

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2023
7:00 P.M.
8:10 P.M.

ERIC DURGIN
CORY HALE
KAREN JAMES

The meeting was called to order with three all members present. Chief Norcross and Brandie Shydo of Sebago fiber were both present for a portion of the meeting.

The board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eric opened the public hearing at 7pm for the General Assistance to update the appendices for 2023/2024. No public comment, public hearing was closed at 7:01
Board signed the General Assistance Ordinance update.

Board accepted the minutes for September 21, 2023 and signed this weeks warrants.

Sebago Fiber – Brandie Shydo had a short presentation regarding the services Sebago Fiber can offer and the grant the Town of Sebago has applied for. Through this grant 21 homes in Hiram will be offered the opportunity to upgrade their internet services at no cost to the town. The monthly cost to consumers is like that of the current Spectrum and Consolidated Communications.

Sand Bids – Received only one bid for 2000 yards of new sand for the north end of town.

George Anderson - \$9 per yd for sand and \$2.50 per yd for trucking

Asked staff to follow up with contractor to verify the cost, unsure if any fee for mixing the left-over sand from last year. Tabled to next meeting. *

Chief Norcross – discussed with the board his plans to apply for some grants.

- He applied to the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation for \$33,000 for 5 sets of Structural PPE and a Gear Dryer, this grant does not require any matching funds.
- Maine Forestry has a grant up to \$10,000 for equipment, he intends to submit the grant for replacement chains saws and portable pumps, this grant requires a 50% match.
- The FEMA grant application should open up late October, Ethans plan is to submit a grant to replace one of our tanker/pump trucks. The cost for a truck is approximately \$458,000 and the town would be responsible for 5% cost sharing.

He also reported that he has taken Tank 4 out of service until further notice, the truck is leaking fluid it is currently being housed at Station 1.

The chief was asked to use one of the trucks for a toy drive this year. He was unaware this had been done in the past and so was the board. It was reportedly done in conjunction with End 68 Hours of Hunger. The board deferred the decision to Chief Norcross and stated they would support him. They discussed that the person in question is currently out due to medical reasons, and they all agreed they would need medical release prior to his return to work.

Plowing - Need to put Station 2 out to bid for the plow season for 2023/2024, bids due back Oct. 19, 2023 by 3pm. Advertise in the Shopping Guide for 2 weeks.

Vehicle Registration – we had a check returned to us for insufficient funds. The owner thought it needed to be registered to sell it, he sold the vehicle two days after registering it and has since turned in the plates. A request was made to not charge the registrant the excise tax since they are not replacing the vehicle, the board approve the waiver of the excise tax, the registrant will need to cover the state fees only.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marylou Stacey

The scheduled board meeting for October 5, 2023 was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

*The board approved via email the awarding of the North End Sand/Salt pile contract to George Anderson on October 5, 2023 for the bid price of \$27,000.00