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

February 17, 2010
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino, John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 am by Vinnie Villamaino.

Friends of the Seniors: Chris Cesan, Rita Vail and Patricia Clark came before the board to discuss ongoing maintenance issues at the Senior Center. Bill Olmstead was also in attendance. In the past, the Friends have paid for certain repairs that should have been paid through the Center's budget. When the invoices were paid they were never brought forward to the Selectmen, to the board was unaware of the costs. It was determined that operational and maintenance issues should be built into the Sr. Center budget, rather than being paid by any other organization. The costs will be reviewed by the board and discussed with Becky Moriarty to determine the appropriate number to be incorporated into the budget.

USI Consulting Group: Robert Webb, Vice President and Actuary for USI came before the board to present the results of the study they performed for the town to determine our GASB 45 status. The GASB requires that the town note on their books the amount of money necessary to provide benefits for retirees, in our case, health care benefits. The Department of Revenue wants to see a total dollar amount on our balance sheet on an annual basis for all potential retirees. There was discussion about recognizing the budget line item, but not raising and appropriating that money now. A note to remember: if the money were put into a trust fund, the money could only be used for GASB payout, and for no other reason, even interest earned goes to retirees.

Minutes of February 1, 2010: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes of February 8, 2010: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Rick Green to approve as presented, second by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

House Relocation: The Conservation Commission submitted a letter to the board granting their approval of the site work to be performed by Sue Bower. She will be provided a Determination of Applicability by the Commission. The Selectmen will now write a letter to Sue Bower granting approval for the house relocation to Chapin Road. At that

point, we will get a proposed moving date to determine the bond amount needed in the event any damage is done to the town roads.

Budget Proposals for Water Operator Services: A motion was made by Rick Green to accept the proposals as presented by Water Operator, Mike Framarin for services for the Town Hall, Senior Center, Community Based Water System and the Landfill Monitoring Program in the following amounts:

- Town Hall: The proposal is for \$1,420 and lab fees of approximately \$300.
- Senior Center: The proposal is for \$1,420 and lab fees of approximately \$300.
- Landfill Monitoring Program: DEP monitoring and reporting at a cost of \$7,000 and lab fees of approximately \$12,000.
- Community Based Public Water System: DEP reports, backflow testing, sampling at a cost of \$4,800 and lab fees of approximately \$800.

The motion was seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

John Flynn left the meeting due to a prior commitment at 6:45 pm.

Correspondence:

- MSBA Letter: The board received a letter from the MSBA stating the status of the project and necessary monthly reporting that must be done.
- Chief Gorski: Mike sent a reminder to the board that he still has a pending grant submission that may help with the radio needs of the fire and police.
- Conservation Commission: The commission sent a letter to Donald Dorn instructing him in the process that must be adhered to in order to seek assistance with his ongoing river concerns.

Police:

- Rules, Regulations and Policy Book: The Chief submitted the latest version of the policy book that will be distributed to his staff, to be signed off by all.
- Winter Vehicle Parking and Removal Guidelines: The Chief has distributed a new policy relative to parking ban violations.
- Budget: Monthly budget reviewed without comment.

The Board reviewed the proposal submitted by American Medical Response of Massachusetts (AMR) to run from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013 and a motion was made by Rick Green to accept and sign the proposal, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. The same terms and conditions are extended from the last agreement.

Gale Candaras, Senator has set up a couple of meetings for water/stream/river mitigation; one of which will delve into the Natural Heritage and the conditions that they require prior to development.

With no further business, a motion was made by Rick Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. John Flynn was not present for the vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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