

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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Minutes Board of Selectmen July 29, 2024 @ 6:00pm

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

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 July 16, 2024 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-1 (Paul E abstains as he was absent for the 7/16/24 meeting.)

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- There was a structure fire on July 17th at a FF's home. There will be a benefit dinner on August 25th.
 - There were some dispatch issues with that structure fire.
- There was a dispatch issue the next day, we were not dispatched to a structure fire in Sabattus.
 - There has been communication with Marty, Dispatch Manager, and he continues to blame it on staff turnover.
 - The Board is requesting a meeting with the Sheriff, Dispatch Manager, & our Commissioner, Garrett Mason, at our next meeting on August 13, 2024.
 - Sharon will send an email to the involved parties requesting a meeting.
- We picked up the new UTV.
- We received a price proposal for a new truck from Allegiance, Pierce dealer. We have not received their engineered drawings.
 - The truck committee has requested changes so the prices will change.
 - This truck does not have front suction and has the 2024 EPA Engine.
 - Some members of the FD have questions regarding an emergency Board meeting.
- They will be meeting with the Ferrara dealer to go over their quote Wednesday 7/31.
- 4 sets of new gear have arrived.
- Scott dropped off some radios for repair and picked up new pagers.
- Scott is supposed to be on vacation this week.

First Responders:

- Rescue 71 should be going for light/siren installation next week.

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Public Works:

- They replaced 2 cross culverts on Oak Hill Road.
- Paving bids for Oak Hill Road will be open on July 30th at 4:00pm.
 - Motion to allow PW Director Bill Austin to award and sign a contract for paving to the contractor he deems most appropriate by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Ditching on Wheeler Hill Road has been completed.
- The Eastern Drive culvert is scheduled to be slip-lined on Thursday, 8/1.
- They will be ditching on Centre Road by the Foss Farm.
- PDQ Door came and looked at the door that won't close.
 - He put a device on the eyes, and it seems to be helping.
- We were going to order siding to complete the main building.
 - The cost of the red siding is much higher than expected.
 - We will switch to the Harvard slate around the building and only do redwood on the front and inside of the apparatus bay.
 - The cost is approximately \$30,000.
- The Turtle Bridge Project is tentatively scheduled for the 2nd week of August.
 - The road will be closed until the end of October.

General:

- MMA Executive Committee ballot.
 - Motion to vote for Justin Poirier for Vice President, Executive Committee Members David Cyr, Michele Varuolo Cole, & Matthew Garside by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Receipt of Veterans Reimbursement & 2nd Homestead Exemption payment.
- Androscoggin County PSAP & Dispatch Contract.
 - Motion to table until the next meeting by Eric, 2nd by Randy. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY25-03PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY25-03PR for \$11,529.09 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY25-03AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY25-03AP for \$163,643.06 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$9,138.84.

Executive Session:

- Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405.6.a – Personnel Matter by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
 - Entered into Executive Session at 7:23pm
 - Exited Executive Session at 7:32pm
- Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405.6.a – Personnel Matter by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
 - Entered into Executive Session at 7:32pm
 - Exited Executive Session at 8:12pm

Unfinished Business:

- Process for changing our form of government.
- Review policies/handbooks
- FD 50th anniversary committee

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.