

**Town of Tinmouth
Select Board
February 14, 2019
Regular Meeting**

Members present: Michael Fallar, Frank Sears, and Cathy Reynolds

Others present: Eric Buffum – Road Commissioner, Chuck Bronk, Shelly Sears, Hollis Squier, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Don Woods, Eng., Doug Fontein, and Gail Fallar – S. Bd. Asst.

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Board reviewed the agenda, added a request regarding a milfoil grant.

Minutes – 1/10/19 and 1/24/19 - Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to approve as written, all voted in favor.

Financial Report – Board reviewed, Cathy moved and Michael 2nded to accept the report to date for FY19. All voted in favor.

Highway – Eric advised there had been a problem with a frozen brake relay valve on the new truck, it had to be towed to Hoosick Falls for repairs. The towing company had trouble along the way, a chain broke and there resulted in flat spots on the tires – the towing company had advised they will pay for new tires. Truck was fixed and back in town before the big storm arrived.

Civil Engineering – Don Woods reviewed 17 questions with Board and those present regarding uses at the town garage, transfer station, location of various components, functionality, cost concerns, security, etc. Mr. Woods advised this will help him with the overall development of a site plan but it will not be ready for town meeting. Board discussed process of communications – Board can't email discussions among themselves without violating the Open Meeting Law. Board Assistant will cc Board on all communications with Mr. Woods, Board members can respond directly only to her, not to each other. Everyone needs to be kept in the loop. If a decision needs to be made, Board will hold a special meeting.

Others ~ Hollis expressed concern about snow plowing near the dry hydrants – road crew used to keep them clean in case the fire department needed access. Eric will try to keep them plowed.

New Business – Residents of the Town of Shrewsbury have expressed concern with power outages and the lack of telephone service once the back-up batteries have run out of juice (there is no capability to call **911** for help). There have been a couple of pro-longed outages – several days – that have gone un-reported to the Public Service Department. Board asked Board Assistant to draft a letter of concern as well.

Town Meeting Preparation – Board will be prepared to answer questions regarding the highway budget, appointing versus electing constables, town garage and tax increase.

Milfoil Grant Application – Gail requested Board approve an application from the Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project for an aquatic nuisance grant from the Department of Environmental Conservation. Michael moved, Cathy 2nded, all voted in favor.

Old Business –

Solid Waste Ordinance – further amendment and review – postponed until March meeting.

Members' Concerns - None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. Respectfully submitted, *Gail Fallar*, Select Board Assistant