

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SELECTBOARD MEETING- draft**

Tuesday, June 8th, 2021, 6:00pm via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:11pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Gary Mullen, John O'Brien, Mariah Cilley, Becky Hoyt, Kathy Galluzzo

Road Report: The road crew has been ditching on Bicknell Hill Road. The loader broke down and needs a new starter. A week ago the loader had no power so a mechanic came to reset it. Found the four nitrogen bottles underneath the seat were empty and need replacing. \$750 apiece. They have not been grading because it is so dry. Rita from TRORC came this morning to look at two spots for a new grant. She is writing up the grant paperwork for a ditch and a culvert. They have been mowing. Discussion of the loader age and issues and potential for having to replace it soon. Mullen discusses an issue on Frye Road (Class 4) in need of gravel to maintain. O'Brien is in favor of gravel. McPhetres is not. Our road policy states that the road foreman can inspect Class 4 roads in the spring and decide if work needs to be done to maintain them. Rodney Hoyt will go up to look at the road and decide the best way forward.

Becky Hoyt discussing surplus: We have surplus in the General Fund and the Highway Fund. We can't do anything with the GF surplus right now because it needs to be voted on at a special town meeting. Hoyt would like to create an account and put it in so that we can discuss what we want to do with it during a town meeting but this way it doesn't get absorbed back into the GF. The town has around \$300,000 in surplus. This has been accumulated over the years and it is from the school and also delinquent taxes. We budget \$0 for delinquent taxes so anything we collect is considered surplus. We have collected \$148,000 in delinquent taxes. O'Brien asks how we split out HW and GF. Hoyt answers that HW gets all their money upfront. GF gets their money last. Hoyt would like to move the surplus in HW to Paving or Disaster Relief. The HW surplus is \$223,000 and will be \$191,000 after sand budget. The Selectboard will think about where they want to put the HW surplus for next meeting (June 22nd).

Recreation: Kathy Galluzzo had originally brought forward a quote for \$3052 for the dirt for the field. That price didn't include the trucking fees. The total cost including trucking was \$4928. Mullen asks why we don't have grass on our infield. Galluzzo responds that it is easier to maintain than grass. The last time we had dirt delivered was five years ago. Galluzzo needs the Selectboard to approve the additional \$1900 for the trucking. They are getting 81 yards of material. O'Brien moves to approve the cost of transportation. McPhetres seconds. So moved.

CVSWMD Appointment: Jim Ludwig was formally appointed to the board. O'Brien moves to appoint. McPhetres seconds. So moved.

Gilley Road Issue: The board has asked Cilley to reach out to the state to see if a permit has been sent forth for the septic system. Hoyt looked online and did not see a permit. Cilley will reach out to the VLCT and the ANR to see what they suggest and what the town has the ability to do if the septic is not being built legally.

Liquor Licenses: The Selectboard approved two liquor licenses for the Ranger Bike Event on Sunday. Cilley will check to see if she can legally approve these licenses herself and inform the board of licenses approved each meeting. O'Brien moves to approve applications. McPhetres seconds. So moved.

Warrants: O'Brien makes a motion to approve the J.L. Smith invoice and all warrants. McPhetres seconds. So moved.

Other Business: Discussion on two paving bids. Pike has a bid for \$170,000, Blaktop has a bid for approximately \$148,000. The bid for Pike is for more material, which will equate to a thicker and better road. McPhetres makes a motion to accept the Pike bid. O'Brien seconds. So moved.

Mullen wants to get Flags for our 5th of July Memorial Day Parade. Cilley will check to see how many we have downstairs and order so our total is 300.

Mullen would like to start in person meetings again. McPhetres is in favor. O'Brien likes having a hybrid model because more people are able to join via zoom. The board discusses continuing to display our meetings via zoom, but the board will meet in person. Cilley will look into getting a TV screen and a camera to make a more permanent spot in the Town Office for Zoom meetings.

Cilley will look into open positions and post accordingly.

McPhetres motioned to adjourn the meeting. O'Brien seconds. So moved. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk