

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 20, 2015

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 20, 2015 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Ernest Wood, Annette Green, Mike Hann, Brenda Nicholson, Ronald Streeter. Richard Eakins arrived at 7:15 p.m.

ABSENT: Amanda Potter, Councilperson.

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

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2015 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to accept Supervisors Financial Report for June 2015 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 170 to 200 General Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$13,640.36 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 97 to 116 Highway Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$81,137.46 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No 14 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$375.00 was audited and approved by the Board.

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

Correspondence:

NYS Department of Ag & Markets regarding Dog Control Officer Inspection Report. All services were rated satisfactory.

American Power & Gas: The Town received a 25% rebate in the amount of \$52.79.

Old Business:

Estimates on Tree Removal & Trimming in the Hopkinton Park: Supv. Wood reported that no further estimates were received.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to award the contract for removal of eight (8) trees and eight (8) tree trims to Wolf Tree Service in the amount of \$3,999.00 to cut, trim, grind stumps and remove wood to the old entrance of the Ft. Jackson Park. Adopted unanimously.

Vickie French requested that this not be done until after August 22. There is a wedding that day in the park. The Board felt it would be better to wait until fall to start the project.

Awarding of bid for proposed municipal building: Supv. Wood reported that she and Ms Lyon had met with lower bidder, Heritage Homes, and went over the bid. Some revisions have been discussed, such as the heating system, roof, windows, vault. The roof will be changed from metal to shingles, windows to stationary, and the vault will be fireproof sheetrock. We will also do in house work, such as the removal of basket ball-blacktop area. We will provide our own crusher run and the Supervisor is talking with the Amish on the removal of the old building. These savings could save us enough to get the cost of the officer within our budget. Estimated start date would be September 1 and it will be a three to nine month project.

Supervisor Wood also reported that she is applying for another Court Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 and she has contacted Senator Little about some member money.

Also upon further checking we can use the leasing company for the financing.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to award the bid to Heritage Homes.

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

Clear Pond Road: Final paperwork with the County Highway Supt. for the Qualified Abandonment.

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Time Warner Cable Franchise: Supv. Wood reported that she had met with Phil Wagchell from Slic Network Solutions and was assured that if the Town renews their franchise agreement with Time Warner it would not stop the town at some future date to also sign a franchise agreement with Slic also. Supv. Wood told the Board that we have to hold a Public Hearing before we can renew the agreement with Time Warner.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to hold a Public Hearing on September 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to hear persons for against the franchise renewal with Time Warner. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported she has been busy working on the new Municipal Building financing.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that the grant for repairs to the museum paperwork is complete and is in the final stages for approval.

Library: Brenda Nicholson reported that the Summer Reading Program has started and they are having a good attendance.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. The DEC mining permit has been completed and he is waiting for approval. The Bobcat should be delivered by the end of July or first week of August.

Town Facilities: Susan Lyon reported that she is still trying to set up a date to have the Town Hall floor refinished.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Crump reported on calls and training for the month. They had a successful chicken barbeque during Summer Fest. They are going to rebuild their fire pit.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that they have set up a maintenance program for 24 hours, 7 days per week service and it also includes annual maintenance of cleaning.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he has been busy mowing and trimming. He is going to mow the Catherinsville Cemetery three times per year. He also reported that they has an incident of damage to the ball field and they also kicked in the bathroom doors at the Ft. Jackson Park. It was reported to the State Police. Steve has moved the gate to the lower end of the road so no one will be able to drive to the upper field.

New Business:

Financing for Municipal Office: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that we can work with Leasing 2, Inc for financing the Building. It will be for 20 years at a interest rate of 4.94%. The attorney has approved the leasing option. There is no penalty if we should pay off the building before the end of the lease. The estimated cost of the project is \$350,000.00 and we would make a down payment of \$108,000.00 and finance \$242,000.00 with an annual payment of approximately \$24,054.80.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to enter into a lease agreement with Leasing 2, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for the financing of the Municipal Building.

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

Teamsters Union Contract: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that we may have two positions opening up at the Highway Department due to retirement. The Highway Supt, Stephen Green, has asked her to request to open the Union Contract to discuss Article 28.1 Wages and Hours of Work and Article 3.4 Union Security. He is requesting the Town Board change the pay rate schedule for new hires and to change the residence for applicants.

Supv. Wood told the Board that she has a meeting with the union on Thursday to discuss this.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to change Article 28.1 and Article 3.4 with the approval of the union to the following:

Article 28.1 Wages and Hours of Work: Any full time MEO hired in the Town of Hopkinton will receive eighty

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(80) percent of the pay rate for the first 60 days which will be considered a probationary period and be paid (100) percent after this period.

Article 3.4 Union Security: All qualified applicants who reside in the Town of Hopkinton shall be given priority over applicants outside of the township when filling job vacancies.

Adopted unanimously.

Parishville Summer Rec Program: Supv. Wood presented the Board with a list of participants from the Town of Hopkinton. There are approximately 30 persons from Hopkinton.

Town Hall Rental: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that on July 11 as she was on her way to Massena a resident call her about someone driving a car around in the field behind the Town Office. She called the State Police. She then had a second call from the resident stating it was children in the car. The State Police and Supv. Wood arrived on scene and they talked with the parents. There were no charges filed but the parents were very upset with her that she called the State Police. The Town Hall was rented the following day by the same persons and upon inspection after the rental the following violations were found:

Kitchen Window was left open, water jug and cradle was removed from the kitchen counter and left in the coat room, dishes were left in the drainer, food was left in refrigerator and the chairs were not put back in the rack, there were many just piled in front of the tables.

They have asked for their \$75.00 deposit to be returned.

Ronald Streeter commented that he felt that Supv. Wood handled the situation 100% correct.

Mr. Sochia stated if they did not conform to the rules of Town Hall usage they should not get their deposit refunded. Mr. Crump also voted no, Supv. Wood voted no, Ms Lyon abstained. It was agreed they would not get the deposit back and Supv. Wood will send them a letter in regards to this.

Ft. Jackson Park: Richard Eakins asked the Board if they ever considered selling the Ft. Jackson Park. He stated that the town is not maintaining it and he would not want his name on it. Ernest Wood and Brenda Nicholson commented that the park has a high volume of usage.

Summer Fest: Ernest Wood thanked Susan Lyon and Vickie French for all of the years they have headed up the Summer Fest.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

Town Clerk