

## **Selectmen Meeting Minutes**

**April 8, 2025**

**@ 5 Kennebec Street**

**6:00pm**

**Chair Arnold Luce, Vice Chair Jim Smith, Brenda Garland, Larry McHugh (absent), Sharon Mellows**

1. Minutes of March 25, 2025 Board of Selectmen meeting - Brenda motion, Jim second-passed 4-0
2. Warrant & Financials – Brenda motion, Jim second, passed 4-0
3. Department Head
  - a. Highway – Arty
    - The steel at the old North Anson Fire Station – the check was made payable to the Town of Anson and this was placed into the Fire Department Revenue account
    - Posted roads the Sanitary District drive on will be repaired by the Sanitary District.
    - Dust control – One Signature is needed – Brenda motion, Jim second, passed 4-0
    - 2019 Western Star to repair again the pump would cost \$3,606.00 or a new pump installed, which is more efficient, for \$15,985.00 – Brenda motion, Sharon second, passed 4-0
    - N. F, Luce proposal at \$188,000 for the Madison Street job for the drain that failed (FEMA has paid the Town for this already, put needed to wait till spring of this year to have work done) – Brenda motion, Sharon second, Arnold Luce abstained because of the relationship with N.F. Luce – 3-0-1
    - Sewer project work has started and they have run into trouble – this is the slip line on Main St in North Anson
    - Graded all roads except for seven, just smoothing up till the snow, rain and frost is gone
  - b. Fire Chief – Stacey
    - Fuel 385.8 gallons at \$1,040
    - Truck checks are done
    - Fit test for those going into burning buildings done
    - Fire calls the same

- Nov-Dec 2025 payroll is \$5,795 – passed 4-0
- Embsden Approximately 14 calls and 3 car accidents
- Full Time Fire Fighter, Lance Maginnis II has turned in his two-week notice – his final day of employment will be April 18, 2025

c. Treasurer: Nancy Gove – Absent

d.

4. Selectmen concerns

- Two Year Contract for Assessors – Brenda motion, Jim second, passed 4-0
- Diadema Golf Club Liquor license to renew – Jim motion, Sharon second, passed 4-0
- Bids for EARTH WORK and PAVING – Brenda motion, Jim second to secure the lowest Bid with Peter's at \$143,995.00 – passed 4-0
  - Peter's - \$143,995.00
  - Partridge - \$145,625.00
  - N.F. Luce (Brian) - \$172,995 and/or \$184,995
  - Manzer - \$201,802.00
- November and December payroll for fire fighters was approved to be

paid

5. Public Session

- Kari R. - when will the internet for the North Station be installed and running. Kim Moody has been in communication with Spectrum for the 26 North Main St, North Anson location and she still has not secured a date, time for installation
- Daryl P. – Daryl explained he did not want Jim Smith, selectmen, to interrupt his conversation when speaking. Jim replied with an explanation. Jim only interrupted because the public does not need to be disrespectful to the Board.
- Daryl P. – Full Time Fire Fighters contract – SELECTMEN, SHARON SAID THIS IS NOT A CONTRACT CONFIRMED WITH OUR LAWYER

1) He handed out the Town of Anson -Anson Fire Department-Full-Time Firefighter/Operator/revision April 26, 2022 to all the Board members and public is they wanted one.

2) He pointed out the Revision date of April 26, 2022 on front did not match the attached pages of Rev 1, March 28, 2022.

ANSWER: THE APRIL 26, 2022 WAS WHEN THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVED

3) He pointed out this was signed but not dated and Selectmen did not sign off

4) The hourly pay is not what they are getting paid

5) They would like an explanation?

-Mrs. Ayotte – She felt that Brenda Garland should recuse herself from Fire Department.

-She wanted to know why if one of the Full Time Firefighter have resigned, why can't we remove both of the Full Time Firefighters position? No. This position will be posted in house first.

-Christian – When did the grant end – RESPONSE: THE GRANT WAS FOR TWO YEARS AND THE FULL TIME FIREFIGHTERS WAS VOTING IN A TOWN MEETING MARCH 2022

-Andrew, one of the Full Time Firefighter – on a Facebook site there is a petition indicating the Department has gone on 20 calls or less and that is a false statement. RESPONSE: MRS. AYOTTE SAID SHE WOULD HAVE IT REMOVED AND/OR CONTACT ADMIN TO REMOVE IMMEDIATELY.

6. Executive Session Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A, A 405 (6) (A) – 6:47 pm out – Jim motion, Brenda second, passed 4-0 and 7:30 pm Chair Arnold Luce declared us out of Executive Session

7. Adjourn 7:35 pm – Jim motion, Brenda second, passed 4-0