

**Town of Tinmouth  
Select Board  
May 9, 2019**

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

Others present: Michael Fannin, Grant Reynolds, Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Jan Krantz (TCF President) and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board reviewed agenda, approved as written.

Minutes of 4/11/19 were approved as written, Michael moved, Frank 2nded, all voted in favor.

Frank moved and Michael 2nded to approve monthly financial report, all voted in favor. Board was also presented with year to date reports for special accounts – Board considered how to allocate interest in the Capital Building Fund, all to highway or prorate between highway and general, no decision.

**Highway ~**

**Gulf Road** ~ Eric reported work on the ditching project on Gulf Road was progressing-cutting trees, stone lining, Best Management Practice advises culverts every 300 feet, currently there is about a 700 feet span, they also need to be upsized. Michael Fallar inquired about the total cost of the project, Eric advised he doesn't know, he just picked a project for the grant-in-aid work.

Michael Fannin noted it was ironic that last month he questioned the ditching project on Gulf Road near his house, and that for the first time in 38 years the water ran over the road and washed out his wife Wendy's favorite flower garden! (Ditching project is not yet complete.)

Michael Fannin also raised concerns with his water pressure. It comes from a well on the other side of the road and has dropped since the road crew did ditching through there. The road crew did spend a couple of hours trying to locate the line, including hand shoveling, to no avail. Mr. Fannin has hired Parker Water Wells to trouble shoot the situation and will report back with findings.

**Roads** ~ Board asked Eric for prioritized list of roads and their conditions and work needed for budgeting purposes.

**Driveway Permit** ~ Board reviewed and approved a driveway permit for Dale Aines for McCoy Road, with conditions including purchase of property before construction starts.

**New Town Garage** ~ Board reviewed email correspondence from Don Woods – he will respond next week – may not be able to continue as engineer. Board decided to wait for his reply.

**Paving Bids** ~ Board discussed paving project for FY20. Eric would like to pave on the East Road, from Dick Blow's gate headed north. Board concurred, bids due on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**McCoy Road Culverts Bid Specs** – Board approved as written, will include the town purchasing the culverts, bids due on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**New One Ton Truck** ~ Eric proposed going out to bid to replace the one ton truck, with a 550 (current model is 350), selling the old one on Craig's list or privately– not using it as a trade-in. Brief discussion about gas versus diesel. Board asked Eric to prepare bids specs for the meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Cathy advised Eric to get the truck he wants.

## **General Business ~**

**Honorary Tree ~** Jan Krantz, President of the Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF), requested permission to plant a tree on the Town Green to honor the work and community service of Ramsey Yoder (first President and founding member of the TCF). It will be located near the Wee Folk Playground. Board approved.

**Solid Waste Ordinance ~** Board reviewed, making note the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee had reviewed and approved latest amendment suggested by VLCT regarding enforcement. They edited a number of places, asked to have Pam Clapp, SWAC Administrator, review it as well.

Along a similar line, the trash at 605 Mountain View Road is being cleaned up by the family.

**Late Homestead Filer Penalty ~** Michael moved to waive the penalty for late filed state homestead declarations, Frank 2nded, all voted in favor. Continues past practice.

**Federal Project Purchasing Policy ~** Gail presented a draft procurement policy to address concerns raised by the Department of Public Safety's review of the FEMA project for the big storm in July 2017. DPS also made several recommendations such putting procedures in writing. Board took under advisement, needs time to review.

**Special Meeting ~** Board decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> to open bids and transact other business as needed.

**Wallingford Town Line ~** Board discussed letter from the Wallingford Select Board regarding the town line. Board authorized Select Board Assistant to send a letter in reply (with approval of Board Chair Cathy Reynolds), once again asking them to attend a meeting in Tinmouth (special meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>), to bring or send their information with them, and to leave the grand lists as they are in regards to Stan Taylor's property until both Boards can agree on a process to resolve the issue.

**Bond Information ~** Board decided to postpone review of bond documents sent by attorney Paul Giuliani, until the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Member Concerns ~** Road crew is chipping wood chips with the ditching project, should there be a policy/practice for town folks to have access if they want? No decision. Board discussed job descriptions for road crew, will work on them in June.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar ~ Select Board Assistant