TOWN OF EAGLE LAKE

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING**

**AUGUST 12, 2020**

1. The Board met downstairs in the Fire Department Training Room. This was chosen due to

having additional space for social distancing due to COVID-19.

The Board members present included: Arthur Carroll, Wendy Dube, Jennifer Dube,

and Raymond Saucier.

Others in attendance were: John Sutherland, Town Manager, Eagle Lake Fire Chief

Rene St. Onge and members of the Eagle Lake Fire Department.

2. REVIEW NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE 87 INTERNATIONAL FIRE ENGINE

WITH EAGLE LAKE FIRE CHIEF RENE ST. ONGE AND DETERMINE

OPTIONS FOR REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT.

Board Chair Arthur Carroll welcomed Eagle Lake Fire Chief Rene St. Onge and

members of the Eagle Lake Fire Department to the meeting. Arthur thanked Rene

and John for working together on putting together a successful Aid to Firefighters

Vehicle Acquisition Grant to secure a new pumper tanker for the Eagle Lake Fire

Department. Arthur stated that Rene asked for the meeting to discuss the repairs

needed to keep the 87 International in service. Arthur added that due to the grant, we

are considering the option to replace the 87 International rather than spend the funds

to repair it. Arthur said that the firemen are volunteers and we want to work with them

going forward. But he added that we will still have to sell it to the voters. John added

whatever direction we decide, whether to repair or replace the 87 International, we

will need town meeting approval to expend the funds necessary to move forward.

Arthur stated that our goal is to have an end product that everyone is happy with. If

we get a new truck, we will have a picture of the new truck and the firemen on the

cover of next year’s annual town report.

Arthur informed Rene that he asked John to reach out to County EMA Director

Darren Woods to see if a truck was available to be loaned to us until the new unit

could be delivered. John said that Darren put our need on the list serve of local fire

departments and we can see what may be available. Rene stated that once we award

our bid to a dealer, they may have a loaner truck available until the ordered truck can

be delivered.

John also stated that bids for the Communication and Paging Upgrade are due at

the Eagle Lake Town Office by 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 18th and they will be

opened and reviewed by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting Wednesday, August

19, 2020.

Rene followed with the history of the 87 International and listed the issues that the

truck has. He reviewed two repair quotes that were received. The lowest was from

K&T for $ 45,000. We will still have a truck that is over thirty years old. Used

replacement options were discussed.

The Aid to Fire Fighters grant award for $ 228,571.43 is a wonderful opportunity

for our community. Arthur stated that he talked to Fort Kent Fire Chief Ed Endee who

informed him that these grant are nationally competitive and any community that is

able to get one is very fortunate. Rene added that his department has never had a new

truck. Rene discussed the advantages of a four door cab verses a two door cab. Rene

reviewed truck specs that he obtained from other fire engines ordered by various

departments.

John stated that the Board will need to vote to accept the grant. He then must

go to the F.E.M.A. .Go website and accept the award. Moved by Wendy Dube to

accept the award and have John go to the FEMA.GO website and accept the award on

behalf of the Town of Eagle Lake and the Eagle Lake Fire Department, seconded by

Jennifer Dube.

Vote: All in favor.

The grant also states that Eagle Lake Fire Department will report to the National

Fire Incident Reporting System. Rene and John will work together to see what we will

need to do to be compliant with this.

If we have any additional items come up. We can address them at the Board of

Selectmen’s meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

4. OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business

5. ADJOURN

Moved to adjourn by Wendy Dube, seconded by Jennifer Dube

Vote: All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.