

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Meeting Minutes (Special)**

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

Others present:

In-person: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Cathy Reynolds (@7:15) and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Rick Fallar

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed everyone. He advised the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Highway Equipment Fund.

Much discussion about the need to better track maintenance – in FY25 \$20K was budgeted for repairs/maintenance and almost \$43K was spent. If equipment is kept longer, more money will need to be budgeted.

Discussed keeping the black truck (2019) as the spare tandem, when time to replace the orange truck (2021) decide which truck to trade or sell – depending on miles and condition - Ronnie's truck (2021) is used more – plowing back roads and trucking sand and gravel.

Replacement grader – current grader is a Champion – hard to get parts for repairs – would like to switch to a Cat or John Deere – used – new is \$400K.

Discussed trade-in replacement rotations – 10 or 15 years - 550 (2020) already has 73,000 miles- used every day.

Discussed keeping regular maintenance records – oil changes, tire rotation, greasing, repairs, etc. Select Board would like to review a few times a year. Need a chart of scheduled maintenance. Board asked Eric to do this as well as track repairs for all equipment.

Board needs to review the Equipment Fund spreadsheet yearly to update what needs to be replaced sooner or later. Reviewed current version prepared by Cathy – suggested updates she will add, as well as using a 3.5% inflation rate. Board thanked her for her assistance with the spreadsheet.

Need to look at equipment, only replace if needed – not because it is on the list for a particular year – life expectancy - keep loader and skid steer 30 years?

In other business, the Board agreed to hire an attorney for dealing with the proposed tower, a donor has stepped forward with funding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant