

Approved 9/6/11

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

MINUTES

August 15, 2011
5:30 pm

625 Main Street
Town House

Present: Richard R. Green, John D. Flynn and Vincent J. Villamaino

Guests: Carol Fitzgerald and Doug Boyd, Advisory Board, David Markham, Fire Department, Cliff Bombard, Accountant, Richard Patullo, Treasurer.
Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Richard R. Green.

Fire Truck: The cost of the new fire truck is \$360,000.00. If ordered and paid for at the time of purchase, the company would use a sliding scale discount of approximately \$9,400.00 bringing the estimated cost of the truck to \$350,000. The Fire Department is looking to make sure the company has a performance bond before ordering. This will be reviewed by Town Counsel prior to signing. There have been companies that have gone bankrupt, leaving towns without a truck. The company being ordered from needs to be financially sound. If ordered now the truck should arrive in approximately 265 days. If not ordered immediately it could take up to one and a half years to arrive.

There is pressure to order now to stay with 2010 pricing and regulations. The regulations changed in 2011 making it much more expensive to order later. The Board of Selectmen would like a drop dead date to order and still receive the discount. They would also like to know if the company has a performance bond or not. A decision still has to be made which way the truck should be paid for.

An error was made in the reporting of the minutes during Annual Town Meeting wherein the approved cost of the fire truck was listed as \$350,000 instead of the correct amount of \$360,000. The Town Clerk has sent a letter to the Attorney General with the corrected minutes to reflect the amount approved.

Items for October Town Meeting: There is a need for a police car, a highway truck and the record storage problem in the Town Hall. The Selectmen will be asking all departments to come forward with anticipated needs.

Police Department: Rick investigated the cost of a prefabricated building to be purchased and used to house the Police Department.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

Jane M. Budynkiewicz
Board of Health Coordinator

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