

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Tuesday, August 25, 2020
Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

Members present: Michael Fallar, Cathy Reynolds, and Frank Sears

Others present via teleconference: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Grant Reynolds, Howard and Deb Buffum, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

Frank Sears called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed everyone. Board reviewed agenda, Frank as Health Officer requested adding 72 Snow Mountain Lane (Howard and Deb Buffum) and 12 Ezra Stone Road, Board agreed and also added distribution of facial coverings.

Minutes of 8/13/20 were approved after corrections that changed too to to and changed the next Board meeting to August 25th, Frank moved Cathy 2nded, to approve as corrected, all voted in favor.

Highway ~

Eric Buffum reported work on Wright's Road is nearly done, needs to be graded and there are a couple of places where the ledge should be blasted - he will get estimate from Dan Allard. Beavers are trying to build a dam in the big culvert on Channel Road, it has been pulled apart a couple of times. He advised decals for the new 550 will cost \$200 – he will put them on, Board agreed by consensus.

Maple Brook Lane ~ Eric reported the old asphalt on private property is crumbling, there is some water run-off adding to the problem. He asked the Board to take a look before town takes any action. Frank volunteered to check it out.

Michael inquired about written maintenance records for the vehicles/equipment, Eric advised they are at the town garage.

Old One Ton Truck ~ Board discussed offer from Lou Wescott for \$20,000. Cathy reported Riverside Motors declined to sell the truck on consignment, recommended taking the offer. After discussion involving the process, value of the truck, and the need to have it inspected, Frank moved to sell the 2013 one ton 350, as is, where is, to the highest offer for \$20,000. Cathy 2nded, all voted in favor.

Channel Road ~ Hollis sends word that he is working with the contactor hired by VTel to correct the situation.

New Tandem Truck Specs ~ Eric briefly reviewed proposals from Clark Truck Center, advising that if a truck is ordered it will most likely take a year to be built and delivered. Clark's have some that will be available this fall, one will need to change the plow (+\$3,700), the other change to the candy cane hitch (\$10,000). Board wanted time to review, moved the discussion to the Board's September 10th meeting.

Building Committee Report ~ Michael advised the BC is still hashing over a number of items, have settled on a fabric cover, working on waste block information – has to be engineered, and started discussing the town garage.

Others ~ Frank, as Health Officer, explained the email he sent to the Board regarding trash at 72 Snow Mountain Lane. He has given the tenants a deadline of 8/31/20 to remove all the solid waste – it is front to back, ground to ceiling, some is decomposing, situation is getting worse. Next steps will include tickets and fines if the property is not cleaned up. Howard and Deb are the landlords, thanked the town for its assistance.

Financial Reports ~ No written financial reports were provided, Gail advised they will be coming soon – end of the year wrap-up revealed that several tax payers had overpaid, they need refunds issued. Payroll warrants #7 for \$1,409.92, dated 8/17/20 and #8 for \$2,668.58 dated 8/24/20 and accounts payable warrant #2 for \$87,825.91 dated 8/19/20 were approved, Frank moved, Michael 2nd, all voted in favor.

Warrants Reviewed ~ Cathy moved, Michael 2nd, to approve, all voted in favor.

Old Business ~

Trash and Dogs at 605 Mountain View – Frank updated Board on a recent visit – more trash is evident, between the house and garage and piled against the fence. He is ready to have the county sheriff deliver notice of violation of the Solid Waste Ordinance. After discussion, Board agreed to proceed, it has gone on long enough. Dogs are also still unlicensed.

12 Ezra Stone Road – Frank drove by, appears to being cleaned up, dumpster is there.

Census – Frank reporting he is a census worker in the area. Gail noted some folks are reporting more than one contact from the Census Bureau. Some are checking to make sure the information is complete and correct.

New Business ~

Late Filed Homestead Declaration Fee ~ Michael moved and Frank 2nd to waive fees for late filed homesteads. All voted in favor. Standard procedure in past years.

Covid-19 Building Use Guidelines ~ After brief discussion, Frank moved to approve, Cathy 2nd. Frank and Cathy voted in favor, Michael voted no. Motion passed.

Community Center Board ~ Cathy reported the Community Center Board had meet recently and decided to continue to not re-open to the public – will reconsider in October. The School may need to use the community center for classes to ensure social distancing, their sanitizing requirements may also affect use of the community center by the public.

Facial Coverings/Masks ~ Gail reported the state had sent a bunch to be distributed to town folks – Board discussed how this would be done – article on Front Porch Forum, in *Tales of Tinnmouth* and on the sign board outside the town office. Pick-up at the town office, there is no charge. They are washable, small and medium sizes.

Next Meeting ~ September 10th

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar
Select Board Assistant