

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 19, 2012

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 19, 2012 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Sochia, Jock, Potter.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Allen Fukes, Richard Schrader, Brenda Nicholson, Ernest Wood, Benny Fairchild Courier-Observed, Michael Opal, James Hollenbeck, Frank Barney.

Deputy Supervisor Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Wood asked all present to please take a moment of silence in memory of Marvin Rust, Supervisor, who passed away on November 16.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Potter to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2012 and Public Hearing held on October 29, 2012 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 311 to 353 General Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$20,099.64 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 218 to 235 Highway Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$44,146.39 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 33 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 10 in the amount of \$350.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to make the following transfers in the General Fund:

Transfer from A8810.4 Cemeteries Contractual to DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual \$276.85.

Transfer from Retirement Reserve Acct to A9010.8 Retirement \$3040.00.

Adopted unanimously.

Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to make the following transfers in the Highway Fund:

Transfer from DA5120.4 Bridges contractual to DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual \$788.00

Transfer from Retirement Reserve Acct to DA9010.8 Retirement \$3824.00

Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms. Potter to pay the bills Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Wood submitted a bill for payment from Woodchop Shop for a trimmer in the amount of \$289.95.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to approve payment in the amount of \$289.95 to the Woodchop Shop for a Stihl Trimmer. Adopted unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Land Vest: notifying the town that it plans to enroll all of its NY forestlands into the NY Tax Law 480a program. Mr. Fukes commented on this and said he will not know the impact on the town until sometime in January.

Adirondack Association of Towns: regarding a membership meeting on December 2 & 3 in Lake George.

SLC Legislature: regarding a 5 year plan with different scenarios of no sales tax increase vs. a sales tax increase and also redistribution of sales tax.

SLC Treasurers Dept: report on disbursements for the current year of Sales Tax Distribution.

OLD BUSINESS:

2013 Budget: Budget Officer French reported to the Board that after some adjustments to the projected revenue and some expenses the overall budget has an increase of 2.5%, which is \$11,972 over the 2% tax cap. The tax rate will be reduced by 32.2%.

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Mr. Sochia introduced the following Resolution, with a second by Mr. Jock:

RESOLVED WHEREAS, this Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget and all persons present were heard, for or against the proposed budget now therefore be it,

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby adopt such Preliminary Budget for the Annual Budget of 2013.

VOTE: Deputy Supv. Wood Aye, Councilpersons Potter Aye, Sochia Aye, Jock Aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He addressed three complaints regarding new construction at Lake Ozonia. Mrs. Wood asked him if he had followed up on the building without a permit on SH72. He reported that he will be coming in to get one.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. Attended the Local Government Conference.

Planning Board: Mr. Schrader reported he will be contact the County Planning Office in regards to having a rep attend their January meeting to discuss planning.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that they will hold their annual Christmas Party on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Museum and on December 8<sup>th</sup> they will hold the Children's Christmas Party at the Town Hall.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported that they 31 patrons attended the library on Friday morning. They received a mini grant from the NCLS. They purchased another computer for staff usage only.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. He also reported to the Board that he went to Parishville to see a process of undercoating trucks to help prolong the life of the truck. The cost will be \$200.00 truck. The Board was in agreement to have this process done.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter presented a written report from Steve Parker, Fire Chief. They have accepted Heather Nicholson and Dave Perry as members. Fire District Elections will be December 11.

Town Facilities: Mr. Jock reported that he has caulked around the ceiling in the back room, repaired the backsplash and kitchen sink where it joins the countertop. He will winterize the museum after their Christmas Party. Mr. Streeter will fix the lights on the sign located on the corner of SH11B and CR 49.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that Comlinks has been picked up by JCO and they should get a delivery in December. They will have some turkeys for November and December also, gifts for the children in December.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he will be closing the gate at the Ft. Jackson Park. He will also get the picnic tables and benches picked up for the winter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Rec Contract: The Town of Parishville will be reducing the Summer Rec program from six to four weeks in 2013. Currently the Town of Hopkinton has 27 children attending. The cost to the town for 27 children is \$240.74 per child for six weeks. The Board felt that if we use that figure for the four week program that we should not pay more than \$4300.00.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to allocate only \$4300.00 for the Summer Rec Contact in 2013 with the Town of Parishville and to have the Supervisor contact the Supervisor in the Town of Parishville in regards to this. Adopted unanimously.

Shred-it: Clerk French reported to the Board that she had contacted this company in regards to having them install a shredder at the Town Office to be able to clean the vault and get rid of documents properly. The cost would be approximately \$660.00 per year. The Board discussed this and felt they would like a representative to attend a meeting to explain the program further. The matter was tabled.

Furnace Break Room Hwy Garage: Mr. Streeter reported to the Board that he and Mr. Rust had been discussing

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replacing the old furnace. We are required to build a containment wall around the current fuel tank and the cost of that will be approximately \$1,000.00. The furnace is operating at approximately 72% efficiency.

We received two price quotes on installing a propane furnace and adding additional duct to dump extra air into truck bay area. The propane would operate at 95% efficiency and we would not have the cost of a containment wall.

Econo Fuels quoted a price on a Thermo pride in the amount of \$4350.00.

First Class quoted a price on a Trane in the amount of \$4295.00.

Both quotes included labor.

The Board discussed this and felt the warranty was better on the Trane furnace.

Mr. Streeter also noted that current furnace does still have some value and we could sell it.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to purchase the Trane furnace from First Class Aire in the amount of \$4295.00. Adopted unanimously.

Supervisor: Deputy Supervisor Wood told the board that due to the passing of the current Supervisor, Marvin Rust, the Board will need to appoint a Supervisor to carry on the duties until the next General Election. She stated she would be willing to take on the position with the support of the Town Board.

Resignation: Susan Wood resigned her position as Councilperson effective November 19, 2012.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to accept her letter of resignation effective immediately.

VOTE: Jock Aye, Potter Aye, Sochia Aye, Wood Abstained.

Appointment of Supervisor: Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to appoint Susan Wood to fill the vacancy of Town Supervisor until December 31, 2013.

VOTE: Jock Aye, Potter Aye, Sochia Aye, Wood Abstained.

Deputy Supervisor: The Town Board decided to leave the position of Deputy Supervisor vacant until the Organizational Meeting in January.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

RMC