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

February 1, 2010
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

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

Town Accountant: Cliff Bombard came before the board to discuss the town's debt schedule and what borrowing schedule was going to be used for the next few years. It was agreed that Tracy would look into alternatives to allow an even debt schedule for the next three years so as not to impact the taxpayers. We want to ensure that this existing note is off the books in 2013.

It was also determined that the fire truck debt will be retired this year.

Cemetery Funds: Cliff is trying to decipher what the perpetual care funds can be used for by the Cemetery Commissioners. He looked through old files, but cannot find the origins of the Bumstead fund, but will continue to research its allowed use.

Snow and Ice Account: Last year's numbers ran to \$179,000; fortunately for this time in the winter, we are running behind that pace.

Overlay Account: Cliff commented on the overlay account held by the Assessor's for outstanding tax abatements and that money was to become available for the town's use as of last October but we have not seen those numbers yet. Assessor's expenses could be taken out of the overlay account.

School Committee Minutes: Reviewed without comment.

Planning Board Minutes: Reviewed without comment.

Storm Window Installation: We have been notified that BOH and BOS offices will have storm windows installed as soon as it can be scheduled.

Roadside Trash: Rick was contacted by two separate residents regarding the trash along the roadside and the board will reach out to seek volunteers. There are those who have helped in the past with Adopt-A-Road in early spring/late spring.

Council on Aging: A resident asked about a fire safety plan at the Senior Center and Rick will contact Becky Moriarty and the Fire Department to devise a plan for the Center and a fire education for the seniors.

Police Chief: The Chief asked to carry over vacation days as allowed in his contract. We will check the contract to see if it is in his contract before getting back to him.

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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