

Town of Tinnmouth
Select Board
May 10, 2017
Minutes

Members present: Frank Sears, Matt Patry, and Cathy Reynolds

Others present: Tom & Zak Fuller (Fuller Sand & Gravel), Mike Mullin (Pike Industries), Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Sherry Johnson, Grant Reynolds, Stan Wilbur, Jan & Ken Krantz, Laurie Phillips, Doug Fontein, Kim Harbaugh at 8:30, and Gail Fallar- Board Assistant.

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board reviewed agenda, added sealing of the 2016 Grand List.

Board approved minutes of 4/13/17 as written, moved by Matt, 2nded by Cathy, all voted in favor.

Board opened Paving and Road Re-construction bids. Four bids were sent out, two firms were present with their proposals. Fuller bid \$167,474 on the re-construction on Route 140 and \$57 per ton for paving further along Route 140. Pike bid \$159,944 for the re-construction and \$64 per ton for paving. Board reviewed bids, tonnage for gravel and paving differed (were not specified in the bid docs), neither totaled the \$275,000 budgeted; (Gail reported the Agency of Transportation has given preliminary approval of the \$175,000 paving grant.) – Board calculated the remainder for paving. After much discussion, Matt moved to accept the Fuller bid, based on the overall total cost, as it was more economical for the town. Cathy 2nded, all voted in favor.

Jan presented photos of more bake ovens and more information regarding their construction, asked permission to build it just north of the old creamery, and bring in fill (it is already there – Gail and Cathy arranged for it). Matt noted it needed to be aesthetically pleasing as it was being built in the center of town. After more discussion about the oven, and the need for a pitched roof over it, Cathy moved and Matt 2nded to allow Jan and her crew to proceed and to allocate up to \$1,000 if needed, beyond the \$500 TCF grant. All voted in favor. (To be spent by June 30th.)

Eric reported grading has started, still filling in pot holes, will start ditching soon. Ronnie left to fight forest fires in Georgia and Florida for a week, Michael Buffum did not show up for any volunteer work.

Stan reviewed draft RFP (request for proposals) regarding the town garage and property, will provide a list of engineering firms to send it to. He advised the Board to consider the qualifications of the proposing firms and then consider the cost. Grant mentioned the Planning Commission would like to have a community solar array considered for the property. There has been talk over the years of using the back 8 or 9 acres for public recreation, so access for that will need to be considered as well. Board added provide for water and septic to the scope of work, and approved it to be sent out.

Eric reported that Earle's Trucking would not negotiate in regards to the damage done to the big truck when the lug nuts loosened after brake repairs. It is hard to prove whose fault it was, the truck did have chains on driving on pavement for snow plowing. Laurie suggested using another repair shop – noting others have had troubles with Earle's. Board does not want to micromanage the road commissioner – Eric advised he will give them one more chance.

Board reviewed the Personnel Policy Addendum C, making a few edits for clarification, it seems ready to send to VLCT for review.

Gail reported clean-up of trash has been promised, should have taken place before the meeting this evening.

Board discussed website support, updates are needed (Zoning Regulations for instance need its index fixed), getting a new computer, etc.

Board discussed whether to ask the School to assume plowing the Church and School parking areas. Grant was adamantly opposed. Road crew has a hard time now getting it done as well as the roads plowed for the bus routes. School will be starting 20 minutes earlier next year. Also discussed was having them pay for trash disposal and summer mowing of the ball field. After much discussion and the need for more information, the issues were tabled until the next meeting. It was mentioned that many years ago, the Church agreed to parents and others using their parking lot in exchange for the plowing.

Board signed Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs. Constables will now be able to pick them up if the owners do not get the dogs registered/licensed.

Board reviewed financial reports, questions were answered.

Sherry again requested action regarding the right of way on East Road being used by a business. Gail reported she has spoken with the County Sheriff's office, Board would like them to attend the June meeting.

Board signed and sealed the 2016 Grand List, there is no appeal or suit pending.

Board decided to hold its July 13th meeting at the Pavilion on Tinmouth Pond – Town is renting the property for a week through a grant from the Tinmouth Community Fund.

Laurie inquired about Neighborworks and its efforts to build another house at the October Hill affordable housing development. Hadn't their permit expired? Gail to research.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Board Assistant