

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Thursday, May 9, 2024
Meeting Minutes (Regular)**

Members present (in-person): Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore, and Melody Squier

Others present:

In-person: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Marshall Squier, Hollis Squier, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, David and Nancy Birdsall, and Rick Fallar

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:12 (had trouble with the Owl system) and welcomed everyone.

Members reviewed the **agenda**.

Minutes of 4/11/24 were approved as written, Judy moved, Melody 2nded. All voted in favor.

Citizen's Input ~ None

Highway ~

Eric reported the new deck on the equipment trailer was done and that he had just picked up the new BuzzBar saw blade for the roadside mowing tractor. He advised that he needed more gravel and asked to be allowed to use the unused balance in the winter salt budget (\$5,457) and unused overtime (\$6,901). After discussion, Melody moved and Judy 2nded to transfer \$5,457 from the salt budget and \$3,450 from overtime to be used for gravel, all voted in favor.

Salt/Sand Shed – TAP Grant ~ Dubois & King Contract Amendment ~ Board discussed pending questions and Steffanie Bourque's response; have more questions, set a tentative meeting for May 30th to discuss further. Does the town have to pay back and how much if the project does not get built, is there a pull-out time, will the work be done to catch this fall's grant cycle? Etc.

Fire Alarm System for Town Garage ~ Eric will research further for June meeting.

Rutland Regional Transportation Mutual Aide – Board approved, appointed Eric Buffum and Kevin Eaton as contacts.

Winter Road Maintenance ~ Board discussed procedure for plowing and salting (paved roads – Eric) and plowing and sanding (gravel roads – Ronnie). Eric's truck is not set up for the back roads(gravel). If there is a big storm, he uses the one ton to help Ronnie, if it works out. Concern was expressed about the time it takes for one person to do all the gravel roads – about 5 ½ hours versus 3 hours for the paved roads. Eric advised that when he gets done, he starts over.

Tree Safety Grant ~ More discussion about VTRANS limiting the location (Wallingford town line to the intersection with North End Road) and the time frame – November 1- December 31st . In the end, it was decided to proceed with going out to bid, as the trees would need to be removed at some point – even though there are other locations that have more dangerous trees.

Crack Sealing Paved Roads ~ Eric advised it will happen 2 weeks in June and 2 weeks in July, the Town of Clarendon is also going to use it on the alternating two weeks.

Eric advised he will be on vacation the last two weeks of June.

Financial ~

Board reviewed FY24 financial reports and Bills and Orders. Kevin moved and Judy 2nded to approve the reports and the following Warrants. All voted in favor.

Bills and Orders ~ Payroll warrants #41 dated 4/15/24 for \$1,983.11, #42 dated 4/22/24 for \$15,672.58, #43 dated 4/25/24 for \$3,031.31, and #44 dated 5/6/24 for \$4,273.23; and **Accounts**

Payable warrants #43 dated 4/18/24 for \$8,637.50, #44 dated 4/25/24 for \$7,051.22, and #45 dated 5/6/24 for \$26,051.72.

New Child Care Payroll Tax ~ After brief discussion, Judy moved and Kevin 2nded to have it split between the employer and employee, all voted in favor.

Opioid Settlement ~ After brief discussion, Kevin moved and Judy 2nd to pass this along to the state, it being less than \$100.

Select Board Public Meeting Rules and Procedures Policy~ Board reviewed, accepted clean copy and signed it.

Committee Reports to the Select Board ~ Board reviewed committee list. Board would like the committees to report in person to them, once a year. Board will work on what they want to know and when from each committee.

Needs Assessment ~ Board reviewed briefly, took under advisement.

911 Road Name ~ Gail, as 911 Coordinator, explained a new house was being built off of Route 133 Morgan Road, on a right of way used by a number of camps. It now requires a formal road name. As it is private, past practice has had the land owners agree on name. They chose Arthur Lane, named after a family member who served in WWI and did not return home. Melody moved and Judy 2nd, all voted in favor.

Feedback Forms ~ None

Members Concerns ~ Concern was raised regarding a homeless person parking their vehicle at the town office and residing in it. Discussed possible help/services that were available. They have since moved on. No action taken.

Correspondence ~

Next meeting is June 30, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant