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

February 9, 2015
6:30 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 6:30 pm.

Chief Farnsworth and Sgt. Mike Cooney met with the board to proceed to the budget review meeting scheduled with Advisory for 6:30 pm.

The group moved to the Melville Room to meet with the Advisory Board; consisting of Carol Fitzgerald, Doug Boyd, Jamie Collins, Rick Rubin and assistant, Cindi Connors. Jeff Smith was not present at the meeting.

Chief Farnsworth explained to Advisory that his budget has increased by 2.2% (without the inclusion of the new Police Station) and should it need to be adjusted due to dispatchers and officers salary increases, the adjustment won't be drastic. Carol noted that a 1% increase in salaries equals approximately \$10k for the year.

There were questions as to when the contract negotiations would be complete and Norman responded that he is hopeful for a resolution by March 31.

Jeff said that he looked at expenses at the Senior Center to get an idea for budgeting operating expenses at the new Police Station. He has used \$40k for now, given that the building will be operating on a 24/7 basis.

When asked about grant monies from the State, Jeff thought that there might be a reduction of as much as 20 – 25% in state funding.

John discussed the maintenance agreement in place for all of the defibrillators in town; housed in the PD, Fire Station and COA. John would like the proposal for maintenance to run for 16 months or on a fiscal year cycle.

The board reconvened in their office to finish their meeting.

Minutes of January 20, January 26 and February 2, 2015: The board reviewed the minutes and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve all three as presented, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

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Domestic Violence Policy and Procedure: Chief Farnsworth had submitted the new policy to the board for review. Norman made a motion to approve the new Domestic Violence Policy and Procedure as submitted, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Mailbox Damage: Dana Pixley sent a memo to the board regarding a resident with an issue about mailbox damage. The board will ask that the resident be reimbursed for the mailbox purchase.

Unemployment Charges: The current charges from Unemployment Insurance was submitted to the board. This has been an ongoing debacle that this office has tried to rectify with this agency, to no avail.

Hampden Country Club v Hampden Zoning Board of Appeals: The board learned that all cases with the town and HCC have been resolved.

East Longmeadow Request for Sign: The Board of Selectmen from East Longmeadow requested permission from the town to place a “No Dumping” sign at Allen Street and Hunting Lane; for a resident of East Longmeadow. The board will allow the installation of the sign but will not assume any of the costs. A letter will be sent to the board.

Street Light Request: This office has received a request from a resident to have a street light turned off as they feel it directly effects the health of the resident. Should the request be made again, the board would like to see evidence of the effects from a doctor.

Note: SVRHT Meeting, Wednesday, February 11th to discuss FY16 Rates.

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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