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

May 5, 2008
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino

Absent: Vinnie Villamaino, (out of town)

The meeting was called to order by John Flynn at 6:30 pm.

6:30 pm Town Treasurer, Town Accountant: Tracy Sicbaldi and Cliff Bombard were before the Board to discuss the Sumaria program and the status of allowing access for department heads to view their accounts, print copies and more easily balance their account balances with the Accountant's balances. Cliff will provide the accessibility for that to happen.

Veterans' Services: There was discussion about the Veterans' Agent, Bob Mathison who works out of the Monson Town Offices. There is an Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 that Rick Green will attend. The Board asked that Cliff and Tracy research the reimbursement due the town on an annual basis, through the Cherry Sheet to ensure we have received all that we are entitled to.

The Board asked that Tracy research the total of the Stabilization Fund and get back to this office with that number.

7:00 pm Chief Farnsworth, Car Maintenance: The Chief presented his budget which will require money to be transferred into the car maintenance at the end of the month.

New Handguns: Jeff had a conversation with a marketing member of Smith and Wesson and has negotiated a deal to purchase new handguns for the department at a reduced rate. The Patrolmen will be responsible for the purchase of holsters.

Brett Purchas, Security Camera Order: Park and Recreation has money allocated for the purchase of the security camera for Memorial Park which will revert back to the General Fund if not used by June 30, 2008. That camera will be connected to the Police Department so the park will be constantly monitored by the Police Department. The costs for P&R are approximately \$3,000 for the housing and wireless system and \$2,000 for the camera. The approximate budget for the improved camera for the Police Department/Town Hall is \$10,000. We will need a color monitor for town hall, as the cameras are color. John asked if in the future, we might be able to view Green Meadows

School as well as the Transfer Station via the camera system. We might have to get a new transmitter due to topographic location of the transfer station, but it would be possible. John asked that a final number be determined so any last minute transfers can take place prior to June 30, 2008.

Minutes: The minutes of April 22, 2008 were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve with a revision, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

4th of July Parade: The Board was invited to march in the 4th of July Parade which they will do.

Transfers Requests: The Board will review at next week's meeting, prior to the Advisory Committee's meeting on May 19th.

Council On Aging: The Council on Aging Board recommended the appointment of Kathy Foster as the replacement for the under 60 vacancy on their board. Rick Green made a motion to support the recommendation made by the COA Board and appoint Kathy Foster as the under 60 member of the Council on Aging Board, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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