

Town of Tinnmouth
Select Board ~ School Board ~ Community Center Board
March 31, 2016
Minutes

Select Board members present: Frank Sears, and Matt Patry

School Board members present: Grant Reynolds, Alison Alexander, Sarah Graham

Community Center Board members present: Frank Sears and Grant Reynolds

Others present: Gail Fallar- Board Assistant

Matt and Grant called the meetings to order at 7:00 PM.

School Board approve Warrants/Orders PR#424 dated 3/31/16 for \$22,099.09 and AP#425 dated 3/31/16 for \$198,637.24.

Gail explained the need for the meeting – with the new school merger taking effect on July 1st, the Tinnmouth School District (TSD) will disappear. There was an Interlocal Contract between the Town and the TSD regarding the Community Center approved by voters in 2001 that needs to be dissolved by voters so that a new agreement can be made between the Town (who now owns the school and the community center) and the TSD that will carry over for to the new union district. Both Town and School voters need to approve dissolution.

Members discussed time frame, possible dates – Monday May 9th was first choice, Saturday May 15th was second choice – though some members could not make that date.

The Select Board decided to also add an article regarding funding for the old creamery porch whether voters would authorize \$4,200 from the Town’s Capitol Building and Repair Fund.

Cathy advised that this was an opportunity to re-think the decisions made at the December Special Town Meeting regarding the School’s Tax Stabilization Fund. Voters had authorized the transfer 75% to the Town for an endowed building maintenance fund to be used if the school was to stop being used for educational purposes and 25% to go the Tinnmouth Community Scholarship Fund. That would leave a large pot of money unavailable for other town buildings. She suggested rescinding that vote and adding an another article that the money (75%) be transferred to the Town’s Capitol Building and Repair Fund for use for any town building and 25% to the Tinnmouth Community Scholarship Fund.

Discussion ensued about long term maintenance that would be expected of the new union district, whether the highway department could or should have access to the funds, monies that had been place in the Tax Stabilization Fund – whether they were local tax payers dollars or state property tax dollars, etc. In the end, members decided to add articles to both the town and school warnings asking to rescind the December votes regarding the Tax Stabilization Fund and asking to redistribute the funds 75% to the Town’s Capitol Building and Repair Fund and 25% to the Tinnmouth Community Scholarship Fund.

Both the Select Board and the School Board voted to add these additional articles to the warning, having been moved and seconded, all were in favor.

Members then reviewed and discussed the new draft agreement between the Town and the School District regarding use of the Community Center. This agreement does not have to be approved by voters. There was discussion as to whether the school building needed to be added as it is now a town building – there is a deed from the school to the town regarding ownership and maintenance – members will ponder, Gail make seek a legal opinion. Under the agreement the Community Center Board would have oversight of repairs and maintenance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Board Assistant