

**Town of Tinmouth  
Select Board  
Thursday, July 20, 2023  
Meeting Minutes  
(Rescheduled from July 13<sup>th</sup> due to severe weather)**

Members present (in-person): Meadow Squier, Judy Gilmore (at 7:35), and Kevin (at 8:00)

Others present:

In-person: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Michael Fallar, Phil Hepburn, David Levant, Cindy Pollock, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Rick Fallar, David and Nancy Birdsall.

Meadow called the meeting to order at 7:35, welcomed everyone. (The meeting was delayed as Judy was still at work and Kevin was painting the east wall of the Old Creamery building before rain arrived on Friday – and the lift rented by the town had to be returned as well.)

Members reviewed the **agenda**, deciding to move Old Business to the August meeting, added Morton Building's final invoice to this meeting.

**Minutes** of 6/13/23, 6/27/23 and 7/13/23 were approved as written. Judy moved, Meadow 2nded to approve all, both voted in favor.

**Citizen's Input** ~ none at this point

**Highway** ~

**Public Works Update** – Board briefly discussed the contract with DuBois & King for design engineering, Judy moved and Meadow 2nded to approve and authorize Meadow to sign. Both voted in favor. Board discussed Project Kick-off meeting week of August 31<sup>st</sup> - they would prefer an evening or Saturday, need to confer with others required to be there.

**Road Commissioner** - Eric reported the road crew has been busy ditching, getting ready for paving. No major storm damage from the recent heavy rains. Road crew has been using the lift to cut ash and dead trees on Mountain View Road, as well as ash trees behind the town office.

Board discussed the road crew doing site work for the on-demand generators at the fire house and town office, approved by consensus.

Board reviewed **contracts for generator work and old creamery**, Judy moved, Meadow 2nded to approve contract for MCElectric for the electrical work at the town office and generators for the town office and fire house, both voted in favor. Judy moved and Meadow 2nded to approve contact for MCElectric for electrical work connecting the old creamery to the town office, both voted in favor. Board also approved \$21,000 down payment for this work.

Board reviewed final invoice from **Morton Buildings** for the town garage. Discussion ensued regarding the electrical power used by the subcontractor while working there - November 15 – December 31 – between \$400 and \$500. As the town did not take possession until after the first of the year, the Board felt that Morton should be responsible for that excess amount. Judy moved, Meadow 2nded to pay the invoice (\$51,0?? minus the amount for the electricity. Both voted in favor.

**Speed Limit Study Committee** ~ Kevin reviewed recommendations – new ordinance is still being reviewed – will have it ready for the August SB meeting.

- 1) Review draft updated traffic ordinance, also needs review by legal counsel before adoption
- 2) Obtain and install speed feedback signs for the school zone – all three directions
- 3) Discuss more productive enforcement with the County Sheriff's Department
- 4) Consider adding stop signs on the Pent Road, Bliss Road and Journey's End Road
- 5) Consider speed study for Route 140 in various areas

6) Flashing light for stop sign in the center of town (intersection of Mountain View Road and Route 140)

7) Education for the community regarding action to be taken regarding enforcement

In discussions with Lt. Geno – Rutland County Sheriff's Dept. and Ethan Pepin, Transportation Staff from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, it was determined from the Traffic Studies done by RCSD and RRPC that current speed limits are correct. More enforcement was suggested in lieu of changing the speed limits.

**Phil Hepburn** – Presented a petition signed by many on North End Road/Harrington Cross Road asking for reduction of the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph from 96 (Crossman) to 293 (Williams) North End Road as there are a number of speeders traveling through there. Sherry reminded everyone that the County Sheriff's Dept. asked for help with times, license plate numbers etc. so that they could enforce the current speed limit. After discussion, Board referred the matter to the Speed Limit Study Committee for review, and asked Kevin as liaison with RCSD to speak to them about more enforcement there.

**Financial Reports** – Board took under advisement the draft FY23 final reports, will review before August meeting.

*Payroll warrants (FY23) # 49 dated 6/12/23 for \$2,383.09; #50 dated 6/19/23 for \$3,631.85; #51 dated 6/26/23 for \$4,243.47; and #52 dated 6/30/23 for \$11,123.76. And FY24 #1 dated 7/10/23 for \$2,091.55.*

*Accounts Payable warrants (FY23) #44 dated 6/12/23 for \$9,122.39; #45 dated 6/19/23 for \$7,921.84; and #46 dated 6/30/23 for \$25,157.12.*

Kevin moved and Judy 2nded to approve the above FY23 and FY24 warrants. All voted in favor.

**Old Business - Postponed until August meeting.**

**New Business –**

**2023 Town Tax Rate** ~ After brief discussion, Kevin moved and Judy 2nded to set the town tax rate at \$0.8569, with a local rate of \$0.0001 for a total of \$0.8570. All voted in favor.

Meadow moved and Judy 2nded to move the first half due date to August 25<sup>th</sup> as taxpayers need to have 30 days notice and the tax rate setting was delayed due to the storm last week. All voted in favor.

**Honor Roll** ~ The Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society inquired about adding names to the Honor Roll - originally it was for WW2 veterans and the Korean war – a couple of names need to be added – a couple of Vietnam vets asked to be added as well – who decides? In 1991 there was a Tinmouth marble Honor Roll erected next to the Town Office in honor of all veterans of all wars. Board asked the THGS to research what it would entail to add everyone to the old list and bring it up to date.

**Transfer Station** ~ Concern was raised about trash being tossed onto the top of the dumpster when the transfer station is not open – installing cameras was discussed, as was installing a gate, and installing a sign stating no dumping when not open. There are also ravens raising havoc pulling trash through the top of the barrier. Board also discussed cost versus service (the Town can charge for solid waste but not for recycling). Board referred these matters to the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee for input.

Gail advised that the new recycle book box has arrived.

**Liquor License for Tinnmouth Road House** ~ In anticipation of an application being received, Meadow moved and Judy 2nded to authorize the Town Clerk to review and sign/approve the liquor license on behalf of the Board. All voted in favor.

**Feedback Forms** ~ Meadow read one from Sherry Johnson expressing gratitude for the road crew driving the town trucks and loader in the Fun Day Parade. No response was needed. She then the other one which was from Ed and Shirley Bucceri regarding the Select Board's action to not re-appoint a member(Michael Fallar) of the Equity and Inclusion Committee, wanting to know why they were being exclusive. SB members decided to contact the Bucceris individually to explain. Michael asked that those responses be in writing and made public at the next Board meeting. SB agreed.

Kevin advised that he ran out of paint with a 2'x2' section remaining.

**Next Meeting Schedule** ~ Next scheduled meeting is August 10<sup>th</sup>, there will also be a meeting with D & K yet to be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant