

Minutes of the July 13, 2023, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The July 2023 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on July 13, 2023, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dan Horinek, Dave George, Roger Haas, Dillon Lipp, and patron Ray Lipp. June minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Dan made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS: Ray and Thomas talked about the leak at the pumphouse for the park, the pumphouse needs to be rebuilt and the leak fixed as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator – Tabled. Refuse Board-tabled. Gravel/grader - ongoing. Rules and regulations – on going. Trees for park-ongoing for spring 2023. 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. Street sign replacements-ongoing. The park cable was fixed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dillon talked about the cost of the trees and that it was suggested to maybe plant in the fall for the trees. The council were each sent a text with the type of trees we could get and the cost. So next meeting the council will decide for sure how many and when we want them planted. The town overage of water through Hill County Water District will continue to monitor and then decide if it will be passed on to the town water users. The preliminary budget was covered and will be finalized at the August meeting. Thomas discussed the need to enforce the leash law in town as we have had several complaints on 4 dogs running loose in the town. The council decided to send notices to the 2 town residents that own the dogs. There will be 2 warning certified letters then a fee will be enforced. Thomas will check with Hill County to see what their fee is, and we will charge the same. Thomas talked about the need to have an arborist come assess our trees in the park, which will also help us decide how many trees we will need to order. Sandi informed the council that we now have to pay an annual fee to QuickBooks for continued service. That fee is \$549.00 per year. This fee is to keep QuickBooks up to date. It was requested that next months meeting be at 7am due to harvest-Dave made the motion, Dillon seconded, and the motion carried.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: NA

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas asked that when the council purchases anything on credit, either write it on the ticket or send a text to Sandi so she knows which account it needs to be placed in. Thomas asked which hydrants need to be replaced and the council referred to Ray for suggestions. It was decided that it would be the one by the Hall's property and by Zach Rathbun's property. Also noted as hydrants are replaced they will be given shut off valves, so the town water does not have to be shut off for repairs.

Claims for June- #6081-6100 were read, and Sandi informed council of 1 other that will still need to be paid this month, NorthWestern Energy. Dillon made a motion to accept the claims, Roger seconded the motion, motion carried. **The next meeting is on Aug 10, 2023 @ 7am.** Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk