

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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MINUTES Board of Selectmen January 30, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Board Attendance: Eric Gagnon (Chair), Paul Burgess, Randy Greenwood (6:36pm)

Staff Attendance: Sharon Siegel, Tr/TC; Scott Dimmick, FD/FR; Bill Austin, PW Director

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 17, 2024 by Paul, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- Scott distributed 2023 statistics for the FD.
 - 110 calls for service: 76-fire related; 34-EMS related (mvc's etc)
 - 47 calls aid given; 35 calls rec'd aid; 18 overlapping calls
 - 2 Lewiston, 13 Greene, 5 Leeds, 6 Sabattus, 12 Litchfield, 9 Monmouth
- E31 dash lights all came on during a call in the snowstorm. May be a bad electrical ground.
- T33 kept stalling during a call. They are trying to figure out what that was. It seem ok for now.
- The BLS 300 log has been completed and posted.
- The annual BLS training has a few members that need to complete the course.
- Doug from Dirigo has confirmed that the radios have been shipped.

First Responders:

- The BLS 300 log has been completed and posted.
- Maine EMS has updated their reporting system with some questionable changes.
- Rescue 71's cap has shipped.
- The Rescue Chief requests \$6850 from the capital reserve account for the cap for the new Rescue 71 truck.
- Motion to approve spending \$6850 from the capital reserve account for the cap by Paul, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0

Public Works:

- We received an estimate for replacement of the vanity in the boys bathroom on the lower level of \$3395.90. Bill will do some more research regarding mounting a sink to the wall.

General:

- Received AVCOG FY25 dues notice of \$2588.53.

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- Motion to authorize the Chair to sign the dues invoice by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Community Resilience Partnership grant.
 - Applications due by March 29, 2024. Up to \$50,000 available to 1st time applicants only. The fall grants will be available to all participants.
 - We are working on an application for funding an energy audit of our buildings.
- Senior Tax Stabilization reimbursement.
 - We received \$19,748.25 which is only 56% of our expected reimbursement.
 - The state only funded \$15m in the biennial budget and have received \$26.5m in reimbursement requests. They have submitted a request for \$15m in the supplemental budget. If that is successful we will get the remaining balance of our reimbursement. If it is not successful, we may not receive full funding.
- O'Donnell's revaluation update.
 - The weather has been a hindrance in getting the field work going.
 - Paul will contact Sharon when they set a date to begin field work so she can post a notice on the website and FB page.
 - All of the transfers, mapping, and exemptions have been processed through January 17th which will help on the back end of the process.
- Review and sign check number log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-16PR**: Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-16PR for \$6,743.30 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-16AP**: Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-16AP for \$163,771.66 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$618.33.

Unfinished Business:

- Process for changing our form of government.
- Review policies/handbooks

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.