

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Wednesday, December 4, 2024 - Special Meeting Minutes**

Select Board members present: Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore, and Melody Squier
Others present: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Stan Martell, Judy Holcomb, Caleb Scott, David Birdsall, Nate Marcelle, Doug Fontein, Hollis Squier, Marshall Squier and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

Via Zoom- Sherry Johnson, Rick Fallar, and Tom & Deb Bromley

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Before the **West Tinmouth winter road maintenance bids** were opened, Kevin advised that the Town was considering hiring the part-time road guy and using town equipment at a cost of about \$5,000. Bids were opened: JMH Services bid \$8,500; Nate Marcell bid \$10,000; Jordan Martelle bid \$9,000 and Stan Martelle, Jr. bid \$15,000. Board rejected all bids. Judy moved to proceed with Glenn Merrill and town equipment, Melody 2nded, all voted in favor.

FY24 End of Year Reports were presented, Board will review before next week's meeting.

Board will take a look at the **retaining wall** for the **trash dumpster** before the 12th – it needs to be replaced.

Pavilion Project – Melody requested a letter be written to VTTimberFrame and the Town of Marshfield explaining that the Town is waiting to hear from BGS regarding the grant and its requirements. Gail advised that a petition had been submitted by supporters to hold a special town meeting in January to consider the pavilion. Board will receive it for consideration at its meeting on the 12th. Received too late to be on the agenda for action for this meeting.

Citizen Input –

Sherry reminded the Board that ARPA money was supposed to be set aside for air handling equipment for the town office and that a possible 2nd Owl system might help with virtual meetings.

Marshall suggested that ARPA funds be used to help with firewood, fuel oil, food bank, etc. for lower income folks in town – those struggling financially. Some discussion regarding how to administer that and keep confidentiality.

Michael suggested dump truck repair.

Doug suggested the Recreation Committee was looking to grade and level the ball field at the Community Center.

David requested that the SB retain recorded meeting videos for historical value. Current policy adopted by the Select Board in July says they can be removed from the website once official minutes have been approved – per the recommendation of the Secretary of State's Office. SB took under advisement.

Board voted to enter Executive Session at 7:30 to discuss a personnel issue, exited at 7:46, no action taken.

As the SBA was not feeling well, a number of items on the agenda that could wait were moved to the Board's meeting on the 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Select Board Assistant