Town of Tinmouth Select Board Special Meeting April 4, 2019

Members present: Michael Fallar, Frank Sears and Cathy Reynolds Others present: Don Woods, Eng., Jo Reynolds, Grant Reynolds, Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Ken Krantz, Jan Krantz, Doug Fontein, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board reviewed agenda – no changes.

Cathy advised the purpose of the meeting was to choose a location for the proposed new town garage. All adjoining neighbors were notified via email or in person, and presented with a copy of Mr. Woods' proposal from 3/14/19. She noted the Krantzes politely declined the idea of a land swap or sale that was suggested in the proposal.

Board discussed Alternatives, Michael advised he preferred #1, with the possibility of decreasing the size of the salt shed to hold half a year's supply of salt. Frank also preferred #1. Outdoor storage area needed was discussed, where it should be, what it was needed for (culverts, gravel, etc.). Eric advised he preferred #2 or #3 as the building was further back from the road and would allow the ability to drive through it. #3 would move the access to the transfer station.

Ken and Jan advised that they were not interested selling or swapping the town any land. Their concern is for the salt that is making its way toward their garden. Ken noted that the natural lay of the land accounts for much of the water draining towards them. The sand is not so much a problem, but the salt is. He inquired about the size of a retention pond.

Don responded that has not yet been determined, but a state storm water permit is needed. Storm water needs to be treated before it is released – hopefully sheeting as it spreads out. A permittee has to look beyond their own borders to consider consequences on adjoining properties. A stormwater permit is needed if there is or will be more than an acre of impervious surface – roofs, driveways, etc.

Eric advised that the sand does not have much salt in it, evidenced by the large chunks that were frozen this year, and that the salt is stored inside on an impervious surface.

The Krantzes were asked if they would consider a boundary adjustment to accommodate a better way to treat the stormwater. They were skeptical, but willing to look at details.

After discussion, Michael moved and Frank 2nded to approve Alternative 1 and 2 – (moving the garage back from the road). All voted in favor.

Cathy then inquired about next steps and time line from Don. Don responded that he will begin to work on storm water issues, will need to survey topography and lot lines. Due to an equipment breakdown, he will not be able to get this work done for a month or two. When the field work is done (needs to dig a test pit or two as well), a preliminary report will be available, which the Board and an architect can use to determine a solid number to take to voters for their consideration. Final state permitting would not be done until voters have authorized moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Fallar ~ Select Board Assistant