

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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MINUTES Board of Selectmen August 1, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Board Attendance: Eric Gagnon, 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 6:08pm

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 18, 2023 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- There has been an issue with mold on the gear in the station bay. Scott got another dehumidifier to put right beside the gear. The problem seems to be under control right now.
- Emergency Reporting was bought out by ESO and they are changing the reporting system and the cost is increasing to \$9300/year.
- The new trailer for UTV36 is in service. It went on its first call on Sunday.
- The repeater cabinet is still waiting for electrical work.
- RSU4 Athletic Director Brian Daniels contacted Scott regarding the weight room.
 - Scott informed him that the State Fire Marshall's office should be involved in any decisions regarding use of the weight room.
- Emergency Management: Scott & Sharon worked on the Hazard Mitigation update plans and crafted a couple of projects. Scott will meet with ACEMA on 8/23 at 8am.

First Responders:

- Scott called the salesman at O'Connor re: new truck and he's not responsive. Scott will be contacting other dealerships at this point.
- Lisbon Emergency is having a meeting on 8/3 with Sabattus & Greene to talk about potential being the EMS transporting service for them.

Public Works:

- Roadside mowing has been done over the past 2 weeks.
- School Road project is being worked on. The driveways should be paved next week.
- AW Bachelder is going to work on shoulders in town with Bill.
- We have a new cemetery mowing contract with The Grass Guy.
- There is another recall on the 2020 F550. This one is for emissions and oxygen sensors.
- Bids for the siding & windows project were opened.
 - Bangor Abatement \$38,000

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- PicNic \$37,481
- Motion to authorize PW Director Bill Austin to award the contract for the siding & windows project at the Wales Municipal Center to his choice of contractor once he meets with each of them by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Municipal Center siding color chosen: Harvard Slate & Sand (for the peak where the sign will hang)

General:

- The new website is ready for launch but we discovered we need to apply for a .gov domain.
 - Motion to authorize Chair, Eric Gagnon to sign the paperwork requesting a .gov domain by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Sharon contacted Central Maine Cost Recovery regarding billing for fire/ems incidents.
 - They provided a sample contract and some sample policies for our review.
- 30 day demand notices for 2022 unpaid tax balances were mailed today. There were 78 of them.
- We have switched high speed internet providers from Spectrum to TK Networks.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-03PR**: Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-03PR for \$9325.19 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-03AP**: Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-03AP for \$70363.26 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: 3-0-0

Unfinished Business:

- Process for changing our form of government.
- Cable Franchise Agreement renewal
- Review policies/handbooks

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm