

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Thursday, June 9, 2022
Regular Monthly Meeting
Minutes**

Members present(in-person): Kevin Eaton, Cathy Reynolds, and Meadow Squier

Others present:

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Pat Psholka, Nancy Birdsall, and Rick Fallar

In-person: Hollis Squier and Gail Fallar-SB Assistant, Michael Fallar at 8:38.

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Board reviewed agenda, added town day bonfire, ARPA guidelines, driveway permit process, and Better Places grant

Minutes: Minutes of 5/16/2022 and 5/24/22 – Meadow moved, Kevin 2nded, to approve both as written. All voted in favor.

Citizen Input – None

Public Works Facilities Update ~ Gail reported that Jerry Parker, of Parker Water Wells, had discounted some of the increase in the bill for the well – due to lack of water and the need to frac it, which increased gallons per minute from ½ to 1. Board expressed appreciation to Parker Water Wells.

Board discussed State Fire Safety Permit, Cathy re-signed it, Stan will send the application, with cover letter noting that mechanicals will be provided once they are received from Rick Smyrski at Morton Buildings. Still waiting . . .

After discussion, Board granted permission to Cathy to meet with Eric regarding electrical and lighting (down facing, motion sensors, timers, etc.). Kevin reported that there was a meeting this morning with Eric, GMP and Morton about the exterior electrical – apparently there is a new requirement for a new box, which is unavailable (8 month wait time). Later in the meeting, Board talked with Glenn Merrill who advised there was no decision made, a waiver might be granted.

Town Garage Colors: After discussion and consultation with David and Carleen Eaton, Cathy moved and Meadow moved that the body of the building would be cream/ivory and the roof would be evergreen. All voted in favor.

Meeting with the Eatons: Board set a meeting with David and Carleen at 6:00, prior to the Select Board meeting on July 14th to discuss concerns with operations/lights.

Morton Buildings: Still waiting for Rick Smyrski to provide plumbing and heating mechanicals – Cathy suggested having the plumber purchase the materials now.

Highway ~ Eric's was on vacation, not present.

TAP Grant Report: Cathy noted there is no word yet.

Paving Grant: Need to research whether work can begin before grant paperwork is signed.

Back Hoe Bids: Board opened the two bids received – Glenn Merrill bid \$1,018; Hollis Squier bid \$1,027. Cathy moved and Meadow 2nded to accept the high bid, all voted in favor.

G.I.A. Grant Letter of Intent: Meadow moved and Kevin 2nded to approve and sign Letter of Intent to participate in the State's Grant-In-Aid program regarding stormwater projects for FY23. All voted in favor. Estimated at \$11,000 this year.

Old Garage Repair: Moved to Board's July 14th meeting. Board discussed painting versus re-siding, need estimates for both options.

Drive Way Permit Process: Cathy wrote a draft, provided to the Board just before the meeting. Board will consider at July 14th Board meeting.

Ash Tree Removal: No David Birdsall, moved to Board's July 14th meeting

Old Business ~

Follow-Up To-Do List ~ Board discussed repairs to the handicap rails on ramp to library and the old fire house, and painting the town office.

SBA will contact Zach Bronzo regarding **IT concerns**.

Heat Pump Grants: May be available from the State – need to obtain a quote to ready – Board authorized Cathy to gather more information – also mentioned update for town garage.

Financial ~

Payroll Warrants

#45 dated 05/16/22 for \$2,267.53

#46 dated 05/23/22 for \$3,469.98

#47 dated 05/31/22 for \$2,687.34

#48 dated 06/06/22 for \$3,389.09

Accounts Payable Warrants

#26 dated 5/13/22 for \$19,814.79

#27 dated 5/31/22 for \$15,139.78

#28 dated 5/31/22 for \$17,773.57

Meadow moved and Kevin 2nded to approve warrants and financial report as presented, all voted in favor.

New Business ~

ARPA Guidelines: Cathy reviewed draft she wrote earlier today, to help the new committee develop projects for the SB to consider; which included a time line and process, justification for the request, on-going cost to town, etc. Board reviewed list of proposals from town meeting, reduced it to five for the committee to review: fire department; pickle ball/tennis court on Merrill Spring Road; ash tree removal; recreation on town lot; old creamery building.

Cathy moved and Meadow 2nded to authorize the town clerk to purchase air purifiers for the old fire house and town office before June 30. All voted in favor. Had been on the ARPA list for consideration, Board determined it could be done in the town's budget.

ARPA Committee: Seven people volunteered to serve – Theresa Butts, Chuck Bronk, Gregg Casey, Michael Fallar, Sherry Johnson, Holly Ross, and Martha Stanley. Board discussed size of committee and duties. Meadow moved and Kevin 2nded to create an ARPA Committee with 7 members, and appointed all those who volunteered. All voted in favor. The Committee is charged with reviewing the five projects agreed to above, and can add others if they are justified. Cathy will edit her guidance, to include the committee report back to the SB by 9/1/22.

Conservation Commission Vacancy: Board appointed Colleen Balch to fill vacancy created by Nelson Jaquay's resignation. Term ends in 2024.

Rutland County Sheriff's Department FY23 Contract: Cathy moved and Kevin 2nded to approve FY23 Contract with RCSD. All voted in favor.

Speed Limit Update: Moved discussion to July 14th's meeting. Cathy briefly reviewed process, other factors to consider, amending the Traffic Ordinance, include Stop Sign rules, need volunteers to work on it.

Town Fun Day Bonfire: Kevin reported he and Glenn Merrill (and the TVFD) will oversee the bonfire, light it, put it out and re-seed area on the ball field near the big stone. Board agreed by consensus.

Better Places Grant: Alan Held called the SBA to ask the Select Board to support a Better Places grant for his idea for tennis and pickle ball courts, and a rec area on Merrill Spring Road. Board agreed by consensus.

Feedback Form – None

Member's Concern ~

Mail/Correspondence –

Executive Session – Cathy moved to enter Executive Session at 8:45 to discuss potential real estate transaction, invited Gail, Kevin 2nded, all voted in favor. Board exited at 8:52, Cathy moved and Meadow 2nded to exit, all voted in favor. Meadow moved to authorize Meadow Squier and Gail Fallar to pursue a real estate matter, all voted in favor.

Next Meetings Schedule ~ Thursday, July 14th no meeting on June 28th. Meeting on the 14th will begin at 6:00 with a discussion with the Eaton family regarding the town garage.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant