

Minutes of the August 10, 2023, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The August 2023 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on August 10, 2023, at 7:00 am. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dan Horinek, Dave George, Roger Haas, and Dillon Lipp. July minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Dillon made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS:

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 (Dan replaced faded yield sign). Still need to get an arborist to look at trees in the park. Pumphouse at the park-need to fix leak and rebuild small shed. Dave suggests after harvest.

NEW BUSINESS:

The council discussed the trees in the park, and it was decided to order 6 Poplar trees for the fall. Dillon will take care of the order. Thomas and Dan talked about the park lawnmower and stated it will need to be looked at this winter. The switch Dan had just replaced went out again. The council talked about the water overage, and it was decided that maybe we put the firehall on a meter so we can be sure it is not part of the overage. We will continue to monitor the amount. The budget was covered with only 3 changes to the preliminary budget. The council voted to adopt the budget, resolution # 210, motion made by Roger, seconded by Dan, and motion carried. The council discussed Mill Levy and that it might be worth considering increasing from 53 Mill, but for now it will remain. Motion to pass resolution 209 for Mill Levy to stay at 53 was made by Dillon, seconded by Dave, motion carried. (The preliminary budget can be viewed at Wilbur-Ellis (see Mayor Peterson). The final budget document will be completed over the next month and submitted.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: One "Notice to Disconnect" will be given today. We have 2 that are sewer only that are 5 and 8 months behind. Sandi will see what we need to do to add this to their taxes. For now, the residents will be given a certified letter stating to pay in full or it will be sent to Hill County to add to their taxes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Claims for June- #6102-6107 were read, and Sandi informed council that last month claim #6101 was paid to NorthWestern after the meeting. Dan made a motion to accept the claims, Dave seconded the motion, motion carried. Next meeting is September 14, 2023 @7:30pm. Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk