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

MINUTES

December 1, 2008
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Rick Green.

Vinnie Villamaino was not in attendance tonight.

Minutes of October 27, 2008: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by John Flynn to approve as presented, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes of November 3, 2008: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by John Flynn to approve as presented, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Executive Session Minutes of November 3, 2008: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by John Flynn to approve as presented, second by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes of November 24, 2008: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by John Flynn to approve as presented by John Flynn, second by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Pay Rate Schedule: The Board discussed the schedule proposed by the Personnel Board for fiscal year 2010 and will discuss the rates with the department heads at the budget meeting tonight.

Charter Cable contract: The Board will set a meeting with Tom Cohan, the representative from Charter Cable to sign the final agreement. The public will be invited to that meeting to offer any comments, and the Board will vote to sign the agreement. That meeting will be scheduled for December if possible.

Snow Plow Bid for Cemetery: The Cemetery Commission needs to request bids for the plowing contract for the cemeteries for this year's snow season. The Senior Center has signed their contract with a private contractor to plow the center's lot and the cemetery is obligated to do the same.

7:00 pm Department Head's Meeting: The Board convened in the Melville Room with the department heads to discuss the calendar for upcoming budget submittals, town report preparations, warrant submittals, etc. The Board requested that those departments

submitting to them do so by January 12, 2009 and the Advisory Committee concurred with that date. They will then meet with those departments to review the submittals, make any revisions, recommendations, etc.

The Board then reconvened in their office at 7:55 pm.

Correspondence:

- AFSCME Council 93: The Board received a letter from the dispatcher's union requesting a meeting date to start negotiations for their new contract.
- Conservation Commission: The Board received a request from the Conservation Commission regarding the appointment of a new Associate member. The Board will request that the commission add a new member as a full time member.
- Highway Equipment Rental: The Board received a letter from Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent requesting specific information from any contractor's wishing to do backhoe work for the town. These include certificates of insurance, hoister licenses, information about equipment, etc.
- GASB 45: The Board will send a notice to those companies who have performed this work for other communities and/or the school district. Cliff Bombard also mentioned at the department head meeting that there is a software program available that might be used in lieu of a consultant.

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by John Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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