

Town of Livermore Falls
Office of the Select Board

Ernie Souther, Chair
John Benedetto
William Kennsiton

Jeffrey Bryant, Vice Chair
Bruce Peary

PUBLIC HEARING

Sewer Rate

Select Board Meeting

June 16, 2026

Livermore Falls Town Office

6:00 pm

****MINUTES****

1. Call meeting to order

Ernie called meeting to order at 6pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustment to agenda

4. Public Hearings

4.1 Sewer Rate

Ernie opened public hearing at 6:01

Workshop held last night, discussed different options: Carrie presented options to Board.

Looking at having no minimum this year, pay for what you use and going back to quarterly

Bills will be due 9/1, 12/1, 3/1 and 6/1

Tammy spoke regarding how to come up with formula to create the bill.

Mark said that after 2 years of feedback he agrees with the changes.

Carrie said the minimum that needs to come in to pay the bills is \$943,882 which includes the

10% add on fees, Carrie told the Board that we received 2 grants and final cost to the payers will be approximately \$343,000.

Bruce said the Board does what is best for the sewer users and said how they come

Up with suggested rates

Public hearing closed at 6:44

5. Approval of the Minutes

6. 5.1 May 19, 2026

Under 7.5 it says Ernie made the motion to raise fire department by \$750 and it should have been \$700 and there was no 2nd.

Bruce made the 1st motion to raise the fire department by \$750.

It was seconded and approved.

Bruce made 1st motion to approve minutes as corrected

Will made 2nd

VOTE: 4-0-1 Jeff abstained because he was not at 5-19-26 meeting

5.2 June 2, 2026

Bruce made 1st motion to approve as presented

Jeff made 2nd

VOTE: 4-0-1 Ernie abstained as he was not at 6-2-26 meeting

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7. Old business

6.1 Quarterly board action items

John would like at least 1 meeting a month where there can be more discussion and More time to see what he is signing and voting on.

Ernie said department heads come to 2nd meeting of the month and fill the Board in On what is going on.

Bruce made 1st motion to have department heads or representatives come to 2nd meeting of the month
Ernie made 2nd
VOTE:5-0 in favor of moving forward with department heads attending 2nd meeting of the month with department updates effective July 15th 2026.

8. New Business

Sewer Policy Update

Bruce made 1st motion to amend policy to go quarterly with actual usage with payments with net 30 days set at

Ernie made 2nd
VOTE: 5-0 to amend policy to quarterly with actual usage

Set Sewer Rate:

Bruce made 1st to set sewer rate to 4th from bottom of list which is a zero minimum use with a Minimum fee of \$200 and .20 cents per cubic foot.

Jeff made 2nd

Will made discussion and this is not easy but feels we need to raise more money

Ernie says Tammy is very knowledgeable about this and confident is this choice

VOTE:4-0-1 John abstained to set the sewer rate at zero minimum use with a minimum fee of \$200 and .20 cents per cubic foot.

Road Closure – Fourth of July Parade

Can we close main st for parade on July 3rd

Bruce close main st for parade on July 3rd as required

Ernie made 2nd motion

VOTE: 5-0 in favor

9. Warrants/Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

10.1 Payroll Warrant: #23 \$30,730.42

Ernie made 1st motion to accept as presented

Bruce made 2nd

VOTE: 5-0 in favor of approving warrant as presented

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10.2 General Fund Warrant: #58 Pay Req #76 114,463.43
#59 26,234.71

Ernie made 1st to approve as presented
Bruce made 2nd
VOTE: 5-0 in favor of approving as presented

10.3 Abatements, Quit Claim Deeds, Supplements

10. Board Discussion

John made the attached statement

Jeff feels the Board does what is best for the town

Will said Shoulder to Shoulder is doing work in the area
This is a Christian ministry helping people make repairs that they cannot do themselves.

11. Manager Discussion

Carrie told the Board that she has received email saying we a 1million dollars in grant funds
So her total grants she has brought in just over 1.2 million

12. Department Head Discussion

Doris told the board that we had 440 voters on 6-9
Blood drive on June 29 from 9-4

13. Public Comment

14. Executive Session

15. Adjourn

Bruce made 1st to adjourn
Ernie made 2nd
VOTE: 5-0 in favor of adjourning at 7:13pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Doris Austin, town Clerk