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

February 5, 2015  
1:00 pm

625 Main Street  
Hampden, MA 01036

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Norman Charest, Vincent J. Villamaino  
The meeting was called to order by John D. Flynn at 1:00 pm.  
Norman Charest was unable to attend the meeting.

Chief Farnsworth: The Chief, Sgt. Cooney and Administrative Assistant Kathy Zanetti came before the board to review the Police Department budget prior to a meeting with Advisory on February 9.

Before starting the review, Chief Farnsworth introduced candidate Jeff Wojcik to the board for appointment to the Reserve Officer staff. The Chief explained that Jeff had worked this position some time ago and that he left on good terms. Jeff had military obligations that prevented him from committing to the time necessary for the job. The board welcomed Jeff back and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to appoint Jeff Wojcik as a Reserve Officer effective February 5, 2015 until June 30, 2015, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Budget Review with Chief Farnsworth: The first topic was the fleet and the Chief explained that there was one cruiser in the coming year's budget, rather than spending unknown amounts of money on maintenance of any older vehicle. The board asked that Jeff get a spreadsheet of the fleets' mileage for its review.

They discussed the radio system quote that the Chief got that will cover both the Police and Fire radios.

The board was satisfied with the budget presented and Jeff explained that he added \$40k as a separate line item for the new Police Station. Otherwise, the budget increased by 2.2% due to anticipated salary increases due to contract negotiations.

The discussion turned to the security of the town house once it is vacated by the Police Department. Jeff has researched the cost of a camera with a card entry system. The Senior Center, Police Station and even Spray Park could be connected to the same system.

Domestic Violence Policy and Procedure: The Chief presented a new policy that will be reviewed at a later date, when Norm Charest has a chance to review as well.

Snow and Ice Account: Dana Pixley submitted a memo to the board requesting authorization to run the snow and ice account “in the red” as he cannot pay current bills with that account. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to allow the snow and ice to be overdrawn to pay for remaining seasonal bills, as allowed by State law, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

NOTE: SVRHT Meeting on February 11 to discuss projected rates for health plans.

Correspondence: Reviewed without comment.

Police Station Suggestion: The board had asked the public about recommendations pertaining to town hall and the new police station. One resident suggested we keep one officer in the town house and have the others be on duty in the new station.

Minutes: These will be held until the full board is present to approve.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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