

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Thursday, October 10, 2024
Meeting Minutes (Regular)**

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

Others present:

In-person: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Barbara Noyes-Pulling-Rutland Regional Planning Commission, Marshall Squier, Doug Fontein, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom and phone: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Rick Fallar, Cara from Cargill Salt, and Pat Psholka

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:00, welcomed everyone.

Members reviewed the **agenda**, moved some things to the November meeting, added an executive session.

Minutes of 8/8/24 and 9/12/24 - Judy moved, Kevin 2nded to approve as written, all voted in favor.

Citizen's Input ~ Sherry and others thanked Eric for the blinking lights on the stop signs for the school zone.

Barbara spoke to the re-adoption of the Rutland Regional Plan, Phase I is done, Phase II will gather information on proposed draft policies and encouraged everyone to participate in the latest survey. It was noted that only those with computers/phones that could scan the QR code are able to participate.

Highway ~

Board opened **Winter Salt Bids** ~ Cargill Salt bid \$87.27 for regular salt and \$98.75 for de-icer; Apalachee Salt bid \$89.99 for regular salt and \$99.99 for de-icer. Judy moved and Melody 2nd to accept the Cargill bid, all voted in favor.

Eric reported line striping was done, grading and filling pot holes was on going, McCullough Tree Service will begin work on the tree grant work on Route 140 the first week of December, and will work around the road crew's schedule.

He advised that the **Cemetery Association** needed to remove a large damaged tree and had requested use of the Town's chipper and one ton - he added he would help them with no pay. Board agreed.

West Tinmouth winter maintenance was discussed, no word from the town of Wells. Eric advised there is someone who wants to bid, will consider hiring Glenn part-time – maybe add the school?

Truck up-date – still working on RFP for bid – Eric received one from Freightliner in 24 hours, has been waiting since July for one from International – he needs time to compare and digest. Discussed other trucks, pros and cons.

Doug Fontein requested permission to add another **basketball hoop**, pole and back board to the outdoor basketball court near the school. After brief discussion, Board approved.

Executive Session ~ Board moved into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 7:40 – exited at 7:51 – Melody moved and Kevin 2nd to invite Randy Clark from Allegiance Trucks to the November meeting, all voted in favor.

Financial ~

Special Funds – Board reviewed end of year balances and purposes. Treasurer reported a new state law now requires any surplus from the general and/or highway budgets to be decided by voters.

Bills and Orders ~ Board reviewed warrants, Kevin moved and Judy 2nded to approve all. All voted in favor. Payroll warrants #11, 12, 13, and 14; and Accounts Payable warrants #11, 11, 12,13, and 14.

Hydraulic Study ~ SBA advised that the study had been requested for the culvert on Route 140 near the community center, no time frame known at this time.

Equity and Inclusion Committee ~ Melody, as Chair, spoke for the Committee, provided a report of their purpose and mission, and what they have accomplished to date. They hope to have a multicultural dinner this winter with sharing stories about the food and cultures.

Service Agencies Town Meeting Requests ~ Board discussed whether to separate them again this year, or spread it out over 3 years, or add back to the budget – decided to send a letter to all requesting information about how they provide a service to the Town. Added to the November agenda.

Prep for Informational Meeting on the 16th ~ Holly Ross, town moderator, will run the meeting, Melody will speak for the Board. Melody noted that she had spoken with an engineer from Otter Creek Engineering – which had done the stormwater work for the community center – no red flags, no comment on the swale at this time.

Members Concern ~ Judy advised she will contact someone from VTRANS regarding inspection of the large culvert on North End Road, Kevin will contact Randy Clark, and Judy will work on revising bid procedures to allow for electronic bids.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant