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

March 30, 2009
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

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

Library Director, Reading Program: Ellen Bump came before the Board and distributed books to the Board members promoting the idea of the “One Book, One Community” Reading Program coordinated for the residents and both schools in town. The reading topic is autism and a variety of book discussions will be held for those involved with the program.

Minutes:

The minutes of March 9, 2009 were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The minutes of March 16, 2009 were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The minutes of March 23, 2009 were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Great West Retirement Services: The Board reviewed correspondence from Desiree Joy, the representative from the Smart Plan, the Great West Company regarding next steps to bring this plan into the offices for town employees. The Board agreed that Treasurer, Tracy Sicbaldi shall be the one to sign the “joinder agreement” as she will be the one to administer the plan to town employees. The Board will notify her as such.

Connect CTY: The Board discussed the service of the CTY system currently used by the Police Department and given the many possible uses, will schedule another training class to instruct various departments as to how to use the system. It may be used for road closures, senior center announcements, as well as other town wide, or street specific information.

Regional Dispatching Center: The Town received an invitation to join other communities in a development grant for E911 services. The Police Chief is not interested in participating in that he is currently working with two surrounding communities on the dispatch issue.

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Parking By-Laws: The Board reviewed the parking by-law violations and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to amend the existing violations for the following: Parking in handicap zone: \$100, parking in fire lane: \$50.00, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. The Board would like to start this as a repetitive process to educate the public about fire safety as well as public safety issues.

Construction Traffic Control Funding: The Board needs to establish a new line item for the funding of the traffic control for highway/construction work.

Bond Status: The Board requested the status of outstanding bonds from the Treasurer and will clarify that request with her.

Firefighter Coverage: Fire Chief, Mike Gorski requested information from the Board about McNamara coverage for the volunteer firefighters. The department members have full coverage as required through the so-called McNamara law.

Fire Department: Fire Chief, Mike Gorski sent an email to the Board requesting the need for additional funds for some repair work. Rick will explain to Mike the process for transfers at the end of the fiscal year, when all funds have run out.

ATM Warrant: Reviewed, revised to be finalized for signing on April 6th. Rick will get a number from the Assessors as the amount to be reserved for the Overlay Account.

STM Warrant: Reviewed, to be finalized for signing on April 6th.

School Committee Minutes: Reviewed without comment.

EMS Service Zone Plan: Another request for an Emergency Plan has been received. Rick will follow up as to the need for another plan.

Veterans' Officer: The group of communities reviewing the position of the Veterans' Officer– Rick will follow up with Gretchen in Monson as to progress with the officer, Bob Mathison.

Building Violation: The Board will forward the complaint to the Building Inspector.

Charter Communications: The Board will speak with Dave Martel regarding bankruptcy filing by Charter and their cancellation of a bond. The Board will send a note to Nick Breault regarding Charter and ask how they are handling.

Parking Permit: The Board discussed a one day permit being allowed by a resident for an event at their residence, with proper notification to the Police Department.

Memorial Day Request: A young resident has requested approval to sell bookmarks and other crafts to raise funds for the homeless and the rainforest. The Board will speak with Art Booth about the request.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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