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

June 30, 2008
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn
Guests: Katie Breault, Wilbraham-Hampden Times, Ed Gorski
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Rick Green.

6:30 pm Deferred Compensation Plan: Chris Connelly came before the Board in their pursuit to research a new investment plan for town employees, currently enrolled with Nationwide. Chris could offer a number of plans, but thinks that the options through ING are the most competitive. There is the opportunity to be part of a larger buying group called the Mass Patriot Plan which allows for the grouping of many towns throughout the state. Chris would initially do an investment suitability study with employees to determine their individual needs and goals. Employees would be issued quarterly statements, can get detailed rates of return and can get online access through ING directly. Chris would be the employees point of contact, as well as the contact for the Board should questions arise. One question the Board asked is that Chris will investigate the need for a third party administrator. The Board will meet with one other provider and make a decision in early August.

7:00 pm Fire Department: Peter Hatch, Chuck Beaver, Tim Evans, Jason McCarthy represented the department and brought forward a list of guidelines to address the concerns discussed at their last meeting with the BOS. Rick suggested a tabletop exercise to bring all parties together to discuss these guidelines. There was talk about the need for a higher band frequency which would cost close to \$100,000 due to the need to change out pagers, radios, trucks radios, etc. Chuck will pursue the application for a grant to fund this radio transmission need; perhaps joining the needs of the police, fire and highway. In the past Highway personnel have helped with equipment and fire fighting. The Fire Department will ask to stop the practice and will instead tone out for Mutual Aid. Members will come to the next Board meeting on the 7th with Jeff Farnsworth at 6:30.

The department has requested identification cards from our insurance carrier, MIAA to be used for medical visits.

Gasboy Procedures: The town's fuel at the Highway Department is tracked through a Gasboy system that tracks the driver, the vehicle, etc. The fire department will receive keys for each truck, and cards for each truck so the fuel can be tracked more effectively.

Hollow Road Discontinuance of Maintenance: The Board reviewed the issue of the discontinuance of maintenance on Hollow Road. The Wilbraham Selectmen are requesting that Hampden sign a document as evidence of their concurrence of the action. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the signing predicated on the remedial actions taking place, i.e., the installation of the gates and the clean up of dumped material, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Town Audit, Tom Scanlon: The Board signed a letter to the Town Auditor, Tom Scanlon stating the Board's knowledge of the conditions of the audit.

The Board reviewed an application for a food permit in the existing Chinese Restaurant location in the Mini-Mall. A motion was made by John Flynn to approve a food license for the Ming Chao Gourmet, owned by Mr. Gengmingao, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Veterans Services Meeting: State Senator Stephen Brewer will schedule a meeting to discuss the Veterans' Service Agent. Brimfield has voted to pull out of the district.

Massachusetts Municipal Association, Letter of Support: There is a new bill pending to allow school bonding for up to 30 years, instead of the current 20 year timeframe. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to send a letter of support of the bill to John Robertson from the MMA, and copy Representative Rogeness and Senator Candaras on the letter, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Generator discussion: The Board discussed the operation of the generator and a couple of specifics they would like attended to. They are as follows:

- 1) We will ask that Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent check the fuel level, on a monthly basis (and refill as needed) to ensure proper levels.
- 2) Gary Courtney will contact Cummins for a training session for the system operations.
- 3) Gary will check on an interior sensing unit (enunciator) for a system malfunction

Cummins tech will check both generators (at Senior Center and Town House) on Tuesday, July 1, for coolant levels

The Board will ask that Gary Courtney provide an idea of the time he has worked on the generator installation both at the Town House and Senior Center, as well as the emergency responses he has responded to.

There are three license requests for use of the Pavilion at the VFW for a one day liquor license. They are as follows:

July 12, 2008, 12:00 pm to 12:00 am for a graduation party,
August 23, 2008, 12:00 pm to 12:00 am for a private party,

August 10, 2008, 12:00 am to 11:00 pm for a district picnic

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to grant a one day liquor license to the VFW for the pavilion for the above referenced dates, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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