

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting September 13, 2022

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Brian Monahan, Chris Garcia

In Attendance: Matt Messenger, Police Chief Mike Richards

The meeting came to order at 11:02AM by Chairman Sweet. The Minutes of the September 6th meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made by Brian Monahan to authorize the Town's Road Agent to proceed with the purchase of the 2022 Ford F-550 Truck and to sign and execute associated documents on behalf of the Town of Strafford. This purchase will be made with unanticipated grant revenues from SB 401 as discussed at the September 6, 2022 Public Hearing. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye

Brian Monahan – Aye

Chris Garcia - Aye

The motion passed.

A motion was made to go into recess until Mr. Messenger arrives this afternoon; this was seconded.

The Board voted unanimously on the motion. The meeting went into recess at 11:07AM.

The meeting resumed and came to order at 5:30PM.

Matt Messenger was in attendance to further discuss the purchase of the new vehicle and the additional items needed and necessary for the truck. Mr. Messenger provided the Selectmen with an amount of roughly \$30,000 quoted from Fairfield's. The Board addressed and discussed the items on the quote. Mr. Messenger will speak with Fairfield's to get a more "formal" quote. Mr. Monahan made a motion to outfit the vehicle with Ms. Sweet seconding the motion. A vote was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye

Brian Monahan – Aye

Chris Garcia - Aye

The motion passed. Matt will be picking up the vehicle on Monday and bringing it to Fairfield's to be equipped. Matt stated that this work could take up to 4 months.

The signed salt contract will be brought in to be put in the file. The price has gone up about \$10 per ton.

The Police Chief was in attendance. The Board asked if something could be done on the Police Department's part when working details for the Town's Road Agent. The Police Department's rate has increased causing a strain on the Road Agent's budget. Chief Richards said he would look into the possibility of reducing the rate for the Town.

The Board briefly discussed the diesel situation considering that the Road Agent will be utilizing diesel for his vehicle and this tank was previously only used by the Fire Department. Several scenarios were suggested and discussed. A further discussion concerning the diesel usage will be had at a future meeting.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:47PM.