

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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Minutes Board of Selectmen June 18, 2024 @ 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 6:08pm

Approval of minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 4, 2024 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- Susan Collins' office reached out to Scott with more information regarding the proposed OSHA changes.
- The UTV, Trailer, Skit unit, Lights/Sirens, Rack, & accessories have been purchased with the funds provided by the Solar Company.
- The Fire Officers met with Ferrara to go over specs for the new fire truck.
 - The specs have been sent to the engineers for cost estimates.
- There is still trouble with the middle bay door.
- The dehumidifiers are running downstairs as well as the floor fans.
- They are having intermittent issues with the gear dryer.
- There are some issues with the showers and bathrooms.

First Responders:

- The heat index this week is concerning for our vulnerable population.
- Wales Rescue was dispatched to the Turner Fire.
- Scott is going to purchase 1 ballistic vest in this budget.

Public Works:

- The paving that AW Bachelder was supposed to do before the end of the budget is not going to be able to get done.
- Bill is getting playground chips.
- Bill is going to Carmel to pick up the new playground border that they agreed to sell us.
 - 82 pieces and 82 spikes for \$2500
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General:

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- Update on Revaluation
 - Letters went in the mail on Friday June 14th. They hit most residents' mailboxes on Monday June 17th.
 - O'Donnell's phone lines went down on Monday June 17th. They have a temporary solution in place so taxpayers can call to make appointments.
- Community Resilience Partnership Grant update
 - Sharon submitted the revised application and there is a training on Thursday June 20th regarding mandatory reporting.
- We received the \$4600 Homeland Security Grant reimbursement from Androscoggin County EMA for the portable radios.
- Review & sign the minutes from Town Meeting on June 8, 2024.
 - Motion to approve and sign the Town Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2024 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- The ballot for MMA's Legislative Policy Committee
 - Motion to vote for Sharon Siegel as District 17 representative to the MMA Legislative Policy Committee by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Randy gave a speech for Paul S Burgess's last official Board meeting.
 - He gave him a Maine Agricultural Fairs pass in appreciation.
- Review and sign check number log.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY24-26PR**: Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY24-26PR for \$35,643.75 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY24-26AP**: Motion to approve AP Warrant FY24-26AP for \$93,315.34 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$9,320.57.

Unfinished Business:

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

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.