

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 21, 2015

At the Regular Meeting of the Hopkinton Town Board held on Monday, December 21, 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, Assessor & Code Officer Allan Fukes, Annette Green, Ronald Streeter.

ABSENT: Councilman Potter.

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

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on November 16, 2015 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 308 to 339 General Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$8,207.34 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 178 to 195 Highway Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$10,920.35 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 24 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$425.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 9 to 10 Building Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$109,489.32 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Budget Revisions:

General Fund Transfer:

From A7410.4 Library Contractual to A7410.1 Library Personal Service \$312.68.

From A1990.4 Contingent Account to A1110.4 Justice Contractual \$286.00.

From A1990.4 Contingent Account to A5182.4 Street Lights \$540.00.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve the transfers. Adopted unanimously.

Correspondence:

BHLS: Copies of the December 8 meeting minutes were presented.

Quad Town Senior: 2015 year-end balance submitted and the 2016 Budget.

Old Business:

Municipal Building: Mr. Green reported to the Board that the contractor had submitted a price for a water softener of \$3700.00. He had them put in an inline water filter and we will look at purchasing our own water softener and pressure tank. The tentative completion date for the building is December 25. He reported that there have been a lot of upgrades put into the building that we were not being charged for.

Phone/Internet: Supv. Wood reported that we had received quotes for phone and internet at the new municipal building:

Alltech submitted a price of \$3,221.00 for a phone system to consist of a switch, six desk station phones, two port voice mail modules, and installation of cable, hardware and labor.

Time Warner: submitted two options. Option 1: would include unlimited phone local and nationwide, internet, free Wi-Fi Hotspot and email at a monthly cost of \$149.92/month. Installation

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would be \$150.00.

Option 2: Internet and email only and a free Wi-Fi Hotspot \$104.94/ month and installation of \$200.00.

Both options require a 48 month term commitment.

Slic Network Solutions submitted two options:

Option 1: Adtran NetVanta BCS Bundle with 7100 \$4,238.85 with additional equipment and training the total cost is \$6,556.87.

Option 2: Voice Net Phone System at a cost of \$183.64 and a monthly recurring cost of \$221.02 and a \$250.00 installation fee.

The Board discussed the options. Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to approve Option 1 with Time Warner for phone, and internet service at a cost of \$149.92/ month. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve Alltech proposal for the installation of the phone system in the amount of \$3,221.00. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that James Dawson, Supervisor of the Town of Brasher, is retiring and they are hold an open house at the Helena Fire Station on December 27.

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has issued 38 permits to date. He investigated one complaint of SH 11B in regards to a new auto repair car sales business. He will be attending the Code Conference first week of March He will receive 24 hours of continuing education credits that are mandatory to be State Certified.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He attended training on Version 4 assessment program and the changes to convert to Version 5. The conversion will not occur for one to two years.

Library: Jan Keller presented the Board with a written report. The new computer has been installed. She also received training on the maintenance of the protection software. Library patrons are down from last month.

Museum: Supv. Wood reported that she has received notification that the grant is now in the legislature session for approval. They held a Holiday sing-a-long. The Children's Christmas party was held. Attendance was down this year. She reported to Susan Lyon that the museum can now be closed up for the winter.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He reported to the Board that regulations for tanks is now going to fall under the Federal guidelines, therefore, if we sell used tanks and they leak we can be held liable. He reported to the Board that the used tanks we sold to Pat Remington earlier this year have never been picked up and he did pay the \$300.00 for them. He suggested we keep the tanks and refund his money.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to refund Mr. Remington the \$300.00 for the used tanks he purchased from the Town of Hopkinton Highway Department.

VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilman Lyon Aye, and Sochia Aye, Crump Abstained, Potter Absent.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Crump reported that they had 37 man hours reporting to calls. They held in house training. The Board of Commissioners held elections. Stephen Bory was elected to a five year term. He thanked the Highway Department for their help on with the fire pit and the storage building on their site on SH 11B.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that Dr. Alfonso paid his October, November, December rent. The balance in the account on October 31 was \$15,737.18.

Food Pantry: It was reported that December was one of the largest turn outs.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that we need a new gate at the old entrance to the Ft. Jackson Park. Mr. Crump asked him to get a price.

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New Business:

CHIPS Resolution: Mr. Green asked the Board to approve a resolution regarding funding of the CHIPS program.

Ms Lyon introduced the following resolution with a second by Mr. Crump:

WHEREAS, a reliable transportation infrastructure is vital for the safety of New York's travelling public and its economy; and

WHEREAS, 85 percent of New York's roads and bridges are maintained by local governments; and, WHEREAS, despite well-timed and targeted preventative maintenance treatments, the age and condition of many of our locally-owned transportation assets means that they are beyond preservation and in need of much more costly rehabilitation and reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, estimates by the State Comptroller, DOT and independent studies show a large portion of road mileage is deteriorating and many bridges in the state are rated structurally deficient and functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, the State Comptroller estimates that there will be \$89 billion in unmet local infrastructure needs over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways commissioned its own fifteen (15) year analysis that indicates an annual funding gap of \$1.3 billion for the local system (excluding NYC) alone; and

WHEREAS, funding for our local system has been far short of what is needed and we've fallen further and further behind in maintaining the vast and aging transportation infrastructure over this long period with severe consequences for conditions ratings; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPS) provides essential funding for every municipality in the state and is part of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) capital program; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1990's the Governor and Legislature created the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF) to pay for the NYSDOT capital program and the Dedicated Mass Transit Trust Fund (DMTIF) to assist with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and other transit systems' capital programs; and

WHEREAS, when the DHBTF was created, it was agreed that the NYSDOT and MTA five-year capital programs would be similar in size and would be negotiated concurrently; and

WHEREAS, through 2005-09, both five-year capital programs were similar in size and adopted within months of each other; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Executive and Legislature broke traditional parity and enacted a five-year capital program for the MTA but not the DOT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hopkinton calls upon the Governor and the state Legislature to make additional state funding and resources available at levels that accurately reflect the critical needs of local roads and bridges; and increase CHIPS funding in the 2016-17 state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Hopkinton calls upon the Governor, and members of the state Legislature to fully fund and submit a new NYSDOT five-year transportation capital plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Hopkinton calls upon the Governor and members of the state Legislature to recognize the equality of roads, bridges and transit by restoring funding equality between the MTA and NYSDOT five-year programs and by voting on the plans simultaneously.

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

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Budget Amendment: Supv. Wood reported that we had received the State share of the Buffalo storm money and need to do a budget revision.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has declared a State of Emergency and the Town of Hopkinton falls within the boundaries of the State of Emergency, and

WHEREAS the Town of Hopkinton will receive an additional \$2727.13 for the State Share of this funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hopkinton increases the miscellaneous line item DA2900 by \$2727.13 and increases the Snow Contractual line item DA5142.4 by \$2727.13.

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

End of Year Meeting: Supv Wood asked the Board to set a date for the end of year meeting. The meeting was scheduled for December 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Laptop: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that she has a new laptop and would like permission to pass her old one on to Stephen Parker who will be taking his place on the Town Board on January 1. The Board approved the passing of the lap top to Mr. Parker for his use as a Town Board member. Mr. Fukes also reported that he still has his old laptop if someone is interested in using it.

Proposed ATV Local Law: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that the Town Clerk had received correspondence from Roger Linden, Town Attorney, asking the Board to pass a local law in regards to ATV operation on some public roads in the Town of Hopkinton.

The Board had some questions on this local law due to the fact we already have a Local Law allowing ATV use on Town roads. Not all roads were addressed in the local law presented by Mr. Linden. Supv Wood will contact him in regards to this matter.

The Board asked that the Local Law Proposal be added to the December 29 agenda.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French, Town Clerk