

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2015

At the regular meeting of the Hopkinton Town Board held on Monday, October 19, 2015 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Allan Fukes, Mike Hann left at 7:15, Stephen Parker, Ernest Wood, Jan Keller, Annette Green Debbie Rust, Ronald Streeter.

ABSENT: Councilman Sochia.

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 September 21, 2015 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 256 to 279 General Fund Abstract 10 in the amount of \$5,085.62 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 146 to 152 Highway Fund Abstract 10 in the amount of \$10,585.40 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 22 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 10 in the amount of \$375.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 3 to 4 Building Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$3,087.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Budget Revisions:

General Fund Transfer:

From A7140.4 Playgrounds & Rec. Contractual to DA5130.4 Highway Machinery Cont \$228.00.

From A8810.4 Cemeteries Contractual to DA5130.4 Highway Machinery Contractual \$90.00.

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

Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Streeter commented that the new municipal building is coming along well.

Correspondence:

BHLS: Copies of their October meeting minutes.

Association of Towns: Annual Meeting and training February 14- 17 and Newly Elected Officials School January 6-8 Rochester and January 13-15 Albany.

Department of Public Service: regarding Public Hearings to seek consumer input regarding the state Public Service Commission's Reforming the Energy Vision proceedings. The closed Public Hearing to us will be held in Syracuse on November 18.

Old Business:

2016 Budget: Budget Officer French reported to the Board that she had made a few revisions to the budget. She adjusted the 3% wage increase by some to 2% , which amounted to a savings of \$1,162.00.

Mr. Crump reported that he contacted the St. Regis Falls adult center and only one person in the Town of Hopkinton is being served by the Meals on Wheels program.

Further discussion was held and Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to reduce funding from \$2500.00 to \$750.00 for the St. Regis Falls Adult Center and to keep raises at 2%. Adopted unanimously.

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Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she had met with Juddy Plumb from the Wounded Warrior. They are looking at purchasing 164 acres on the Santamont Road and building a 5700 sq ft lodge. This would be tax exempt but it would bring business into town. She reported that this is preliminary they are also looking at some other sites but like the one in Hopkinton because it would border State Land.

Supv. Wood also reported to the Board that she received another bill from our engineer Thomas Pahler for \$2,175.00. Supv. Wood stated that some of the items in the bill he was charging for should have been covered under the original agreement and some of the others she did not agree with.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to not pay the bill and to have the Supervisor write him a letter explaining the reason why.

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

She also reported that she contact the DORM Authority on the Museum grant and they told her they are just really busy and it could be another month.

She is also still trying to get an application from Betty Little's office to apply for money towards the new municipal building.

She also informed the Board that there will be a Citizen Preparedness Training on October 29.

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He also reported on the stumpage fees received from 2010-2015. There were no stumpage fees in 2013 or 2014. Mr. Crump stated he found that hard to believe, that he knows there was logging being done. Mr. Fukes stated we can request a report through the treasurer's office. he will request one in February.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes reported that he had forgotten his written report. He attended a Waterfront Valuation Class.

Library: Jan Keller reported that she has been busy learning over again on the operation of the Library. They had Mularney's come and service the monitor heater. They did tell her that it is starting to show its age and we will need to think about replacing it in the future.

Museum: Supv. Wood reported that Steve and the highway employees prepared an area for Sara's Country Store building. It had to be moved because of construction of the Municipal Building. Rick Seguin moved the building.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. The new loader will be delivered on October 20. He reported that work on the municipal building is going well. He reported that they had made some changes. The side entrance will now have foundation under the piers at no additional cost. They were concerned with the cold weather that the piers would move. There have been a few minor changes.

Town Facilities: Susan Lyon reported that Pete Davis will be starting the floor on October 26. There will be no admittance to the Town Hall for three days.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Crump reported they have had no calls. Training for 19 hours and 76 hours of station work. They have three new members. Chicken barbeque was held October 18 and they sold out. They are going to be starting work on the new fire pit.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that Winthrop Agway donated grass seed, lime and straw to put around the new tree plantings in the park. He painted the rear entry to the basement of the Town Hall. He also reported to the Board that the exterior frames of the Town Hall windows are dry rotted and need replacing, front door to Town Hall is rusting and the railings need to be painted.

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New Business:

Atlantic Testing Laboratories: Supv. Wood informed the Board that she assumed being a municipality and General Municipal law stating we were exempt, that we did not need an asbestos abatement to tear down the old office building. Due to the fact that someone called the DEC and Department of Labor on this matter we had Atlantic Testing com and do a preliminary look at the building. They have sent a contract to have the testing done and it will cost \$2129.00 .

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to allow the Supervisor to enter into contract with Atlantic Testing Laboratories at a cost of \$2129.00. Adopted unanimously.

2016 Budget: Mr. Crump made a made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to adopt the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2016 and to hold a Public Hearing on November 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Adopted unanimously.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

Town Clerk