

## **TOWN OF PERU SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 15, 2024**

**Present:** Gail Belyea (scribe), Dan Carrier, Jackie Child, Arthur Clifford, Jason Dolloff, Patrick Houghton, Kathryn Lawrence.

**Consent Agenda:** Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to approve as presented here. Vote 4-1, Patrick abstained.

1. Approval of meeting minutes of January 8, 2024.
2. Tax supplemental bill: Jasen Errington.

**Elected Officials:** Fire chief Carrier has ordered eight sets of gear. He has 24 volunteers currently, and two potentials.

He is planning to complete a voluntary Bureau of Labor Standards audit; last one was done in the early 2000's, and Dan thinks another one is overdue. It would cost a lot of money to hire an outsider to perform the audit, so the fire department will take on the responsibility. Forestry hose has to be tested now, which will be a new experience for PFD. He has 1000 feet of weepinghose.

Jackie asked if there has been much loss recently of gloves and other incidentals, and Dan said no. He has considered submitting a grant request for a log-in system with camera.

SCBA maze is at the Worthley Pond fire station. It's too tall by 18 inches; will be shortened.

There was lengthy discussion regarding Emergency Operations Command. Dan will submit a grant request to Wal-Mart by March 31, 2024, for three televisions. Katie disagrees that TVs are necessary for EOC. Dan responded that Oxford County expects the town to have at least one TV for weather information; more TVs could display real-time operations during an emergency. Zero office equipment is required for emergency operations. Action plans are filed with Emergency Management Agency. Communication is the "big thing".

Fire department 24-25 budget will include dollar requests for EOC antennas and radios.

Dan is considering another grant request for two stand-by generators, one at central fire station and one at town garage. He would like a portable scanner for fire department cost recovery efforts and other reports.

There have been 172 fire calls this last year.

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Tabled new 5500 truck deficit of \$485 for further information from O'Connor GMC.
2. Solar flagpole light: Chair will finalize with town clerk.

**Public Participation:**

Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to enter at 9:16 p.m.





Jackie: Any update on answering machines for town office phones? Not yet.

Discussed lowering the U.S. flag at sundown/end of the workday, and she thinks maybe it could be a duty for the secretary.

When will the CEO join the meetings again? Wondering about status of letters to owners of yards full of old cars and other junk. May be time to take some legal action.

Arthur motioned, Jason seconded to exit public participation at 9:30 p.m. Vote 5-0.

**Adjourn:** Arthur moved, Jason seconded to adjourn at 9:31 p.m. Vote 5-0.

  
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