

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE SELECTBOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019, 6:00pm

Meeting called to order 6:03pm.

Present: Gary Mullen, Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Rodney Hoyt, Jillian Conner, Eli Childs, Dick Barnaby, Todd Tyson

Update from Road Foreman

Sand continues to be hauled into the stockpile. Hoyt heard that McCullough's has been crushing 12"- stone, which will be needed for a spring project next year, so he asked the Board if they supported his idea to begin stockpiling it while its available. Board agreed it would be a good idea to begin stockpiling it. The project will require about 640 yards.

Truck #2 is back in the shop for a brake problem. Mullen received an email from a citizen who is concerned about the Flint Bridge "bouncing". Hoyt said he is aware of this and they will try to remedy that while the bridge is closed for repairs beginning this week.

Hoyt purchased 10 signs to post at the beginning of various Class IV roads around town to warn folks that the roads are not maintained.

Plowing and Mowing

The Board had asked Eli Childs if he could cover mowing duties for the remainder of the season. Childs wrote up a bid and delivered it to the Board so they would know what to expect. The Board agreed to the cost.

Dick Barnaby wanted to know if the Board wanted to hire him to do the winter shoveling of the town buildings. The Board let Barnaby know that they would send out a request for bids for the job and follow up with him.

Constable Discussion

Mullen has called a few people he thought might make good Constables, but he has nine more to call. O'Brien will also call a few of his suggestions.

There was a citizen complaint about a thin horse last week. The State Police are investigating.

Energy Commission

Todd Tyson of the Tunbridge Energy Commission (EC) joined the meeting to express his interest in and intent to pursue a solar project in Town. He recalled about ten years ago when the EC proposed a 25kW solar array to be owned by the Town. That project proposal was voted down by seven votes. Tyson noted that the same scale project now, ten years later, would cost about half of what it did then.

Tyson has three options in mind: build a small array that could power just the Town Office, build a larger array that could power all of the town buildings, or potentially install some solar electric car charging stations that the Town could generate revenue from.

Tyson offered to provide more solid estimates on price, kW possibility, and feasibility to the Board. They look forward to learning more about it.

On another note, Tyson also expressed interest in conducting a renewable energy inventory in Tunbridge, to understand how much power the town is generating. The Board was supportive of that idea.

Other Business

Conner recently noticed that the town personnel policy no longer has a section on overtime policies, so she brought it to the Board's attention. The most recent version of the policy was signed in 2017. The version prior was created in 2011, and did contain an overtime section. The Board was unsure why it had been excluded from the 2017 policy. They asked Conner to draft up a new version of the policy that contains the overtime verbiage.

Orders, warrants and minutes signed.

McPhetres motioned to adjourn at 8:55pm. O'Brien seconded. So moved.

STANDING SELECTBOARD/ COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULE 1st Meeting of the Month:

- Cemetery Commission: April and August
- Planning Commission: April, August, and November
- Trustees of Public Funds: February and June
- Recreation Commission: January, April, July and October
- Listers: May and November
- Auditors: September and November
- Library Directors: October

/s/ _____
Gary Mullen, Chair

/s/ _____
Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

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John O'Brien, Clerk