

# TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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## MINUTES Board of Selectmen February 27, 2024 @ 6:00pm

**Board Attendance:** Eric Gagnon (Chair), Paul Burgess, Randy Greenwood

**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 February 13, 2024 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

### **Public Comment:**

- None.

### **Fire Department:**

- The fan inside the gear dryer is not working.
  - Scott is working with the company to get a part and find someone to install it.
- Tank 33 is stalling. It is going to Fleet for diagnosis.
- E32 is going to Northeast to have the auto-eject moved to the driver's side.
- Novel Energy contacted Scott regarding their solar development on Gardiner Road.
  - They want Scott to approve the plan.
- They are working on the budget.
  - They are looking at software options to replace Emergency Reporting.
  - Preliminary numbers have minimal increase.
- There have been a few dispatching issues. Scott is working with Marty.

### **First Responders:**

- The new Rescue 71 has the new cap on now.
  - The lights and accessories will be installed by the end of March.
- Scott is applying for the Maine EMS connectivity grant that will cover the installation of the equipment.
- Poland Spring donated money for ballistic vests

### **Public Works:**

- Main-Land provided a watershed analysis of the East Road/Avenue Road flooding issue.
- Roads have been posted.
- The new kitchen stove has been installed in the Fire Department kitchen.

### **General:**

- Received 2024 Androscoggin County tax assessment.

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- Motion to sign the county tax assessment by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Community Resilience Partnership grant.
  - We are still working on getting quotes from Energy Audit vendors.
- O'Donnell's revaluation update.
  - Field work will be completed by the end of the week.
  - Everything went well.
- Budget to Actual reports for all departments were distributed.
- We received notice from the Department of Agriculture that we have a high population of Brown Tail Moths around the waterfront area.
- It is time to fill out the renewal application for P&C Insurance. Sharon distributed copies of the equipment schedules to department heads for review.
- Personal Property updates have been mailed.
- Farmland Program update letters will be mailed in the next few weeks.
- Review and sign check number log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-18PR**: Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-18PR for \$6,970.69 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-18AP**: Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-18AP for \$171,613.57 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$4,958.08.

## **Unfinished Business:**

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

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.