

# Mechanic Falls Town Council

October 22, 2018

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cathy Fifield, Chair  
Stephen Bolduc, Vice Chair  
Nicholas Konstantoulakis  
Wayne Hackett

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

Zakk Maher – Town Manager  
Miranda Hinkley – Town Clerk  
Jeffrey Goss – Chief of Police

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mark Elliott	Mark Gary	Jon Damon, Dep. Fire Chief
Joseph Elliott	Amanda Bolduc	Fred Sturtevant, Fire Chief
Thomas Webster	Tom Doherty, Dep. Fire Chief	

**1.0** Councilor Fifield called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

**2.0** We stood and saluted the flag.

**3.0** Kieth Bennett absent.

## **4.0 General Reports:**

**NONE – Present at next regular meeting**

## **5.0 Comments from the Public:**

**NONE**

## **6.0 Old Business:**

**NONE**

## **7.0 New Business:**

### **7.1 Fire Repeater Bid**

The Radio Transmission Repeater for the Fire/Rescue Department located on the cellular tower on Pigeon Hill Rd is having issues with intermittent malfunction. There has been no down time in communication as the departments have been able to use the Minot Repeater and/or State Fire Channel. The Fire Department would like to use Minor CIP and the funds previously marked for pagers (as this expense has been covered by grants) to purchase a replacement repeater. 5 Bids were received. The Fire Department is asking that we purchase the ICOM system as it has digital functionality if the FCC so desires (which is rumored to happen soon). They would like to increase the coax to 7/8" to reduce resistance in the line. Chief Sturtevant also noted that his future budgets would likely include six-month inspections and repairs as needed to maintain the new system. Engine 2 is due for replacement in 2025 so this money from the CIP would have to be replaced for that purchase in the future. The Council felt that the replacement was necessary, they agreed that the more expensive repeater was more cost effective as a lesser expensive version means replacing in a few years if the FCC requires all radio to be digital. They also agree that the larger diameter coax cable is a valid purchase to ensure the Fire and Rescue Departments are able to communicate to maintain safety for our residents and staff. Councilor Konstantoulakis moves to allow the Fire Department to accept bid from MaineStream LLC in the amount of \$19,150 for purchase of ICOM Repeater and Installation using 7/8" coax cable. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bolduc. All in favor, so voted.

## **8.0 Ordinances, Resolves & Licenses:**

**NONE – Presented at next regular meeting**

**10.0 Adjourn:**

Councilor Bolduc motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Councilor Konstantoulakis. All in favor, so voted. Meeting Adjourned 7:02pm.