

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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Minutes Board of Selectmen January 14, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Board Attendance: Eric L Gagnon (Chair), Randall A 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 December 30, 2024 by Randy, 2nd by Eric. Vote: Approved 2-0-1 (Paul abstained due to absence at that meeting.)

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- 2024 Meeting, Training, & Call records were distributed.
 - Those members that aren't meeting the standard of 6 meetings and 6 trainings will be sent a letter with the 2025 training schedule.
 - 108 calls in 2024 – breakdown to follow at the next meeting.
- Review new mutual aid agreement with Sabattus.
 - Motion to approve the mutual aid agreement with Sabattus and authorize the Board Chair and Fire Chief to sign on behalf of the town by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Annual BLS training will be Sunday 1/19/25 & Wednesday 1/22/25
- E32 is back in service. The new gear is still backordered so they got a used gear.
- Dirigo swapped the loaner repeater back to our original repeater. There have been no issues yet.
- There are 3 new members on the department.
- Scott submitted his work log.

First Responders:

- There are 3 new members on the department.
- 2024 Incident Report: 174 calls – breakdown to follow at the next meeting.

Public Works:

- Meeting with Siemens regarding Performance Contract on building improvements review.
- We received our new skid steer.
- Bill is looking for a quick coupler for the backhoe. The dealer said they don't make them anymore. To get a replacement is \$5000 for a mechanical one. He is going to wait for now.
- The boiler needs a new control board. The repair cost is \$1000 plus installation.

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General:

- Codification of the ordinances progress: Sharon, Planning Board Chair, CEO, & BOS need to review the 80 questions sent by the General Code legal review by February 25, 2025.
 - Sharon has printed copies available.
- 2024 Workers Comp Audit has been completed and submitted.
- 2024 W-2, W-3 have been submitted to SSA and distributed to employees.
- 2024 1099, 1096 have been submitted to IRS and distributed to vendors.
- Community Resilience Partnership quarterly report for 4Q2024 has been submitted.
- 2022 Real Estate Tax Foreclosures
 - 13 accounts/11 taxpayers
 - Notices go out 1/21/25
- BLS Violation Review meeting: 1/31/25 @ 9am in Augusta at BLS office
- Review and sign the check log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY25-15PR**: Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY25-15PR for \$7,327.83 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY25-15AP**: Motion to approve AP Warrant FY25-15AP for \$237,746.84 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$3,106.84.

Executive Session:

- Motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)e – Discussion of Legal Matter by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
 - Entered into Executive Session at 7:53pm
 - Exited Executive Session at 8:15pm

Future Agenda Items

- Process to change form of government
- Review policies & handbooks

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.