

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2023
7:02 P.M.
8:15 P.M.

ERIC DURGIN
CORY HALE
KAREN JAMES

The meeting was called to order with three all members present. Lura Sawyer was present for a portion of the meeting. The board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board signed the warrants for September 14 and reviewed and signed the September 21, 2023, warrants with no changes.

The board reviewed minutes for the September 7th meeting and accepted as is.

Fire Department – Eric spoke with Ethan Norcross, and he has rescinded his resignation as chief of the Fire Department. Need to work on updating the policies and send them to Ethan for review. **Ethan is looking into three separate grants to help offset the budget.** One for a new pump truck offered through FEMA the application period has not opened yet, the Maine Forestry Grant for equipment and Stephen King Foundation for five sets of PPE gear and a dryer for the gear. Turnout gear is now only good for a period of 10 years from the date of acquisition regardless of the size of the department and how much it has been used. Our air packs are close to aging out due to NFPA revisions. A department member mentioned some concerns to the office staff regarding the location of equipment that needs repairs and the request for an electric pump for fuel tank located at station 2.

Sawmill Park – Lura Sawyer discussed the revised plans for placement of the water wheel. Feels that the project can be completed within the \$5,000.00 budget. Building a 7 x 14 cement pad to place the structure on and intends to build a roof over that. Briefly mentioned adding some fencing around the park if the budget allows.

Tearcap / Hampshire St Project – Phase one of the project is completed. The contractor has submitted invoices for the project, and they have been approved to issue payment for the completed project.

Fletcher Rd – Winter Rd Closing - The board voted to take no action on reversing the decision.

E911 Addressing System – Will be implementing a new system this fall, the board signed a confirmation letter, confirming Emma as the E911 Addressing Officer.

Abatements - The board signed 5 abatements, four for an overvaluation on a seasonal cottage for Eliza Wiesner and one for Lisa White for an error on her type of foundation and accessory building.

Sebago Fiber – The board signed a letter of support for the Sebago Fiber project. This project includes 21 eligible locations here in Hiram. Scheduled a meeting for September 28th to meet with a representative to learn about funding and projects the Town of Hiram may be eligible for.

Road Paving & Budget – Greg received a quote to extend the paving project for Durgintown Rd by an additional 400 and 500 feet from the initial proposal of 4300 feet. After reviewing the budget, the board approved the proposal for \$188,606.94 for 4800 feet. The board requested that he remain within the budget, except for the authorized emergency culvert replacement on Tripptown Rd for \$9,400.00.

Reviewed the SRU August run report.

F550 recalls were repaired this week.

EMA payment – Emma requested her stipend for this quarter and formally declined her mileage check since there has been no travel.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marylou Stacey