

G/W Joint Special Town Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

Location – Wascott Town Hall

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call– The meeting was called to order by Wascott Chair Chuck Youngquist at 6:30 p.m. Roll call – Board members present from Wascott – Chair Youngquist, Supv Christensen, Supv Liautaud. Board members present from Gordon – Chair Knutson, Supv Eagle, Wascott Town Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson, Gordon Clerk Wohlbier and 3 guests.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Approval of Agenda- **A Christensen/Liautaud motion to approve the agenda; motion carried.**
- 4) Approval of Meeting Minutes – **A Christensen/Eagle motion to approve the August 29, 2024 minutes; motion carried.**
- 5) Public Comments – *Steve Trainor* commented the T/S employees do a great job.
- 6) Specific matters for discussion and possible action by Town Boards in open session:
EMS
 - a) Approval of 2025 Budget – EMS Treasurer Atkinson presented the budget to the Board. Atkinson met with Service Director Ebert reviewing and developing the 2025 budget. The balanced operating budget for 2025 is \$326,550. The town’s subsidy will remain at \$101,000 each town. Patient revenues dropped significantly in 2024 requiring the elimination of an assistant director. **A Christensen/Knutson motion to approve the EMS 2025 budget at \$326,550; motion carried.**

Transfer Station

- a) Approval of the 2025 Budget – A wage increase for employees was recommended as follows – Lead Attendant, from \$18/hr to \$19/hr; Assistant Lead Attendant, from \$17/hr to \$18/hr; Attendants (2), from \$16/hr to \$17/hr; new Attendant, \$16/hr. increasing to \$17 an hour after 90 days. **A Christensen/Knutson motion to approve wage increases, as outlined above, for 2025; motion carried.** The Lead and Assistant Lead Attendant receive WRS benefits.
Reviewing the 2024 revenues/expenses for the Transfer Station, it was recommended each Town would appropriate \$96,700 in their budget for 2025. **A Christensen/Eagle motion each Town would subsidize the Transfer Station an amount of \$96,700 for operating year 2025; motion carried.**
The Board discussed the need for a storage building/container for batteries. Supv Eagle will look into possibilities and let the Board know.

- b) Discuss I.D. Tags – The Board discussed options on how to best manage the use of the T/S I.D. tags for 2025. It was decided new tags would once again be included in the tax statements. The tags would be numbered, different color for each Town, and the year 2025. Gordon Chair Knutson will develop the tags and send a draft to the Board. As in the past, extra tags can be purchased for \$25/each from the Town Clerks.

Adjournment – **A Christensen/Eagle motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson
Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Wascott