

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2015

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 9, 2015 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Sochia, Crump, Potter.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Allen Fukes, Loren Shattuck, Brenda Nicholson, Ernest Wood, Annette Green.

Supervisor Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 on p.m.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to accept minutes of Organizational Meeting, and Regular Meeting held on January 12, 2015 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve the Financial Report for January 2015 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 29 to 58 General Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$11,281.12 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 10 to 27 Highway Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$42,315.29 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 4 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$425.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

Correspondence:

Unified Court System: Town Court has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00. Supv. Wood reported that she applied for this to put towards the heating system in the proposed new Municipal Building.

Old Business:

Proposed Town Office: Supv. Wood updated the Board on the proposed Municipal Building. She met with the Mr. Pahler and he presented another floor plan. This one is smaller and includes a partial basement. There were a few changes the Board wanted done. Supv. Wood will present these to Mr. Pahler.

Appointment of Groundskeeper: Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to appoint Ernest Wood to the position.

VOTE: Councilperson Potter Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye, Supervisor Wood Abstained.

Fuel Bids: Sealed bids were opened and read aloud from the following:

MX Fuels: Syracuse Rack Price on December 31, 2014 plus a differential of 5 cents.

Econo Fuels: Syracuse Rack Price on December 31, 2014 plus a differential of 26 cents.

Mr. Green also told the board that the County is going to bid out for fuel and we would be able to purchase under their contract.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to continue service with MX fuels at this time and wait to see what the county bid comes in at before a decision is made. Adopted unanimously.

Dynamite Magazine Bid: Supv. Wood opened and read aloud one bid received from Harvey Thomas on the Dynamite Magazine, \$50.00 for the large one and \$50.00 for the small one.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to award the bid to Mr. Thomas in the amount of \$100.00. Adopted unanimously.

Fuel Tanks Bid: Supv. Wood opened and read aloud one bid received from Pat Remington for one 300 gallon and one 1,000 gallon fuel tank in the amount of \$300.00.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to award the bid to Mr. Remington in the amount of \$300.00.

VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilpersons Sochia Aye, Lyon Aye, Potter Aye, Crump Abstained.

Clear Pond Road: Clerk French reported that she had spoke with the Town Attorney and he met with the

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County Attorney and County Highway Supt. They came to an agreement that if we advertise in two newspapers for four weeks notifying any heirs of the Fred and Sarah Dewey family that the town intends to do a Qualified Abandonment of the road and if no one comes forth they will continue with the abandonment. The Clerk has advertised in the Courier-Observer and the Watertown Daily Times.

Town Hall Renovations: The Board was updated on the progress. There were some problems with leaks in the plumbing that rotted some of the bathroom walls. They were fixed and new walls were put up. Renovations will be completed this week.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she has been continuing work on the new Municipal Building.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has received correspondence that there are two violations that occurred at Lake Ozonia. They are being settled between the APA and the property owner. He also reported that the property on County Route 49 renter has moved out. The Board asked him to send a letter to the property owner asking him to clean up the property.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He attended SLC Assessors training in January. 75% of STAR renewals have been renewed. The 2015 Equalization Rate for 2015 is 100%.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that they are planning the Maple Fest.

Library: Brenda Nicholson reported that computer usage continues to be high.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He also told the Board that the Town of Hopkinton was included in the area of a declared State of Emergency in November 2014 snow storm, therefore there will be some FEMA monies available.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Crump reported on the calls. Carson McCarger was given an award for reporting a fire at a residence on SH 420 as he and his Mother drove by.

Town Facilities: Susan Lyon reported that the Town Hall renovations are proceeding.

BHLS: copies of their last meeting were presented to the Board.

New Business:

Agreement with County to Spend Highway Funds: Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to approve the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds with the county. Adopted unanimously.

Holding Harmless Agreement: Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter:

WHEREAS, the Town of Hopkinton is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, shoulder widening, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Hopkinton and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Hopkinton and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to the fullest extent permitted by law, Hopkinton will indemnify and hold harmless the County, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of any negligent or intentional acts

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and/or omissions of the Town of Hopkinton or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$3,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County Shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilperson, Lyon Aye, Crump Aye, Sochia Aye, Potter Aye.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Vickie French