

# TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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## Minutes Board of Selectmen August 13, 2024 @ 6:00pm

**Board Attendance:** Eric Gagnon (Chair), Randy 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 July 29, 2024 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

### **Public Comment:**

- None.

### **Fire Department:**

- Rich, Salesman from Pierce/Allegiance Fire Truck Manufacturer, came to answer any questions regarding the new fire truck purchase.
- Motion to accept the proposal from Pierce for the new fire truck and authorize the Board of Selectmen Chair to sign the contract by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- There was a dispatching issue last week with lack of dispatching mutual aid.
  - On a 2<sup>nd</sup> tone for no response they will dispatch Sabattus Fire.
- September 8<sup>th</sup> there is a memorial service for Scott Latulippe at New Gloucester Fire/Rescue and we will send a truck there since he was a long-time member of our department.

### **First Responders:**

- Rescue 71 is getting the lights/sirens installed.

### **Public Works:**

- Data from the speed sign on Leeds Junction Road was distributed.
  - Most travelers are in compliance within 5mph of the speed limit.
- Paving bid for Oak Hill Road results:
  - Pike Industries \$349,695.00
  - Shaw Bros. \$393,288.15
  - All States Asphalt \$404,150.00
  - P&B Paving \$378,114.10
  - Northeast Paving \$428,130.00
  - Gendron \$378,280.25
  - The bid has been awarded to Pike Industries and the PW Director has signed the contract with a start date TBD.

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- Quote for replacement of the exit door in the business office = \$3,272.60
  - This is part of the Community Resilience Partnership grant
- Replacement decking for the playground equipment has been ordered
  - Quote = \$8,891.52 for 3 replacement decks
- The MC siding project is coming to completion.
- The sign will be installed by next week.
- The bridge project has started, the inspectors are on site.
- Bill is looking at a quote for a skid steer from Beaugard but is still looking around.
- The Eastern Drive culvert has been slip-lined.
- At 300 Ridge Road Bill is going to put in a catch basin but there is still a problem with the drainage from the property owner's land.
  - We will contact the lawyer and ask what our options are regarding the property owner causing damage to our road.
- There are multiple sink holes in the field behind the municipal center. Bill has partitioned the field so the soccer kids don't hurt themselves.
  - Bill believes it may be bad fill from 30 years ago that is degrading.
  - Bill will have someone come check the drainage to be sure it's not our leach field.

## **General:**

- County Administrator, Jeff Chute, and County Commissioner, Garrett Mason, came to discuss dispatching issues.
- 30-day notices were mailed on July 31st. 62 accounts/49 taxpayers were affected.
- We received a dividend from the MMA Workers Comp and Property & Casualty Pool for \$1,157.
- A meeting has been scheduled with the Androscoggin County Sheriff and Director of Communications for the next meeting, 8/27/24, to discuss dispatching issues.
- We are working on an ADA Compliance survey for elections.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY25-04PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY25-04PR for \$11,354.90 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY25-04AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY25-04AP for \$85,033.37 by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$4,660.69.

## **Executive Session:**

- None.

## **Unfinished Business:**

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

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:33pm.