

Approved 2/28/11

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

February 15, 2011
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Richard R. Green, Vincent J. Villamaino
John D. Flynn was not in attendance.

Fire Department Budget Review: Chief Gorski and 1st Deputy Chief Markham came before the board to discuss the proposed budget. Mike continues to serve as Chief without taking any pay; the monies go into the operations of the department. He also takes no salary for the Forest Fire Warden position.

There is a 10k increase for gear and four drug tests for provisional fire fighters. Preventive maintenance is needed for the fleet of trucks which amounts to \$7500 every year.

A new line item will be for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the amount of \$8,000 which will be an annual expense. RAD meters will be purchased which measure levels of oxygen, carbon monoxide and explosively at a cost of \$2800 per year with an additional fee for an annual maintenance agreement.

The department also needs a new tanker and the pumper needs some repairs done to it. There will be an annual maintenance cost for the radio system of \$536.

Any new truck will require an expansion of the fire station. The question was asked if there are other housing options available. Once we start any renovations at the station, everything will need to be brought up to code. We would need one million for improvements to the building and a new truck. Dave Markham would like the addition of 3 bays. NOTE: Once the order for the truck is placed, it would not be ready and delivered for 14 months or so. Mike did mention the option of leasing and will look into that.

A new line needs to be added to the budget for training stipend in the amount of \$33,000 based on one thousand per active firefighter.

Fire Mutual Aid Law was discussed and Mike will review that as well.

Resident, Beth Burger was invited in to see what her generous donation to the fire department looked like. She donated a RAD Meter (described above) to the Fire Department.

Agenda for 2/22 reviewed by the board.

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Minutes of January 31, 2011: the minutes of January 31 were reviewed and a motion was made to approve as presented by Vinnie Villamaino, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Minutes of February 7, 2011: The minutes of February 7 were reviewed and a motion was made to approve as presented by Vinnie Villamaino, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Warrant Review: The board reviewed the draft warrant and noted that funding for DARE is not needed this year, but the article will remain as a boiler plate article.

Burial and Cremation Law: There was a question about what is required by law for a burial vault. The Board of Health will write a letter to Cemetery Commission and include the regulations stating that there is no requirement for a concrete liner. The information will be forwarded to the Commission and it will be up to them to determine how to handle this.

PVPC Master Plan: The discussion will take place when John is present at the meeting next week with the Planning Board as well.

Hampden Country Club Liquor License: The discussion will take place when John is present next week.

Stormwater Annual Report: The annual report is overdue to the state and Rick will contact Joe Kruzel about what has to be done.

MIIA Reward Program: Lance Trevallion has been checking on roofs in town and will complete the report to submit to MIIA for credits towards our premium.

Computer Purchase: The Town Accountant has received specs for a new computer for his office and it may be rolled into a warrant article for a number of offices.

Dog Incident: There was a Board of Health issue regarding a dog in town and whether or not it was in fact in compliance with rabies shots, etc. Board of Health will send a letter to the owner requesting proof of vaccinations.

Cumberland Farms property: Rick has been checking into the possible purchase of the Cumberland Farms property and this will be discussed at a later date when John is present.

Scantic Valley Regional Health Trust: Rick met with SVRHT and there was a discussion about health rate increases and whether to dip into funds that exist to hold the increases to a lower amount. To be discussed further.

Property and Liability: Rick is looking to reduce our Property and Liability costs which would allow a cushion for health insurance

Board of Health: Jane Budynkiewicz is before the board to ask about the possibility of using ATM and credit cards in the BOH office. There is a program that would allow the user to pay the banking fee for the benefit of the service in town offices. The Board is fine pursuing this.

Rick suggested sending a letter to all departments to ask if other offices have an interest in this service.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 7:37 pm by Vinnie Villamaino, seconded by Rick Green. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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