

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 15, 2015

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 15, 2015 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Allen Fukes Code Officer & Assessor, Ernest Wood, Annette Green, Mike Hann, Brenda Nicholson, John Burns.

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

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on May 18, 2015 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 142 to 169 General Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$5,507.91 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 74 to 96 Highway Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$60,252.79 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 12 to 13 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$665.95 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 3 Building Account Abstract 2 in the amount of \$8,275.00 was audited and approved.

Mr. Crump questioned why another bill from the Engineer. Supervisor Wood told him it was for revisions to the plans for the month of April & May.

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

Privilege of Floor:

John Burns residing on the dirt end of Beebe Rd., told the Board that he has made that his permanent residence.

He asked the board if there were any plans to blacktop the road or do any widening work on the road. Mr. Green responded that it would take a lot of money to widen the road and he has no plans to do such work in the future. He will take up some gravel to fill in some of the potholes.

Mr. Wood commented that he is pleased with the amount of work that the highway department has done and he would support hiring a 5th person.

Correspondence:

NYMIR regarding a Risk Management Review and Managing Summer Recreation Liability class being held on June 24 at the Town of Potsdam Town Hall.

DASNY Mrs. Wood reported that we have received tentative approval of the grant. We need to supply them with a copy of the deed and then it could be another three to six months. Mr. Crump and Supv. Wood will start getting a work plan together for the repairs to the museum.

Old Business:

Estimates on Tree Removal & Trimming in the Hopkinton Park: Supv. wood reported that Wolf Tree Service submitted a price of \$3,750.00 to cut, grind stumps and trim trees or \$3,999.00 to cut, grind, trim and haul the trees to a designated area.

Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to table this matter. Adopted unanimously.

Supv. Wood reported that Gary Pecore has replaced the trees at the Ft. Jackson Park that had died he also planted one near the flag pole. He will also donate two large trees at the Ft. Jackson Park for the wood that was bid out and no bids were received. Tabled.

11 Circle Road Property: Supv. Wood reported that she contact Wells Fargo and told them if they would give us \$50,000.00 for the clean-up we would accept the property. She has not received a response.

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Recreation Contract: Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to approve the Summer Recreation Contract with the Town of Parishville in the amount of \$6500.00. Adopted unanimously.

Home Depot Grant: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that the grant to replace trees in the park has to be placed by a 501(C3) organization. The Fire Department is, therefore the grant is going to be written using their status. She has do a history on the Veteran Gazebo in the park because the grant is in regards to veterans.

Curran Logging: Supv. Wood reported that Curran Logging donated a load of wood chips for the playground.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported she had contacted Wells Fargo in regards to the 11 Circle Road Property.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported the Historical Group has given out three scholarships to graduating students at Parishville, St. Regis Falls, and St. Lawrence Central of \$50.00 each. They are also working on a float for the Summer Fest Parade.

Code: Mr. Fukes presented written report. Supv. Wood asked him to include the names of persons applying for permits in his monthly report.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented written report. He reported that the County Attorney is researching removing the exempt status on the Halevi property in Ft. Jackson so it can be put on the tax auction. Mr. Crump asked him how we receive stumpage fees and could we get a report of who has paid and how much. Mr. Fukes responded that he thinks it comes off the Town Chargeback's. He will look into this for next month.

Library: Brenda Nicholson reported that the Summer Reading Program will run from June 29 through the end of July.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. The increase in salt prices is \$4.00/ton. He reported that the paperwork on the Clear Pond Road is with the County Highway Superintendent. He also reported to the Board that he has one more bill coming in from Barrett Paving and he would like to be able to include it on the CHIPS reimbursement. He told the Board that as soon as the bill comes in he would have the clerk email them all of copy of it and asked if they would approve it via email so he could include it.

Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to allow the submission of the Barrett Paving bill via email. Adopted unanimously. The clerk asked that all Board members respond with their vote.

Mr. Green also asked the Board to approve purchase of a Bobcat Skid Steer Loader, Model 590 with bucket, forks, stump grinder and a 7 foot angle broom in the amount of \$48600.00. He has CHIPS money and extreme winter monies coming in from CHIPS that he will use to pay for the equipment.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to approve the purchase of the Bobcat Model 590 with attachments at a cost of \$48,600.00. Adopted unanimously.

Susan Lyon asked Mr. Green for use of the Ford dump truck, trailer and barricades for Summer Fest. Mr. Green granted permission.

Town Facilities: Susan Lyon reported that Pete Davis is going to give us a price on refinishing the town hall floor. Cootware finished sealing the brick on the Town Hall. Mr. Putman came and looked at the new floor he installed that is coming up. He will try to glue it again.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Crump reported that they held a chicken barbeque, craft sale and sold refreshments during the Town Wide Garage Sales and they did well on all three events. They had two calls for the month.

BHLS: Board Members were presented with copies of minutes from last meeting.

Groundskeeper: Ms Lyon told Mr. Wood there is a hole in the middle of the picnic area in the Ft. Jackson Park. He will get in filled in.

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New Business:

Special Meeting: Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, June 29th at 7:00 p.m. to review the bids received on the proposed municipal building. Adopted unanimously. Supv. Wood stated that she is looking into different financing possibilities. The bank will only finance the project for 10 years.

Delinquent Unlicensed Dogs: Supv. Wood reported that the Dog Control Officer, Robert Phillips, has asked the board to approve sending a letter to persons harboring dogs that if they do not license their dogs by a certain date they would face an additional \$25.00 fine.

Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve sending the letter. Adopted unanimously.

Library Paige: Brenda Nicholson asked the board to approve hiring Christopher Hickman. Shelby Ratcliff will be leaving her position of Library Paige.

Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to hire Christopher Hickman as a Library Paige. Adopted unanimously.

Clean Energy Conference: Ms Potter reported on the conference that she attended. There is a tax credit to install solar panels. There is the possibility of a new loan program, administered by the county, that persons can borrow the money for installation and it is relieved on their property tax for payment.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French
Town Clerk