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

MINUTES

March 24, 2014
6:30 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Norman Charest, Vincent J. Villamaino

Guest: Tyler Witkop, The Wilbraham-Hampden Times

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by John D. Flynn.

Soltas Solar: The meeting with Kirt Mayland was cancelled pending Dave Martel's review of the agreement between the town and Soltas.

Reserve Candidate: Sgt. Mike Cooney introduced the board to candidate Michael J. Kane, a resident of East Longmeadow. Michael has graduated from the Reserve class, owns several businesses, has been a constable in East Longmeadow and has always wanted to pursue working as a reserve officer. His schedule will allow him to start right now. Background check up has been done and Stg. Cooney highly recommends him.

The board discussed and Norm Charest made a motion that based on the recommendation made and subject to the completion of the training program, that Michael J. Kane be appointed as a Reserve Officer with a 60 day probationary period, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. Vinnie Villamaino had left the room to attend the Advisory Meeting and was not present for the vote.

Federal Highway Reimbursement: The contract from the state was sent here and required John Flynn's signature to get the reimbursement process started. A motion was made by Norm Charest to sign the FHWA Emergency Relief Program paperwork which will reimburse the town \$142,763.26, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino.

VOTE: All in favor and so voted. This is more money than other towns received due to the Highway Superintendent's records. Our cost will be about \$15k a year and will be written off over a three year period.

Police Policy Review: Norm had some questions regarding the warrantless entry policy that he discussed with the Chief. Norman was satisfied with the explanations from the Chief and the policy will be resubmitted for signing.

Highway Bid Recommendations: Dana Pixley submitted his list of recommendations for material bids and paving. The recommendations are as follows:

- Bituminous Concrete: Bid awarded to Palmer Paving.
- 3/8" Traprock: Bid awarded to John's Trucking of Agawam

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- Pavement Reclamation: Bid awarded to Murray Reclamation, Inc.
- Catch Basin Cleaning: Bid awarded to JR Sweeping Service
- Liquid Asphalt: Bid awarded to All States Asphalt, Inc.

The bid for the Street Sweeping was not awarded as Dana's letter of recommendation left the Selectmen wanting to check on the company before awarding the bid. Vinnie will check on them so the board can vote.

Policy Request: Dana Pixley asked the board to formalize a policy for the maintenance of unaccepted streets under construction. Dana has been asked by residents of Kibbe Lane (where the development is still under construction) about the winter services provided. In an effort to answer those questions, Dana has asked for a formal policy to be based on instruction from the board some time ago. The board will formalize and accept the policy and deliver to Dana. There was discussion about Kibbe Lane and the need to have it finished with a top coat prior to next winter. This discussion will be had with the Planning Board.

Council on Aging Board: Ray Crowley, President of the Council on Aging board submitted recommendations for four new board members. They are as follows: Edward Norman, Arthur Beauregard, Deborah Mahoney and Nancy Willoughby. The board reviewed and a motion was made by Norm Charest to appoint these people as members, given the recommendations made by the COA, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Electric Aggregation Agreement and information from Department of Energy Resources: Information regarding hearings that must be held in order to satisfy requirements of the Dept. of Energy Resources was reviewed.

Proposed Warrant Article: A resident brought forward a request for an article relative to the Community Preservation Act. The warrant will be revised to include a question relative to the revocation of the CPA. This will be a ballot question as well.

Conservation Commission: Phil Grant from the Conservation Commission submitted a letter to the board regarding new members for consideration. The board will be in touch with Phil.

Community Preservation Act: Notice of Doctor's Appointment: The board reviewed a request by Administrative Assistant to attend a doctor's appointment.

Federated Church: The board asked that a placeholder be put on the warrant to deal with the water issue at the church. Further research needs to be done.

Tax Assessment: Norm reported that the Hampden Country Club has been visited by the Assessors and they will be assessed as to the percentage complete they are in their construction. Golf courses are assessed as open land and the value is in the buildings. The Assessors will seek some help on determining the correct assessment. Norm was asked about the substation being built on Allen Street. He responded that it will have to be evaluated and then assessed.

Town House Building Committee: John mentioned that Jim McQuillan who works for the Hampden Housing Authority as a maintenance man is interested in working on the Town House Building Committee. He might also be available to us for maintenance work in the town house.

Budget: It was stated that the Library is looking to increase hours for staff.

Police Station Rebuild: John asked if there was money in the rebuild budget to spend in the renovation of the existing police department. This will be discussed further.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm, seconded by Norm Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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