

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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Minutes Board of Selectmen August 27, 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 August 13, 2024 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Comment:

- None.

Fire Department:

- E31 has 1 tire that has a leak. The tires are 10 years old so we are going to replace all 6 tires.
- The benefit dinner for the Galipeau family went very well.
- The rec football practice parents parked in prohibited spots and completely blocked the FD driveway.
 - Sharon will email the Rec President asking them to stop parking in prohibited areas.
- The bottles donated by citizens were returned for \$243.20. This gift needs to be accepted and assigned to the FD Bottle Fund.
 - Motion to accept the gift of cash from bottle return and authorize the FD to deposit in their bottle fund for use by the Fire Chief by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

First Responders:

- The new Rescue 71 should be ready by September 1st.
- Rescue Chief Scott Dimmick requests \$5000 from capital reserve to pay for additional emergency lights & installation labor for the new Rescue 71.
 - Motion to authorize use of up to \$5000 from the First Responders Capital Reserve to pay for the installation of additional lights on the new Rescue 71 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0.
 - Motion to authorize the treasurer to cut a check for the above expense before the next Board meeting by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

Public Works:

- A resident complained about speed on Pond Road. Bill put the speed sign out to gather data.

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- The Turtle Bridge construction will be almost done this week. We should be able to open it to traffic by early next week.
 - The guard rail and paving has been scheduled. Once those are complete Gendron will come back to fix the shoulders and embankment.
- The sink holes in the municipal center field are caused by stumps used for fill 30 years ago.
 - Bill is working on filling the holes.
- A new Oak Hill Road sign has been installed in concrete.
- The plumber has fixed the urinal. The shower in the ladies room still has a few issues but Bill thinks he can fix it.
- Custom Masonry gave us a quote to repair the bricks under the canopy of \$4280.

General:

- Sheriff Eric Samson came to discuss dispatching issues.
 - Fire Chief Dimmick expressed concerns regarding getting tones out.
- Review and take action on Androscoggin County PSAP & Dispatch Contract for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
 - Motion to authorize the Chair to sign the Androscoggin County PSAP & Dispatch Contract for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- We received the Preliminary 2025 State Valuation from Maine Revenue Services
 - 2025 Valuation = \$221,850,000 which is a \$32,600,000 increase from 2024
- We received the 1st incremental payment for the Homestead Exemption reimbursement from the state in the amount of \$97,470.
- Motion to appoint Sharon Siegel as the Bureau of Motor Vehicle Agent by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- It is time to renew the Federal Surplus Property Program, employees need to have a Donee card to access the Federal & State Surplus Property.
 - Employees designated will be: Sharon Siegel, William Austin, Scott Dimmick, Randy Greenwood
 - Motion to sign the Federal Surplus Property Program application by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Roger Plante came as representative to the Wales Ridge Runners Snowmobile club expressing the desire for the club to be considered when selling the old utv.
- Eric reviewed and signed the audit engagement letter.
- Randy reviewed and signed the check log.
- We will reschedule the 2nd meeting in September to September 23rd due to the RSU Budget meeting.
- **Review Payroll Warrant FY25-05PR:** Motion to approve Payroll Warrant FY25-05PR for \$11,001.59 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- **Review AP Warrant FY25-05AP:** Motion to approve AP Warrant FY25-05AP for \$359,299.96 by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
- Electronic payments made \$7,724.90.

Executive Session:

- Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS §405(6)(a) – Personnel Matters

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to include the Fire Chief by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0

- Entered into Executive Session at 8:11pm
- Exited Executive Session at 8:23pm
- Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS §405(6)(a) – Personnel Matters by Randy, 2nd by Paul. Vote: Approved 3-0-0
 - Entered into Executive Session at 8:26pm
 - Exited Executive Session at 8:39pm

Unfinished Business:

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

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.