPR training for pets.

Our goal in 2024 is to increase our training and expand our services. The Merrill Fire Department has agreed to take on the task of leading our group forward with improved and additional training.

Living in a recreational and retirement community, we expect to see our numbers remain close to the same for the calendar year of 2024. We have seen a decline in recreational accidents over the past two years since more UTV's have replaced ATV's on the trails.

In order to comply with Wisconsin State Laws, we continue the process of replacing many of our medical supplies as they do expire if not used by the expiration date. This includes the medications we carry which expire sooner than basic medical supplies. Our equipment and supplies are rotated but not everything is used within the expiration date. It is a very wasteful world we live in with short expiration dates on many of our medical supplies!

We continuously look for ways to improve our service to you as citizens and visitors of our community. We have added and replaced equipment and supplies to our inventory since our last update. We purchased a new Manger Elk Lifting Cushion (1897.90), 2 sets of EMS/Oxygen bags(585 each), replaced 3 AED batteries (315 each), 2 Motorola Minitor 6 Pagers(285.00 each), as well as replaced many medical supplies, medications and oxygen used on the 265 emergency scene's we responded to in 2023. With the Town of Russell's approval, we will be selling our Squad 1 at the ISA Auction in May of 2024. The Squad is in need of repairs and our minimal use of the Squad doesn't warrant us investing any money into the unit.

As First Responders, we require and desire better training. Quality training costs money. Our continued training along with updated equipment and supplies will help improve our ability to better serve you, you're family and friends; everyone that lives, works and visits our community within the 7 townships and towns.

We have and will continue to apply for available grants to help with donation costs to each town we serve however; grants are very limited to non transporting First Responder groups such as ours. As with many EMS supplies and equipment we use, we have seen a sharp increase of 20% to 30% on many items we purchase. Our liability insurance and workers compensation insurance are also large expenses for our small volunteer group. Insurance alone is now at over \$3100 per year. Our donation invoices to townships were increased by 20% in 2024 to help offset the increase in our costs.

We are currently conducting an intense inventory of each member's supplies as well as the restocking supplies in our office. To help keep our costs down as well as each township, we are planning to decrease some medical supplies and equipment to the less active members for 2024. By doing so, we can maintain the same level of care to everyone we serve with less overhead for our organization.

The Town of Russell First Responders would like to thank each Town, Law Enforcement Department, Fire Department, Ambulance Service, Club, Organization, Association, Church, Business and especially you the individual we serve, for your past, present and future support!

Sincerely,



Timothy A. Steinfest
EMR Chief
Service Director
Town of Russell First Responders

Phone: 715-218-2585

Email: townofrussellemr@gmail.com

TOWN OF RUSSELL FIRST RESPONDERS 2023

Balance 1-1-2023

Large Checking	\$	2,075.14
Small Checking	\$	596.86
<u>Total:</u>	\$	2,672.00

Credits \$ 17,305.00

Debits \$ 17,790.64

End Balance \$ **2,186.36** **

Ending Balance 12-31-2023

Large Checking \$ 1,716.74

Small Checking \$ 469.62

Total: \$ **2,186.36** **

Income

Townships \$ 16,560.00

Donations \$ 745.00

Total: \$ **17,305.00**

Expenses

Phone \$ 1,192.22

Med Supply \$ 5,273.13

Insurance \$ 5,595.00

Air Gas \$ 871.85

Northway Communication \$ 968.61

Iam Respond \$ 660.00

City of Merrill Training \$ 240.00

Bender Lift \$ 1,897.90

Misc. \$ 892.85

PlatBooks \$ 199.08

Total: \$ **17,790.64**

Town of Russell First Responders Roster

PO Box 165
Gleason, WI 54435
townofrussellemr@gmail.com

Revised Date: 04/03/2024

Name	Position	Radio Call No.	Cell Number	Email Address	Residence Township	License Number	Town Hall Key Holder
Tim Steinfest	Chief- EMR	RFR1	715-218-2585	townofrussellemr@gmail.com	Russell	70111309	Yes
Courtenay King	Asst. Chief- EMR	RFR4	920-615-7221	courtenav.king04@gmail.com	Russell	265216-30	Yes
Laverne Showalter	Captain-Training	RFR16	715-218-9394	laverneshowalter5@gmail.com	Russell	70121950	Yes
Edwin Zimmerman	Lieutenant	RFR18	715-937-1429	ediziman05@gmail.com	Russell	70121945	Yes
Michelle Last	EMR	RFR6	715-921-9785	picsbyshele@aol.com	Schley	70111396	Yes
Heather Klimek	Secretary- EMR	RFR8	715-218-7011	klimkekheather@gmail.com	Schley	70117495	Yes
Lindell Showalter	EMR	RFR10	715-218-9577	lindellshowalter@gmail.com	Russell	70121927	Yes
Andrew Headings	Treasurer- EMR	RFR12	715-921-4911	andrewandbiggin@gmail.com	Russell	70111428	Yes
Jamie Gildernick	EMR	RFR14	920-530-1563	jamiegildernick@gmail.com	Russell	70110401	Yes
Keith Stoney	Radios/Pagers	RFR24	715-218-1133	W9QJQ@yahoo.com	Russell	NMM	No

NMM= Non Medical Member

EMR= Emergency Medical Responder

RFR= Russell First Responder

(Members with "Not Issued", "Pending" or "NMM" under License Number, are not allowed to perform any medical procedures on patients)

911 Vehicles

Steinfest, RFR1 Rapid Response Vehicle. Lights and Siren authorized.
Headings, RFR 12 Rapid Response Vehicle. Lights and Siren authorized.

Town of Schley Plan Commission 2024 Annual meeting Report

Review of the year 2023 on April 16th, 2024

A) Reviewed following

9 Meeting held, 3 meetings cancelled and 1 special meeting.

18 Land Use Applications

1 Soil Disturbance permit

1 Land divisions

24 recommendations made to the Town board

B) Land Use Applications resulted in Following

4 New Homes

5 New Garages

3 Storage Buildings

1 Farm Buildings

1 Deck

3 Additions

1 Cell tower

1 Camper/RV permit

1 Carport

1 Sauna

1 Breezeway

1 Vault Toilet

(C) Misc. Items

1) Attended meetings with Land Services Committee and meetings at Zoning office in support of various Town resolutions.

2) Attended Lincoln County Broadband Committee meeting and one Broadband seminar presented the State UW Extension System