

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 16, 2011

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Rust, Councilpersons Wood, Bagnato, Sochia, Jock.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Ernest Wood, Brenda

Nicholson, Robert Phippen Jr., Adam Britton, Georgia Macy, Joel Parmer, Colette Parmer, Rich Schrader, Wanda Haught, Richard Eakins, Loren Shattuck arrived at 7:20, Allen Fukes Assessor and Code Officer arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Supervisor Rust called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Colette Parmer was curious about the tax rates if Wind Power was brought into town. Mr. Rust responded that he has received correspondence from towns where wind power exists and in the last 10 years the rate has dropped.

Robert Phippen reported that approximately 28-29 people attended the anti-wind meeting.

Wanda Haught questioned if there would have to be additional fire protection for the wind turbines. Mr. Rust told her that there has been no proven fact that he knew of that required additional fire protection.

Mr. Rust also commented that he is continuing the work on the Local Law and is currently reviewing the Local Law from the Town of Altona.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wood to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2011 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the Financial Report for April 2011 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 120 to 158 General Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$10,637.48 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 71 to 92 Highway Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$20,456.63 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 15 to 18 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$1,843.06 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mrs. Bagnato made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NYS Department of Health: regarding reopening of the Bathing Beach at the James A Tharrett Memorial Park. They outlined what measures would have to be taken before it could be reopened. The water would have to be tested twice per month and the flow of water would have to be at least 100 gallons per day of dilution water meeting 6-2 standards flowing through the bathing area.

The Board discussed this and Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to start testing the water at the bathing area. Adopted unanimously.

Brenda Nicholson told the Board that her husband could possibly help out on the water flow testing. She will check with him.

OLD BUSINESS:

SLC Board of Elections: turning ownership of the voting machine, serial number 141372, over to the town.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to sell the voting machine for scrap metal. Adopted unanimously.

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Security Monitoring Town Office: Mr. Rust reported that he contacted AllTech and their monthly monitoring rate would be \$15.00 per month. He also contacted NCC Systems and they agreed to meet their price of \$15.00 per month.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to stay with NCC Systems.

Participation in MEGA: Mr. Rust went over the info he received at the meeting. He explained that any business, Town, Village or School District can participate. You have to sign an agreement and lock into that rate for one year. He is going to go over some of the town bills to see if it would be a savings for us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has issued 6 permits to date.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has received the latest equalization rate. It is at 72%, down 8% from last year. The Tentative Roll shows a town taxable increase of two and a half million. He is holding informal hearings. He is on a committee to review land tables throughout the county.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported that everything is set for the Book Battle. She has books on Wind Power at the Library.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that they are planning a Tea and Quilt show for May 21.

Reminiscing with the Locals is set for June 3. She also spoke with them about contributing some funding towards repairs to the museum. They are willing to pay for some.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. He has sent in his fist CHIPS request in the amount of \$30,000.00. The radiator is leaking on the 2009 Sterling.

He also presented the Board with the Mowing Contract with the county. It is for \$235.00 per mile for 5.97 miles equaling \$1,402.95.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to approve the mowing contract with the County. Adopted unanimously.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter submitted a written report. They will hold a chicken barbeque on May 29. Adam Zahler and Colin Pearl have resigned.

Town Facilities: Mr. Jock reported that he had talked with Carr Electrical for an estimate on a generator hook up at the town hall. He will do this sometime in July. Mr. Rust reported that we need to have a new fan in the Men's room of the town hall. Mr. Jock will check into this. Mr. Jock reported that he had spent Friday at the Garage trying to repair the leak around the chimney, but it is still leaking. He is going to try something else. He also reported that we need to put a shut off for the exterior water at the Town Office somewhere inside.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that they are working on the handicap ramp.

Seniors: Mrs. Wood reported that the Town of Stockholm wants to cut back 10% on their current contract.

Food Pantry: Mrs. Macy reported that they are still receiving funding and they were down seven volunteers this month.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he has trimmed the trees around the Museum. The highway department dug out some large stones for him.

New Business:

Awards: Mr. Rust recognized Town Clerk, Vickie French for receiving her certification as a Registered Municipal Clerk by the NYS Town Clerks Association.

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Mr. Rust also presented Mr. Wood and Mr. Streeter with a Certificate of completing 3.5 credit hours in tree pruning from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Stone Foundation: Mr. Rust told the board that he has had several inquiries about the stone from the foundation on the property the town owns at 713 Converse Rd. The Board discussed this and Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wood to put it up for sale and accept sealed bids on it and open them at the June Board Meeting. Adopted unanimously.

The Board also discussed the metal that was left there after burning the house. They asked Mr. Streeter to have the Highway Department clean it up and sell it.

Municipal Insurance: Mrs. Wood reported to the board that the Municipal Insurance that the County and towns have been looking into is dead in the water.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French

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