

*Town of Livermore Falls*  
*Office of the Select Board*

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**John Barbioni**

**Bruce Peary**  
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Select Board Meeting  
**November 19, 2024**  
Livermore Falls Town Office  
**6:30 pm**  
**\*\*Minutes\*\***

All members of the Board are present:

Town Manager present

Department Heads: Bill Nichols, Mark Holt, Chief Haroon, Doris Austin

**1. Call meeting to order**

Will called meeting to order at 6:30pm

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Hearing**

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

4.1 November 6, 2024

Jim made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve

Bruce made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion with a notation under department reports Mark Holt's name being spelled correctly.

VOTE 5-0 in favor of approving minutes with the correction to the spelling of Mark's name

**5. Old business:**

5.1 ATV/UTV road access

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to table still, waiting for more information

John made 2<sup>nd</sup>

VOTE: 5-0

Bruce suggested letting the local clubs act on this matter, and then bring it to the board after they Have done the legwork. let the clubs go to state.

**6. New Business:**

6.1 Sale of Street Sweeper

Bill told the Board that the street sweeper is in bad shape, it is 1987 and the town has Had it for 30 years and it would cost several thousand dollars to make it somewhat useable so we would like to put it out to bid and see what we can get for it. Bill is looking at options to replace the sweeper with a broom that goes on the front of the loader which is equipped with enough hydraulics and this would be much cheaper than buying a new sweeper. The broom would sweep right into the bucket

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to have the street sweeper go out to bid with any proceeds going to Public Works reserve account

Bruce made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of putting the street sweeper out to bid with proceeds going to the Public Works reserve account.

6.2 FEMA Reimbursement – Reserve Account

Bill told the Board that he finished up FEMA regarding the December 18<sup>th</sup> storm and Getting back from feds \$50,250.07 and from State \$6,036.91 for a total of \$56,286.98.

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The Highway department will be getting \$50,919.56  
The Fire Department will be getting \$5,367.42  
Bill told the Board that he would like to put that money in the highway reserve account,  
Since this money has already been used out of the budget.  
Will made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to have the reimbursement from FEMA go to reserve accounts.  
\$50919.56 to go Public Works equipment reserve account and \$5,367.42 go to Fire Department  
reserve account.  
Bruce made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion  
VOTE: 5-0 in favor of putting

6.3 Cruiser award

3 quotes for the new vehicle that range in price, just for the vehicle without the police equipment.  
Local bid from Bailey Ford \$48267.  
Quirk bid \$47222.  
1 from out of state that was much higher  
Chief Haroon told the board that the local company does not have the vehicle in stock and  
The timeline is about 3 months, where Quirk does have it in stock.  
When asked about the service, chief told them it could be done locally.  
This will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Hybrid and have had no issues with drive train, this is a base police car.  
Jim talked with 8 residents, and they said to go with the lowest bid, so he is for Quirk.  
Bruce is for Bailey Brothers because he would like to go local, Jeff asked about service  
Chief Haroon said service would be in Farmington.  
Will would like to go local as well, for the small amount of money would like to buy local.  
Chief Haroon is concerned about the timeframe of the car local  
Bruce although would like to go local understands the need to go with Quirk.  
Bruce made 1<sup>st</sup> motion of going with Quirk with \$72,652.56 equipped.  
Jim made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.  
VOTE: 3-2 in favor of going with Quirk for the Ford SUV Interceptor.

Carrie is asking the board what the Board would like to do with the old cruiser.  
Carrie told the Board that keeping the old car for animal control and code enforcement  
Could save the town money by not paying mileage.  
Jim asked about a partition between the seats if there was a dog going into it.  
Chief said there is a partition, but it is small and there are shelves in the trunk that could  
Be taken out.  
Carrie told the Board that it would be good to have a vehicle with the town logo on it so  
If code enforcement or animal control were to go to a resident's home, they would be identified  
And she would also like to have a yellow caution strobe light for safety on the roof, which could  
be done in house.  
Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to retain the old 2019 ford interceptor from the Police Department to  
Use for the town employees  
Bruce made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion  
VOTE: 5-0 in favor of retaining the old 2019 from the Police Department to use for the  
Town employees.

6.4 MainePERS contract plan change

At the elections the residents voted in favor of changing the Police Department retirement  
Plan special plan 1C to its eligible employees, not temporary or seasonal effective January 1,2025  
we need the board to sign the other employees will remain in special plan 2C.

Will made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve as read on November 25, 2024  
Bruce made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve.

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VOTE: 5-0 in favor of the updated retirement plan for the Police Department.

**6.5 Public Works Contract Amendment – work schedule**

Bill is proposing to the Board about the Public Work going to 4–10-hour days.

Bill told the Board that they seem to get more work done in longer days because not Always getting equipment out and putting it back in, also thinks it will help with retaining Employees.

Bruce asked if it would affect storms and Bill says no, if they get a call the crew goes out.

Jim asked if this has been brought to the union, Bill said there is no problem as they have been Doing these changes every week.

Bruce made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve the amended work schedule for the public works department To a 4-10 hour work week.

Will made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of the amendment of 4–10-hour shifts.

**6.6 FY 2026 Budget Timeline**

Carrie told the board that there is a budget timeline before them with proposed meeting dates. With the board present.

Jan 21 budget overview workshop and Jan 28 budget overview workshop

Feb 4 if necessary, workshop and Feb 11 as a backup

Jim would like to see the budget set for the first two meetings with the other dates set for backup.

**6.7 Solar Moratorium Discussion**

Carrie told the board that this was added to the agenda and there was talk about doing a Moratorium in the town and there is one solar project coming before the planning board With the potential of a second. This would be a 180 pause for any new solar project in town. This is just information to bring to the board.

**7. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim**

7.1 Payroll Warrant #45 \$26,187.69, #46 \$33,394.58

7.2 General Fund Warrant #30 \$278,681.80, #31 \$6,838.65

Will made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve warrants

Jim made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

VOTE:5-0 to approve as read

Abatement – NONE

Supplement – NONE

**8. Board Discussion**

Jim asked about the audit/ Carrie told the board they are working on it.

**9. Department Reports**

Mark told the board there is a wet area at the plant and there is a price from the contractor and With talking to Bill they believe the can have the work done through the highway crew at a much Lower cost.

Mark told the Board that he and Bill believe it can be done at about \$3,000 compared to the vendor Price of \$14,000. to install a french drain that will connect to a nearby catch basin and they believe a ½ day of work and a ½ rental of small excavator

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Mark is asking the board to take up to \$3000. from the reserve account to cover the cost and he Will also be asking Jay for approval, and this should be done within the next week or so. At the end of the month there will be about \$235,000. In the joint reserve account currently with \$23,000. Expenditures.

Bruce made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion for spending up to \$3,000. To fix the water drainage issue project At the treatment plant

Jim made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of spending up to \$3,000 from joint reserve account for drainage issue at plant.

Bill, F600 hit the road and can use the truck now, just needs a few things including touch up on paint.

Rodney Lake officially retired November 18 after almost 41 years. We got someone new that came with municipal experience, so we are fully staffed and ready to go.

Abe, we launched new phone system and internet. we are running much faster what used to take Up to 30 minutes now takes maybe 1 minute.

Giving thanks to public works and that department for the help in transforming the department, still work to do downstairs but has made such a difference

Downstairs lobby is open now so if somebody comes to the station they can now come inside and use the phone to get an officer there for assistance.

Staffing is moving along a little slower but we have a good staff going with a few in process.

Getting policies and procedures up and in place.

Printing cards done in house now for officer ID's and concealed weapons permits.

Doris told the board, shopping for thanksgiving baskets from the donation we received and looking For a few more names. We will have enough food for 30 thanksgiving boxes.

Hat and mitten drive still in place until November 30<sup>th</sup>, and the schools will get the items on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a combined effort between Livermore, Livermore Falls and Jay.

Santa will be here December 1<sup>st</sup> from 4-5:30 and there will be a little something for the kids.

Elections were 11-5-24

**10. Town Manager Report**

Test holes are being done at the Fire Department Sub-station, there was a foot of loam and then sand, will be finishing up final design.

Public works can do the site work at a much lower cost. Bill said it is not an issue for public works to do. This is the prep work part of the project not the fine grading

Sewer foreclosures coming up November 30 and they have until December 2<sup>nd</sup>.and there is 31 properties on the list.

Reminder Foundry Road is still closed, Stop going through there is still construction going on.

Animal control ordinance, is going to attorney generals office.

Henry Pile would like to be on budget committee, needs,

Jim made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve Henry Pile to budget committee.

Will made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

VOTE-5-0 in favor of approving Henry Pile to budget committee.

Would like Boards opinion, close early day before Thanksgiving.

Bruce made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to close office at 3 day before Thanksgiving.

John made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of closing town office at 3, day before Thanksgiving.

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**11. Public Comment**

Arin Qunitel told the board that she had talked previously about putting a moratorium on the solar. Because she would not like this town to be solar farms and cannabis shops but she is not ready. And at this point she is gathering information. What will happen to these panels in 20 years, where will they go and what will happen to the land.

**12. Executive Session**

**13. Adjourn**

Bruce made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to adjourn

Jim made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

VOTE 5-0 in favor of adjourning at 7:39pm

