

Minutes of the April 11, 2024, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The April 2024 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on April 11, 2024, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Roger Haas, Dillon Lipp, and Dan Horinek. Patron Ray Lipp was also present. The March minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Dave made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report, Dillon seconded, and motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS: Ray spoke of the semi that has been parked partially on the street by the park on the SW side for the past several months. The council discussed the fact that it is parked on town property. Thomas said that he will stop and talk to the driver/owner. Ray also brought some ariel pictures of the town from the 1980's that shows the cleanliness of the town. This is something the town will begin to address.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator – tabled. Refuse Board- tabled. Gravel/grader - ongoing. Rules and regulations – on going. Revisiting the town ordinances- ongoing. Resolution stating that any vacant property must continue to pay the monthly water and sewer fee or pay for shut off/reconnection fee- ongoing. Street sign replacements- ongoing. Water leak-pumphouse-spring. Park restrooms replace toilets-**we will purchase Western Lumber & Supply.** Lagoon mowing-spring/summer plans. Truck decals-on going. Park water shed-ongoing. Grading/gravel tabled until snow clears. Cycling of fire hydrants and replacement of two. All curb stops need to be located and remapped. "Your Speed" signs-**Thomas spoke with Jake Strissel (county commissioner), and he will get them ordered from the state.**

NEW BUSINESS: Dan talked about the mower it should be ready in a couple weeks depending on the parts. Sandi let the council know that the park is reserved for May 5th, she will be out of town the week before so she will make sure the park is ready the week of the 26th. Ray is going to ensure the water is on to the building. Banking-Sandi talked about the purchase of the new CD from independence, during the treasurer's report. Thomas and the council discussed the graffiti on the wall of the dump. Some suggestions were to cover it with paint and tar, it was decided that we will cover it with paint. Dave said that Wilbur-Ellis can donate the paint. Dillon has a sprayer we can use. It was also brought up that we might need to put in a trail camera. Dogs-Thomas let the council know that he spoke to Jake Strissel about the dogs at large that we sent 2 letters about a nuisance fee and that one resident has refused to pay. Jake asks that we get him the information and he will talk to the county attorney to see where we can proceed. Grading-Cody Peterson graded the street on Wednesday and Dillon said he let Cody know that he can coordinate having the rest of our gravel so he can spread it on the streets. We also discussed getting some more gravel ordered and Dillon suggested that we order better gravel so that it stays on the road better. The council agreed. Roger will get us a cost so we can discuss next month.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: We have one that will be given a disconnect notice tomorrow.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas talked about water rates increasing due to Hill County Water District increasing their rates. Both Thomas and I will be out of town for the meeting on May 1st and asked if maybe a council person could be there. Ray spoke up and said he will be at the meeting.

Claims for April 6176-6182 were read Dan made a motion to accept the claims, Roger seconded the motion, motion carried. Next meeting is May 9, 2024 @7:30pm. Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk