

Minutes of the February 9, 2023, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The February 2023 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on February 9, 2023, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Dan Horinek, Roger Haas, and patron Ray Lipp. January minutes were reviewed. Treasurer's report was covered. Dave made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report and Dan seconded. Motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS: Ray discussed the refuse board and will continue to be part of the board for a while longer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator – Tabled. Refuse Board-tabled. Gravel/grader - ongoing. Snowplow - tabled. Rules and regulations – on going. Zoning map-on going (spreadsheet that will coincide with map) is almost complete. Trees for park-ongoing for spring 2023 order in February 2023 (Sandi will call some nurseries and get some prices) The council will assess the park and see how many for sure we will need. Water/sewer charges on vacant properties-ongoing. 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. The electricity to the attached shed of the firehall has been tabled until we can get some quotes,

NEW BUSINESS:

Sandi shared the letter from Hill County Water District, the letter was to inform the town that starting in April 2023 services the town will be charged for any water loss the town incurs. This is in conjunction with the upcoming North Central Montana Rural Water System. The master meter water loss fee will be listed separately on the monthly bill. Sandi let the council know that just out of curiosity (partially due to some residents interest) she contacted Maguire Iron to get a quote to paint only the outside of the water tower, as it is not a working tower. The cost would be almost \$70,000.00. At this time unless we received donations this is a debt the town cannot afford. Sandi discussed the upcoming CD at Independence Bank that matures 3/5/2023, council discussed and decided at this time to cash it out and move it to savings. Roger made a motion to move the CD money to savings, Dave seconded, and motion carried. Thomas informed the council that to order the yield sign stickers would cost an additional \$90.00 in shipping. Council discussed and decided to get new signs form the county. Dave made the motion, Dan seconded, and motion carried. Sandi also informed the council she still needs to get the Visa for Terry Moxley.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: Sandi informed council that we have one that is at disconnect. Council decided to place a noticed to disconnect on the door giving resident until the 26th to pay in full or disconnect will take place on the 27th. Council also discussed the Effinger property bill, and it was decided to let it ride until everything is settled in court. Roger made a motion (on both stated past due accounts), Dan seconded, and motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas discussed the property that belongs to the town and that Zach Rathbun would like to use it as a right of way or to buy it, but that Roger was interested first in the purchase. Ray stated that in order for the Town to sell a piece of property we would have to receive bids, also that the area Zach is talking about is actually a road on the map, so there is no need to request a right of way. After much discussion it was determined to leave things as they are.

Claims for Dec- #6037-6043 were read, (Sandi informed council of a change to last moths claims, claim 6025 was for incorrect amount and new check #1064 was sent) also not listed last month was claim 6036 to Dillon Lipp for snow cleanup on the roads. Roger made a motion to accept the claims, Dave seconded the motion, motion carried. The next meeting is on March 9, 2023. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Roger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk