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TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN/BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES

January 2, 2007
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino
Guests: Scott Rumlík and Michelle Aveyard, Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Ingle Property: An attorney for Jeannette Ingle, property owner on North Road, requested the Board assent to a request to withdraw her property from the classification of “Registered Land” to avoid the burdensome survey requirements mandated with that status.

A motion was made by Rick Green to authorize the signing of the property withdrawal request from “Registered Land” and was seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes of December 11, 2007: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes of December 17, 2007: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Mass Municipal Association: The MMA is holding a seminar January 11 and 12 at the Hynes Center, geared toward Selectmen’s issues.

Resident Ms. Buteau: A resident from 31 Highland Circle came before the Board to discuss the replacement of her \$200.00 mailbox that was damaged during snow plowing operations. Rick explained that all mailboxes are placed on town property and occasionally do get hit by the snow coming off the plow. The plows have to keep at a certain speed to ensure the snow gets thrown off the road. John mentioned that the Highway Superintendent was willing to install the standard issued mailbox to replace the damaged one, but the property owner was not satisfied with this solution. Vinnie suggested she get a price just for the pole, as the box itself did not appear to be damaged. She will get that price and revisit the discussion with the Selectmen.

Town House Painting Quote: The Board will seek quotes on painting that needs to be done at the town house, both inside and outside.

Transfer Station Report Quote: Tighe and Bond submitted a quote for a compliance report required for the Transfer Station. John Flynn made a motion to accept the quote in the amount of \$1,050.00 for report completion and submittal by Tighe and Bond for the transfer station, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so moved.

Cable Contract: Rick and a few others attended the cable ascertainment hearing, (minutes to be forthcoming). We will meet shortly with Charter Cable to seek a three to five year contract.

Used Car License: The Board requested a review of a certain property to ensure all conditions of the license are being met prior to issuing the license.

Town House Telephone Changeover: Scheduled for January 23rd.

The Board discussed adding the police lines to the new phone system for the Town House for approximately \$900 out of the Town House line item, with the Police picking up the remaining cost.

A motion was made by Rick Green to authorize the Chairman to sign a change order for the cost of replacing the phones for the Police Department, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Dispatcher Scheduling Issue: The Board will discuss this with the Chief at the next meeting on Monday, January 7, 2008.

ML Schmitt Invoice: The Board received an invoice from ML Schmitt for \$34,200, the amount for the Town House generator.

A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the invoice for \$34,200, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Board Vacancies

- COA
- Planning
- Conservation

The Board will send a press release to Michelle Aveyard re: vacancies on board

TWB Floor: The school district has found a different type of chemical that can be applied to the floor which may be a solution to its current lack of “gripping capability”. TWB will have it applied and it may get us through the end of the school year. In any case, it will serve as a band-aid at best.

Board members have received a number of calls from residents interested in donating to the cause and that avenue will be pursued as well.

Ledger Sheets: The Board is awaiting ledger sheets for year end from Town Accountant, Cliff Bombard.

A motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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