

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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Minutes Board of Selectmen December 5, 2023 @ 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 November 21, 2023 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- Scott thanked everyone that helped with the holiday dinner.
 - They appreciate the gifts provided.
- Scott ordered 2 thermal imagers on cyber Monday sale.
- E31 is going in on December 19th to have the last 3 SCBA docking stations replaced.
 - The inspection will be finished on January 4th at Fleet.
- Thanks to Bill for his help during the storm.
- There were Spectrum and Consolidated lines down on the Andrews Road.
 - It took 24 hours for them to get put back up.
- Scott spoke with MN8 Energy regarding the UTV for the solar project.
 - The current quote is \$66,227.39
- Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to accept the gift of \$66,227.39 from MN8 Energy for the purpose of purchasing a UTV package and execute the purchase with Venture Motorsports in NH once the funds are received by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- The FD is attending an equestrian training in Monmouth so they know how to work with horses given the horse farms we have and the Amish Community.
- They will be putting up the ice rink this weekend.
- Scott would like to get rid of the big convection oven and add it to the auction list.
 - He would also like to get rid the current household range as it doesn't work well.
- The bridge on the Collins Road has been modified and we are now unsure of the weight capacity.
 - It was recommended that Scott talk to Bud Woodcock, resident of Deer Run Road, to get information regarding who did the work and what details they have.
 - He wants an engineer to determine the weight rating so we know if we can take the fire trucks over that bridge.

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First Responders:

- We are still waiting for the cap and pull-out tray for the new Rescue 71.
- Scott ordered epi & AED supplies.

Public Works:

- We received the Army Corps of Engineers permit for the Turtle Bridge Project.
- The plumber is coming this Friday to work on the bathroom on the lower level.
- We are still waiting to hear back from the survey work on Southern Terrace.

General:

- Review and discuss the contract for Revaluation Services from JE O'Donnell & Associates.
 - Motion to approve and sign the contract with JE O'Donnell & Associates for a townwide revaluation for \$90,000 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Review Proposal for Codification Services by General Code with possible action.
 - Motion to approve & authorize the Chair to sign the proposal for Codification Services by General Code for \$9995 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- FEMA Risk Mapping Assessment & Planning Discovery Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 @ 1:30pm either in person at Lewiston City Hall or virtual access.
- We received payment from the Town of Leeds for their portion of the FD Honor Guard materials.
- Sharon found the deed to the gravel pit on Ridge Road from 1945.
- We received correspondence from Katy Grondin, RSU4 Superintendent, regarding an analysis of the tax rates and the schools' percentage for each of the member municipalities.
- Review and sign check number log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-12PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-12PR for \$150,886.40 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-12AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-12AP for \$12,294.38 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made: \$6,722.22.

Unfinished Business:

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

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.