

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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MINUTES Board of Selectmen August 29, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Board Attendance: Eric Gagnon, Paul Burgess, Randy Greenwood

Staff Attendance: Sharon Siegel, Tr/TC; Scott Dimmick, FD/FR

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 14, 2023 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- We are still waiting for the part for E31 so it can go to Greenwood for repair.
- UTV36 is being updated with new parts by the officers.
- The repeater cabinet has been installed but the AC isn't working. RCM is working with the company that sells the cabinet.
- The antenna mounted on the back of the fire station is not working. RCM is preparing a quote for replacement.
- Scott presented July 2023 incident reports.
- Ryder Johnston's gear has been purchased by the City of Waterville. They will be exchanging the gear for a check in a few weeks. After that transaction, Ryder will be removed from the roster.
- Hose testing has been completed. We only lost 1 50' length of 1 3/4" hose.
- We need to start on a replacement rotation.
- We assisted with the response to the plane crash in Litchfield.
- The trunk or treat is scheduled for Saturday October 21st.
- Scott is going to arrange some visits to daycares in town.
- Emergency Management:
 - Scott attended an EMA meeting for the hazard mitigation update on 8/23.
 - There was discussion regarding the Sabattus Dam repair. It was recommended that we include a project specific to the Dam repairs in our update.

First Responders:

- Rescue71 (Yukon) has a broken handle on the driver's door as well as the broken rear hatch. Scott has fixed the door handle and done a temporary fix for the rear hatch.
- The brakes had issues so Fleet Service worked on them.
- The new Rescue 71 truck has been purchased but will not be in service until fully outfitted.
 - The cap will have an 8-12 week lead time.

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- Wales Rescue will be helping at the Litchfield Fair again.

Public Works:

- PW Director is on vacation.

General:

- We received an insurance dividend from MMA for \$1364.00.
- We received our Homestead Reimbursement payment #1 for 2023 for \$96593.00 and our Homestead Reimbursement payment #2 for 2022.
- We are set to commit taxes on September 26th.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-05PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-05PR for \$9,475.91 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-05AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-05AP for \$80,515.16 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Unfinished Business:

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

This meeting will continue to Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:00pm for the purpose of signing the Notice of Election for RSU#4.

Continued meeting called to order on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Public Works:

- We need permission to disburse funds to the contractor as a deposit.
 - Motion to allow the treasurer to disburse \$11,000 to PicNick before the next meeting by Eric, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 2-0-0
- The shoulders have been done on School Road today.

General:

- The RSU4 budget meeting for the failed referendum has been set for the following:
 - Budget Meeting Wednesday, September 20, 2023
 - Referendum Tuesday, October 3, 2023
- Motion to allow the treasurer to disburse funds to file the 2022 liens before the next meeting by Paul, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm