

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
Regular Meeting
July 12, 2018**

Members present: Michael Fallar and Cathy Reynolds

Others present: Chuck Bronk, Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Ronnie Crossman, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Asst.

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Agenda was reviewed.

Eric requested an additional \$250 for a monitor for four cameras for the new truck. It originally was going to have three, but with the VLCT_PACIF safety grant, he is able to get four, but the original monitor will only handle three cameras. After brief discussion, Board decided to wait until next week when Frank will be present. Special Board meeting on the 19th.

Eric reported paving on the East Road is scheduled to begin on the 16th. One culvert needed changing prior to the paving project.

Board reviewed driveway permit application from Chad Virkler on Wright's Road. Eric advised it needed a 15" culvert, no trees needed cutting or ditching required. Board approved and signed.

Michael advised that he had contacted the local game warden about a couple of issues. There is a bear rummaging around the transfer station – pulling out trash and spreading it everywhere. Steps to discourage its visits are in order first – he will try to electrify the area. And there are beavers damming up the Channel on North End Road, the warden gave permission for them to be trapped. He will work on that as well.

Board formally accepted proposed Zoning and Subdivision amendments. After brief discussion that Cathy will not be in town for the August Board meeting and so it might change, Board postponed action until the meeting on the 19th.

Gail as Treasurer presented options for setting the town tax rate – there is a problem with the amount budgeted for taxes as they are never fully collected in the given year, some of them become delinquent and are reported in that account line – so in effect there is a double counting of that money. She asked if the Board would consider adding another \$25,000 to the amount of taxes to be raised. She also reported an estimated deficit of about \$25,000, due in large part to revenues being under budget (the highway budget was just over budget – due in large part to the July 1st storm last year - \$14,000- the general budget was under budget by about \$10,000). After discussion, Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to move the August tax due date to August 20th, both voted in favor. Tax rate setting was postponed to the 19th. Gail will work on options.

Ronnie asked for the Board's blessing to continue his duties as a wildfire fire fighter for the federal fire service that he has done for the past ten years. He generally takes his vacation time to head out west to fight forest fires in the northwest part of the country. His experience as a volunteer fire fighter since 1975 and as a logger, makes him very qualified for a very specific duty, and he enjoys doing it.

Cathy noted the new Personnel Policy requires Ronnie to request Board permission. There was brief discussion about what one person could do for road work, Eric and Ronnie both advised that there was plenty to do, that was not a problem.

Board approved the request.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar Select Board Assistant