

**Town of Tinmouth  
Select Board  
Tuesday, June 27, 2023  
Special Meeting Minutes**

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

Others present:

In-person: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Glenn Merrill, Rutland County Sheriff David Fox, Hollis Squier, Robbie Leeds, Doug Fontein, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Cathy Reynolds, Nancy Gucker Birdsall, Rick Fallar, and Pat Psholka.

Meadow called the meeting to order at 7:00.

**Highway ~**

Board opened Diesel Fuel and #2 Fuel Oil bids.

Champlain Valley Fuels bid 15 cents over the Valero rack price in Rutland per gallon for both diesel fuel and #2 fuel oil. Also offered a set price for fuel oil.

Marcell Oil bid 15 cents over the Valero rack price in Rutland per gallon for both diesel fuel and #2 fuel oil, with a cap on the fuel oil price also included furnace cleaning @ \$175 each.

After discussion, and consultation with the road commissioner, Judy moved and Kevin 2nded to accept Champlain Valley's proposal. All voted in favor.

**County Sheriff ~** Sheriff Fox discussed the FY24 contract for law enforcement services. He doesn't feel the town needs more hours, but is willing to shift officers around (can work earlier hours to catch early morning speeders) for more productive enforcement. After discussion, Judy moved and Kevin 2nded to approve the FY24 contract. All voted in favor and signed the contract.

**Recreation Committee ~** Robbie and Doug spoke to their willingness to serve on a recreation committee, along with Colleen Balch, all who are currently on the Conservation Commission. They have an interest in developing the town lot behind the town garage with a walking path, disc golf course and picnic tables. Others present suggested considering other areas; conducting a survey to see what kind of recreation folks in town want/need; using the existing playground area; making a list of recreation available in other towns, etc. Access to the south end of the town lot was discussed, currently it is by passing through the transfer station. After much discussion, Meadow moved and Judy 2nded to re-create a Recreation Committee with five members, appointing Doug Fontein, Robbie Leeds and Colleen Balch to start. All vote in favor. SB will seek two more members.

**Capital Building Fund Transfer ~** Kevin moved and Judy 2nded to transfer \$60,008 from the Capital Building Fund to the Highway for reimbursement to cover expenses for the new town garage (labor and materials) paid out of the regular highway budget. All voted in favor.

**Unlicensed Dog Warrant ~** Board approved and signed warrant for the Animal Control Officers to round up unlicensed dogs.

**Tinmouth Cemetery Association ~** Glenn, as President of the Tinmouth Cemetery Association (TCA) requested an increase of \$800 to the Town's allotment to help with maintenance of the cemetery. Judy advised that she is treasurer of the TCA. After brief discussion, Meadow moved and Judy 2nded to approve the request for FY24, using FY23 funds. All voted in favor.

**EOC Grant Electrical Bids** ~ Board opened bids from Stubbins Electric and Corey Electric for electrical work at the town office and the generators for the grant; and extra electrical work to connect power to the old creamery.

Stubbins bid \$32,700 for the grant work and \$4,100 for the Old Creamery Project.

Corey bid \$32,000 for the grant work and \$3,800 for the Old Creamery Project.

After discussion, Judy moved and Kevin 2nded to accept Matt Corey's proposal. All voted in favor.

**Garmin Camera** ~ Cathy spoke about the camera originally included in the grant; with a new Emergency Management Director advising it is no longer needed, Meadow moved and Judy 2nded to not purchase the Garmin camera, all voted in favor.

Board discussed location of the generator and tank on the town office property – as it is on the National Historic Register – care must be taken with disturbance of soil, and sighting.

**Vacancies** – Gail noted that the E & I Committee was created with 10 members, now only has 6, so 4 vacancies need to be advertised. Along with the two seats on the Rec Committee that need filling.

**ARPA** ~ July meeting.

**Fun Day** ~ Cathy asked Eric about the town trucks being in the Fun Day parade, he said yes.

**Next Meeting Schedule** ~ Next regular meeting on July 13.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant