

# TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Jen Carter, Chase Kling

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Steve Williams

## **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

## **Highway Truck Purchases**

The Selectboard discussed the International trucks ordered and concerns of not having a delivery date. Williams had met with a rep for Freightliner trucks and they committed to delivering a 6-wheel and 10-wheel freightliner trucks by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023.

Williams would like the board to consider keeping one of the current 6-wheel truck to have as a backup in the event there is an issue with one of the new trucks, then trade the other existing 6-wheel truck at the time of the sale, which would lower the purchase price a bit.

The freightliner trucks would be a manual transmission, which actually lowers the purchase price. Williams feels the manual transmission is better in bad weather and for hauling over hills. Adams asked about the ability to find highway crew help that can drive a manual transmission. Williams said most will test on a manual transmission so as to not limit their job opportunities.

Williams will contact the rep from ATG Lebanon, LLC to meet with the Selectboard to discuss truck options, pricing and delivery schedules for both the 6-wheel and 10-wheel freightliner trucks. The understanding will be that the total cost of the two trucks won't exceed the agreed pricing of the two trucks from Reed's. The board briefly discussed looking at Western Star, but in general the pricing would be approximately \$20,000 more than the Freightliner.

The purchase agreement with Reed's for the International will be cancelled.

The meeting was recessed at 5:29 pm, the meeting was reconvened on November 21, 2022 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh