

Town of Sweden, Maine
Selectmen's Meeting
June 24, 2014

Attendance: Wayne Miller, Lori Bennett, Stephen Bennett, Sarah Rose, Corin Meehan and DJ Curtis.

Wayne called for the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01 pm and then called the meeting to order.

Wayne made a motion to accept the minutes of June 10, 2014 with corrections. Lori 2nd the motion; it was passed 2 -0.

Report of officers and committees:

Animal Control Officer- Jacqueline Frye:

No report

CEO- Eric Gulbrandsen:

No report

Clerk – Alberta Ridlon:

No report

SVFD - Corin Meehan:

Corin Meehan presented his report to the Selectmen.

Department Report- June 2014

Calls: There were no requests for service for the month of June.

Meetings and Trainings: The department conducted pump operations and water supply training in a 4 hour session at the end of May, and 3 firefighters have logged a combined total of 12 hours of driver training on Engine 1 and 3. Once complete, these firefighters shall be certified as Driver-Operators for all department engines.

On June 28, the department will be participating in a live fire training exercise in Bridgton. This will provide our newest members the opportunity for realistic and intensive training in both structural fire suppression and pumping operations for fire attack.

Monthly Expenses: Total: \$512.46. Payroll: \$60.00, SCBA cylinder hydrostatic testing: \$82.50, Extinguisher inspections/servicing/hydrostatic testing: \$253.70, Fuel: \$25.04, Hardware/Misc.: \$91.22

Comments: I spoke with Steve Cady, the District 1 supervisor for Maine DOT regarding the box culvert issues at the station. He stated that he was going to be inspecting the site last week, and that he had the local crew foreman take pictures. Since then I have been unable to reach Mr. Cady by phone to follow-up. I am still attempting a face to face meeting so that we can discuss the issue with DOT representatives.

I attended the New England Fire Chiefs Association show in West Springfield MA on the weekend of June 22. I was able to make several networking connections that may provide benefit the department and the town in the form of budget-neutral training, operational, and infrastructure improvements. I will discuss these in detail in meeting form.

Unfortunately, the grant for wild land fire protection was rejected. I am still waiting for the results of the other, but after speaking with several departments who have received funding from that organization I am not confident in receiving a grant award. The lack of significant commercial and institutional infrastructure in the town would be the factor that would lead to this grant being rejected. However, I will continue to pursue alternate funding sources.

Lastly, our annual Deep-Fried Turkey Dinner will be held on Saturday, August 30, at the meeting house.

Road Commissioner – Stephen Bennett:

Stephen Bennett reported that he finished ditching and culverts on Plummer School road. He also reported that they completed patching on Hardscrabble Road, Webber Pond Road, Plummer School Road and Sam Ingalls Road. Hauled seven loads of crushed gravel to stockpile.

Plummer School paving to be done on Friday said Stephen.

Also, Stephen said, he dug around culvert and filled with gravel on Hardscrabble Road 20 feet back.

Admin. Assistant – Diana Curtis (DJ):

DJ Curtis discussed the last bond payment the town owes and reminded Selectmen that they would be setting the tax rate at the next meeting. She gave the Selectmen current revenue and expense reports.

Old Business:

The Selectmen discussed an April bill received from Molloy Energy.

The Selectmen discussed the rental hall agreement. Wayne made a motion to revamp the town hall fee structure. He said we should waive the fee for 2014. Beginning next year the new rate schedule will take effect. Lori 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

Wayne mentioned that the Town Hall floor will be completed on Thursday and furniture could be put back after Sunday.

Wayne asked Lori about roadside mowing. Lori said Daniel Charles could do it and asked how much needed to be done. Lori will ask Stephen about the worst parts. Wayne said expect to use about \$5000 worth.

New business:

Communications:

Mail:

School assessment for 2014.

MMA ballot for election for policy committee.

MMA wastewater districts, regarding dig safe.

Thank you from elections coordinator to Alberta

The next meeting will be Tuesday July 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Wayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Lori 2nd the motion, approved 2-0 and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,
Diana J. Curtis

Adm. Asst. to Board of Selectmen