

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 19, 2012

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 19, 2012 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Alan Fukes, Collette Parmer, Wanda Mallette, Benny Fairchild Courier, Rick Schrader, Dianne Schrader, Jared McCarger, Frank Barney, Mike Opal, James Jenkinson, Pamela Jenkinson, Gerald Goldsworth, Dale Nicholson, Ethan Reynolds, Ben Belile, James Hollenbeck, Steven Parker Jr., Greg Crump, Loren Shattuck, Harold Phippen, Clifford Phippen, Brenda Nicholson.

Supervisor Rust called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to accept minutes of Regular Meeting and Public Hearing held on February 13, 2012 with correction. Adopted unanimously.

*CORRECTION: Museum will hold a meeting only on March 6.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the Financial Report for February 2012 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mrs. Wood questioned what the payment to Ella Jane Burnett was for. Clerk French reported it was serving as her replacement while she was away on vacation.

Voucher Nos. 62 to 99 General Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$12,903.21 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 28 to 54 Highway Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$20,162.35 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 6 to 8 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$933.02 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

James Hollenbeck presented the Board with a petition opposing the proposed local law entitled "Hunting/Firearm Law of the Town of Hopkinton, New York. The petition contained 308 signatures of residents, taxpayers or visitors to the Town of Hopkinton.

The petition was received by the Town Clerk.

Supv. Rust commented that the Proposed Firearm Law as it was written was tabled at the February meeting because it was brought to the boards attention that there many flaws in the law. He reported that he had met with a DEC Officer and Ben Belile and it was suggested the Town Board could just post the park for the purpose of hunting and trapping. He also stated that it was never the intention of the Town Board to confiscate weapons or to not allow weapons in the town.

Some suggestions from the community were for the Town Board to put up signs stating no hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms unless authorized by the Town Board in the Ft. Jackson Park.

Supervisor Rust made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to kill the proposed Local Law entitled "Hunting/Firearm Law of the Town of Hopkinton, New York". Adopted unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Dale Nicholson: reported to the Board that he had done some research on banning of weapons and felt that it should be noted for the future that local governments cannot regulate firearms.

Correspondence:

North Country Life Flight: Thanking the Board for their continued support.

USDA: regarding a round table meeting on March 26 in regards to funding available to local governments.

Supv. Rust asked Board members to try to attend.

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Old Business:

VILLAGE GREEN NATIONAL REGISTRY: Supervisor Rust reported to the Board that he had talked with Varick Chittenden and we do not need a formal resolution at this time to move forward they just need to know if the board is interested in moving forward. The Board was in agreement that we should move forward with the process of putting the village green on the National Registry.

Committee Reports:

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has issued five permits.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. The Town Wide reassessment will be done on March 20. There are mostly land increases. They have physically visited each property and getting the correct data.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that the Maple Fest will be held on March 31 from 8-1. They have two new members.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported the Book Battle will be held on May 19.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. Mr. Streeter reported that from everything he is hearing the CHIPS funding will be available.

Supervisor Rust told the Board that Mr. Streeter will be 65 in July and they have discussed the fact that he will be able to start his Medicare coverage and possibly the Town could pick up a supplemental policy for him that would be cheaper than the Teamsters Policy. Mr. Rust will continue to check into this and report back to the board.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. They are going to hold an Open House on April 21. There will be a chicken barbeque on May 27. NuMed has donated 150 Carbon Dioxide detectors to give away. Election of Officers for the Fire Department will be April 5.

Town Facilities: Mr. Jock reported that a piece of the fascia board at the Highway garage has come loose and needs to be nailed back up. Tin on the small garage has been replaced. Supv. Rust reported that he had repaired the toilets in the Library and Town Office.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that donations have been good. They received food from BJ'S and Comlinks. They have some new volunteers.

Seniors: Clerk French reported that the seniors will no longer hold their monthly dances.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he is starting the spring work in the Hopkinton Park and then he will proceed to the Ft. Jackson Park.

New Business:

Second Notice Fee: Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bagnato to charge \$2.00 for a second notice fee in 2012. Adopted unanimously.

Mowing Contract with County: Mr. Streeter reported that it will be for 5.97 miles at \$235.00/mile for a total of \$1402.95. Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to approve roadside mowing contract with the County. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

RMC

*CORRECTION: Gen Fund A3 Triple A Bldg was \$134.36 should have been \$88.15.