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

April 21, 2015
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by John Flynn.

Guest: Tyler Witkop, The Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Highway Department: Dana Pixley, Highway Superintendent came before the board for a number of issues, starting with the need for a transfer for Building Utilities. Since the generator was filled with fuel at a cost of \$3,363.84, that was unexpected, the utility line needs to be reimbursed. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve a transfer request from the Reserve Fund into Highway Building Utilities in the amount of \$3,363.84, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The next item discussed was Dana's wish to purchase road sand now, as it is fairly cheap and the timing for the work is good for his department. The board agreed that Dana should order the sand now.

Dana also reviewed the purchase of a new sander with accompanying equipment which comes at a cost of \$13,745.28. This money will be expended and charged against the snow and ice account. The total expended to date is \$175,000 to \$200,000.

Dana has money left in the gasoline account and was instructed to keep it there for the time being. He does need a \$1,000 transfer to road machinery maintenance.

Dana discussed the situation on Fernwood Drive and level of difficulty it will be to repair the drainage issues that exist. There are three sets of catch basins, an enormous amount of tree removals and significant wetland issues. A Notice of Intent will probably be required through the Conservation Commission. The board will contact the property owner on Fernwood who was looking to sell the land to the town. If that occurs, Dana may be able to use that as a runoff for the large amount of drainage needed.

The list of road projects was then reviewed by the board:

- Mountain Road: More ledge removal which will take approximately two weeks to complete.
- Fernwood Drive: Will be discussed further once we determine if there is other available land that might help us remedy the drainage issues.

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- Thresher and Chapin Roads: Will have reclamation and paving done. Resurfacing with asphalt and stone will be done after that.
- Raymond Drive: Needs to be repaved, but Dana has found that the quality of the hot mix has changed and starts to unravel after 4 to 5 years. It doesn't seem to be holding together as well, and some plants are using a recycled asphalt product as part of the mix. Dana wants to do some core sampling of the asphalt and said that currently, Berkshire Paving is the only company not using the recycled material (RAP). Dana did contact the State about the problem but they seem to have no interest in helping towns with this issue. Dana would prefer to work with Berkshire Paving this year and did note that there will be an adjustment in price from last year's bid.
- Allen Place, Allen Court, Wehr Road and Pinewood: All will be paved in July or August.
- Bennett Road: If the easement agreement is signed with the resident and conservation approves, the road will be reconstructed and drainage installed. Entire road will be resurfaced with asphalt and stone. May be done in August through October.

Reserve Officer Appointment: Chief Farnsworth and Stg. Cooney came before the board to introduce candidate, Joseph R. Shepshinski for a Reserve Officer position. He has been vetted by both Sgt. Cooney and Officer Roath. He currently works in Granby as a Reserve Officer and his background check was good. A motion was made by Norman Charest to appoint Joseph Shepshinski as a Reserve Officer for the Police Department, effective immediately with a 90 day probation period, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Police Station Building Committee: Building committee members came before the board to discuss the bid opening process that took place for the second time. The bids were opened in two parts; the site work came in at a cost they anticipated, but the modular bids are still over budget. The committee recommends rejecting the modular bids and look at onsite stick built costs.

A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to reject the modular building bids, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The site work bids will be held in abeyance and more bids are expected this summer. The Selectmen suggested that maybe plans could be developed to have a more "country design" to keep in character with the Senior Center.

The committee will meet now to discuss responses to Town meeting questions, which will be held on April 27th.

NOTE: The ATM will be posted for 6:00 pm.

Variance Request: A variance has been requested for Academy Hall at 618 Main Street for a reduction to 71' in the 100 foot setback from system to the onsite well. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the variance as requested, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

There will be no construction at Academy Hall until after Memorial Day. Dana wants to look at the trenching and manhole work.

601 Main Street: Jeanne Broderick will be contacted to check on the signing of the final water agreement.

Minutes: The minutes of March 23, Regular and Executive Session, March 30 and April 6 were reviewed and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve as presented. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

VFW- One Day Permits: The VFW has requested one day permits for the following dates and occasions:

- Saturday, May 16, 2015, Jack and Jill Shower, 12:00 to 12:00
- Saturday, May 23, 2015, Jack and Jill Shower, 12:00 to 12:00
- Saturday, May 30, 2015, College Graduation Party, 12:00 to 12:00
- Saturday, June 6, 2015, St. Jude Benefit, 12:00 to 12:00 – no charge
- Saturday, June 20, 2015, Retirement Party, 12:00 to 12:00
- Sunday, June 21, 2015, Graduation Party, 12:00 to 12:00
- Saturday, June 27, 2015, 50th Birthday Party, 12:00 to 12:00
- Saturday, July 11, 2015, Family Reunion, 12:00 to 12:00
- Saturday, July 18, 2015, Aids Benefit, 12:00 to 12:00 – no charge
- Saturday, July 25, 2015, Birthday Party, 12:00 to 12:00

The requests were reviewed by the board and a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve all as presented, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Fire Department Transfer Request: The board reviewed a request from the Fire Department for a transfer of \$1100.00 into Department Operations for truck repair work they had to have done. A motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to approve the request, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted. The request will be forwarded to Advisory for final approval.

Motions: The board reviewed the motions in preparation or ATM on April 27th.

Cupola on Town House: A resident asked if a flag could be installed in the cupola at the town House. The real issue would be how to keep it safe, given that the cupola is lit from inside and we wouldn't want to risk a fire.

With no further business, a motion was made by Vinnie Villamaino to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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