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

MINUTES

December 21, 2009
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green – Vincent J. Villamaino was out of town.

Road Hazards List: Chief Farnsworth and Sgt. Joy attended the meeting to discuss the list of road hazards and the procedure to enforce their removals. The board would like to revisit the list of hazards when Vinnie returns from vacation. Sgt. Joy stated that some of the items are not “safety hazards” and are on the list at the request of the board. There was then discussion about the location of basketball hoops on certain properties, and Sgt. Joy does not feel that those that still exist pose a road hazard since they are in the right of way (therefore town property) and not on the paved road. Given the indecisiveness of all parties, it was agreed that when Vinnie is back, the board will tour the sites listed and make a determination about them being hazards or not.

The discussion then centered on the ticketing for these violations and it was reiterated that the tickets would be issued by the police department and if someone wants to contest the violation they can go before the Municipal Hearings Officer. The board agreed that once letters are sent to those in violation, they need to respond to the Police Department with a date to comply. Sgt. Joy will compile an updated list and submit to the board.

Uniform Invoices: The board asked about the discrepancy in how invoicing is done from the different uniform suppliers and were assured that Kathy Zanetti tracks the uniform allowances for all officers. It was also noted that there is no rollover into the next year.
Vacation Schedule: The Chief’s holiday vacation schedule was reviewed.

Veteran’s Benefit Reimbursement: The board reviewed the reimbursement due from the State for our veteran’s benefits. They are as follows:

July 2009	\$977.25
August 2009	\$977.25
September 2009	\$977.25
November 2009	\$1,292.45

Rick Green will call the Veteran’s Agent to inquire about the reimbursement for October 2009 as well as the status of past reimbursements.

Hampden County Retirement: FY2011 Annual Appropriation is \$190,313.

Contract Negotiations: The board will meet with the highway department members to discuss contract negotiations on January 4th in Executive Session.

Highway Road Machinery Maintenance Account: The Highway Superintendent submitted a memo to the board advising them that the balance in this account is \$816.59 and estimating that an additional \$4,500 will be needed prior to year end. The Advisory Committee and Town Accountant will be copied on the memo.

Alternate Workers: The Highway Superintendent submitted his list of alternate workers for the winter season.

Park and Rec Office Painting: The board reviewed the final quote for the preparation and painting of the Park and Recreation Office and a motion was made by Rick Green to award the work to Blue Ribbon Painting in the amount of \$360.00, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made by Rick Green to approve the bid from Bonavita Companies for the rug replacement in the Park and Recreation office in the amount of \$650.00, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Regional Selectmen Meeting: The Town of East Longmeadow will host the next meeting for a date to be determined in January 2010.

Enterprise Fund: Jim Podolak from the State had questions about the Enterprise Fund, expenditures versus expenses and John wants to recap this with Cliff Bombard, Town Accountant.

A motion was made by Rick Green to go into Executive Session at 7:45 pm with no return to Open Session to discuss some personnel performance issues with an officer, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Rick Green yes, John Flynn yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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