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

January 25, 2016
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden, MA 01036

Board Members: Vincent J. Villamaino John D. Flynn, Norman Charest
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vinnie Villamaino.

Police Department Budget Review: John would like the budget sheets to be revised before presenting to Advisory. The number of cars to be purchased will be reduced to one, building maintenance shows utility costs which should go in another line. Jeff has talked with onsite engineers who gave estimates about utility charges and John told Jeff that with the solar deal we are working on, the town would get free energy for town uses. That will be determined when the contact is finalized with the solar company. John asked about the proposed open date for the new station and Jeff thought August sometime. The roofers are creating a problem as they are very busy and although the materials are all onsite, the roofers are not getting to this project. At this point the roofers are 3 weeks behind.

Jeff will work on revising the budget before presenting to Advisory on the 22nd.

Fire Department Budget Review: The board reviewed the budget with Chief Gorski. In the comments section of the budget, the Chief anticipates the need for an additional multifunctional truck in the amount of \$500,000, when the bond for the newest truck is paid off in 2018. The Chief also brought up the need for weekday fire responders. This may have an approximate annual cost increase of \$50,000 for two full time firefighters with benefits.

In addition, the Chief introduced Ethan Kibbe as a candidate for a position as a fire fighter. Mike has vetted Ethan and recommends his appointment as a provisional fire fighter. Based on that, a motion was made by Norman Charest to appoint Ethan Kibbe as a provisional firefighter, Ethan Kibbe was appointed as a provisional firefighter. Vinnie and John approved.

Board of Health: Lorri McCool, Board of Health Agent came before the board to discuss the status of the Mini-Mall and Greenhouse. The grease traps are being redone for all restaurant locations in the mini-mall. They will be piped out of each restaurant and empty into a large single tank in the back of the building. The board asked about the progress being made on the septic system and Lorri responded that the process is moving slowly but the leach field will go in sometime in the spring.

Lorri also related the history of the Greenhouse and their septic system. The board allowed them to go through the summer to determine the usage. John asked if one system could accommodate the Greenhouse and All About Me and Lorri stated that it could. Lorri will write a follow up letter to Mike Cimmino to determine if a septic system is warranted for the business at the Greenhouse.

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Lorri then discussed the status of the tenants on Raymond Drive that are basically squatting at the property and Lorri explained that the court has ordered the tenant to be out by the end of February. The town would then have the right to start receivership of the property. At this time, the town will wait until the end of February to see if she is gone.

The Bagel Nook continues to have problems with the DEP for not having a certified water operator at their establishment and are being fined by the DEP. It is no longer in the hands of the BOH.

John, Jane and Lorri will meet to discuss budgets this week in preparation for annual town meeting in April.

Ames Road: An applicant had a Tittle 5 approved on property in 2009 and they would like to get an extension on the approval. There is specific language in the law to allow for a four year extension. The board has asked if there have been any changes made to the site and Lorri stated that there have been none. Given that information, the board agreed to allow the extension for another four years.

Minutes of December 28 and January 11: The board reviewed the minutes of December 28th and January 11th. There was a minor correction in the minutes of December 28th where it should have stated that Personnel should look into reformatting the salary chart since so many people are off the chart at this point.

Vote on Highway Superintendent Job Description: Vinnie assured the board that he would have a final description done this week for posting.

Streetlight Issue Sessions Drive: John to meet on site with representative from National Grid to find a resolution to an issue a resident has with the waves coming from a streetlight.

ABCC Form: Population Estimate for Seasonal License

DEP forms for new Police Station: Vinnie signed off on necessary forms to apply to DEP. John wants to ensure that any additional costs associated with this oversight by the consultant, be borne by the consultant and not be billed to the town. This water connection was omitted from the original quote given and has now become an additional expense.

Superintendent Search Committee: The board will review the proposed schedule for the new committee and will determine who will be able to attend as a member.

9) Correspondence:

- School Teacher Retirees re: health insurance
- GASB Information
- Letter from Historical Commission
- Letter to Highway Department Members re: negotiations
- Casino Mitigation Fund Program: John to follow up seeking funds for mitigation.

- Letter regarding Community Preservation Committee: Correspondence from Lynne Wallace regarding upcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant article.
- Request for Family Medical Leave Act: A motion was made by Norman Charest to approve a request made by Matt Frederick from the Highway Department for Family Medical Leave, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Senior Tax Abatement Program: Two (2) applications were reviewed for positions at the Library and the Senior Center. The candidates were recommended by Ellen Moriarty for the Library Page worker and by Becky Moriarty for the Senior Center. A motion was made by Norman Charest to approve Beverly Burnell and Deborah Mahoney as viable workers for the Senior Tax Abatement Work-Off Program, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Ogoley Site Visit: The board will work with Town Counsel and Town Engineer from Tighe and Bond to determine a good date for a site visit.

NOTES: HWRSD Public Hearing for Budget: Wednesday, March 9th
Jeanne Broderick 601 Main Street: Feb 1st meeting
Sign Borrowing Paperwork for Treasurer

Solar Update: The contract has not been finalized as Ameresco wants the town to be liable should some damage occur on their site and the town will not accept the liability for damages.

Federated Church: The board would like to meet with Church board members to review quotes for the repair work that needs to be done as a result of the salt damage in the Church.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norman Charest to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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