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

MINUTES

June 15, 2017
6:00 pm

625 Main Street
Hampden MA 01036

Board Members: John D. Flynn, Norman Charest, Vincent J. Villamaino
Vinnie Villamaino is unable to attend the meeting due to family issue.
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Norman Charest to enter into Executive Session at 6:00 pm with return to Open Session, to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Norman Charest. VOTE: Norman Charest yes, John Flynn yes.

Executive Session with Town Counsel, Mike Schneider.

With no further business, a motion was made by Norman Charest to return to Open Session at 6:30 pm, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: Norman Charest yes, John Flynn yes.

Dog Bite Issue: Shelley Sears, Animal Inspector and Dog Officer came before the board to discuss on repeat of a complaint regarding a dog who bites. The board will ask that the owners come in to direct them to a resolution of this issue.

Fire Department appointments: Chief Gorski came before the board with the new appointments for the staffing of the Fire Department during the day, starting on July 1, 2017. Vinnie Villamaino, Jane Budynkiewicz, Deputy Chief Markham, Deputy Chief Poulin and Chief Gorski participated in the interview process and determined that these three were the best choices for the positions. The Chief introduced Meaghan Rogers and Joshua Sterling to the board and mentioned that Connor Courtney was unable to attend as he is at National Guard training. Connor will be appointed to Shift Supervisor and Meaghan Rogers and Joshua Sterling will work as firefighters. They have all the training and certifications necessary and are ready to go. Chief Gorski has job descriptions for each of them and a list of all tasks to be done on a daily/weekly basis.

Given this, Norman Charest made a motion to appoint Connor Courtney as Shift Supervisor and Meaghan Rogers and Joshua Sterling as Firefighters to work Monday through Fridays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, seconded by Vinnie Villamaino. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The pay schedule will need to be checked out as far as Connor goes and his absences from his job for National Guard training.

There were congratulations all around and the appointees were allowed to leave.

The board asked the Chief about alarm problems at GreatHorse and Mike assured them that those issues were resolved. It turns out that the club had been "oversold" for the detectors they were using and the problem has been rectified.

In addition, Mike mentioned helicopter landing/training will be held at the Bethlehem Baptist Church to allow the fire staff to train for air lifts.

Minutes: Will be reviewed at a later date.

Bid Results for Glendale Drive/East Brook Drive Paving: The Lane Construction Corporation was the low bidder at \$191,303, but Mark Langone, Highway Superintendent has recommended Palmer Paving Corporation at \$195,540 due to past experience with Lane Construction and the job on Main Street. Based on past performance and Mark Langone's recommendation, Norman made the motion to award the bid to Palmer Paving, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority for Transportation for Tri-Town: The board reviewed the final agreement to link the PVTA, Hampden, Longmeadow and East Longmeadow into a transportation agreement that will also cover doctor's appointments. Norman Charest made a motion to enter into this agreement as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Right of First Refusal Waiver: The board has been contacted by Attorney Levine regarding Kibbe property on Somers Road, sold to Ed Speight, without having secured the waiver of the Right to First Refusal. The board will request that Attorney Levine attend a meeting to discuss the oversight and finalize documents.

Correspondence:

- To Dave Turcotte, resignation acknowledgement.
- To Kirsten Lipkins, thanks for organization of town wide clean up.
- To Sally Bryce, resignation acknowledgement.
- From Gina Kahn, invitation to attend meeting.
- National Grid/Verizon Pole Information, ownership of poles and responsibilities.
- Eversource Access Road construction, large construction project for access to power lines.
- Building Inspector Status, notice of extension for testing.
- Stormwater Report, Notice of Intent, information on what will be required for next year.

Water and Sewer Discussion: Meeting in East Longmeadow on June 27th. Memo to go out to volunteers who will work on this project with the board. Those volunteers are Paul Gagliarducci, Jay O'Brien, George Romano and Joe Kruzel.

School Superintendent Meetings: The board discussed the issue of Superintendent Ganem scheduling meetings on 10:00 am inviting the board members to attend. The board has asked that Superintendent Ganem attempt to reschedule those meetings to an afternoon time that would allow board members to attend. To date, the Superintendent has not made any accommodations for the board members participation. John has also requested that it be a posted meeting so more than one board member can participate.

Regional Selectboard Meeting update: None given.

NOTE:

AMR Status: Awaiting document for signing from East Longmeadow Town Council.

July 3rd: Holiday for town employees given the 4th of July on Tuesday. The board decided to not pursue this.

Sergeant's Exam Test Score: Change made for passing grade from 75 to 70.

Seeing 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,

Pamela B Courtney
Administrative Assistant

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