

OAKLAND TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

November 22nd, 2022

Council members present:

Michael Perkins, Chairman
Robert Nutting
Donald Borman

Dave Groder
Dana Wrigley

Others Present:

Ella Bowman, Town Manager
Dave Coughlin
Bill McKenna
Jon Cox
Craig Costello (zoom)

Kelly Pinney-Michaud
Tim Beal
Chris Mitchell
Kelly Roderick

1. It was moved by Bob Nutting and seconded by Dave Groder and voted 4-0 to accept the minutes for the previous meeting and signing the weekly warrants.
2. Craig Costello delivered the Town's Audit via zoom. Craig advised that the Audit looked good, and that the town was in good financial position.
3. Tim Beal, Bill McKenna, and Chris Mitchell, all from Delta Ambulance Service delivered a presentation to the Council regarding a new per capita fee of \$15 to the town of Oakland. The total cost for Delta Ambulance services to the town will be \$95,715.00 for our upcoming operating budget. They advised that between the rising cost of labor and losing approximately 3700 between Waterville and Winslow resulted in the new fee structure. The Council made several comments and asked a variety of questions. Dave Savage from the audience asked if they were charging Waterville for ambulance service. Tim stated that they have a mutual aid pack with Waterville so therefor, no. Ella asked how many calls per day Delta assisted Waterville with. Chris stated that they had assisted with 3 calls on that day. Dave Coughlin asked if Waterville will be assisting Delta with Oakland transports. Tim stated that they most likely will. Ella asked if we would be receiving a bill from Waterville for these transport and Tim advised that he could not answer that question.
4. Chief Coughlin presented a proposal to the council regarding transferring \$8597.65 from the Town's fund equity to pay for equipment. The Fire Department was awarded \$47,159.04 in a federal grant, this grant was matched at \$2357.96 bringing the total money to be spent to \$49,517.00. Due to increased costs, the equipment that was bided out came in at a total of \$58,114.65, a difference of \$8597.65. MEMA owes the Town

\$6755.00 and we are expecting this money within 2 weeks. This money will be placed back into the Town's fund equity, resulting in a total of \$1842.65 needed.

Moved by Dana Wrigley, seconded by Dave Groder, voted 5-0 in favor of moving the funds.

5. Kelly Pinney-Michaud presented the phone bids to the Council. The town received a total of 3 bids to replace the phones townwide with a phone system that operates over the internet. Bids are from Spectrum, Maine Tech Group, and Maine Communications Consulting. Kelly recommended that the bid be awarded to Spectrum due to the initial cost to change the phones over, overall monthly cost, and the fact that Spectrum agreed to add a new internet line in each town department so the phones will have priority lines. This eliminates the need to pay for faster internet speed and interference. Moved by Dave Groder, seconded by Bob Nutting, voted 4-0 in favor of accepting the Spectrum bid (Mike Perkins abstained due to a personal conflict).
6. Don Borman gave a Damns committee update. He advised that the damn in Belgrade village was in need of between \$80,000 and \$100,000 worth of repair work. Ella advised that the Town had just received a 3rd party request from the Damns Committee and the new bill is just over \$20,000.
7. Dave Groder moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Nutting, voted 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ella Bowman
Town Manager