

Minutes of the December 14, 2023, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The December 2023 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on December 14, 2023, at 7:30 am. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Roger Haas, Dan Horinek, and Dillon Lipp. The November 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: NA

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-spring. Lagoon mowing-spring/summer plans. Truck decals-on going. Park water shed-ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thomas talked about bringing in the gravel to repair the road leading to the dump. After discussion, the decision was made to wait until after the holidays and hope for some moisture to help with the grading. It was also decided to bring a couple extra loads to repair some of the other roads. Thomas discussed HB355 proposals and that we have a bid for new doors and new heaters for the fire hall. The total would be \$30320.00 for both and if we order the heaters now, we will save 10%, making the total \$28570.00. HB355 gives Hingham \$22238.00, and the town will have to match 25%, making the total amount to use \$27797.50. Dillon made a motion to approve HB355 projects for the fire hall, Roger seconded, and motion carried. Thomas will contact Conant Heating and cooling to order the heaters. Thomas gave an update on the digital 'Your Speed' signs- Both County commissioners and the highway patrol have signed off on them being put on the east and west side of the entrance to Higham on Highway 2. Thomas talked with Mike Spencer at Spencer's Hi-way Bar, and he said he will work on the fundraising. The cost will be \$2000.00 per sign and the council has agreed to help with the expense if needed. Thomas talked about our invoice for the trees that we purchased for the park. The invoice is \$2310.00, that is \$385.00 per tree. We were quoted \$150.00 per tree in July. Thomas has called several times to talk to someone about the difference. No one has gotten back to him. Roger suggested we pay the \$150.00 per tree and leave it at that, The Council agreed. Sandi asks if she could purchase a vacuum for the office/fire hall, Roger made a motion to purchase a vacuum, Dan seconded, motion carried. Sandi also showed the council the new lockbox for all the keys for the Town including the firehall.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: NA

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas let the council know he is working on getting some crushed asphalt from the county as they work on some roads, he will keep the council informed of the progress. He discussed the park mower, Dan stated he thinks it might be the clutch. The council discussed and decided to see what repairs would cost. Dan will contact Travis and see if he can look at it and if it can be repaired.

Claims for November- #6142-6151 (claims #6140 & 6141 were for the MM accounts from last month) were read. Dave made a motion to accept the claims, Dan seconded the motion, motion carried. Next meeting is January 11, 2024 @7:30pm. Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk