

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2012

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 15, 2012 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Rust, Councilpersons Wood, Jock, Potter.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Allen Fukes, Richard Schrader, Brenda Nicholson, Ernest Wood.

ABSENT: Councilperson Sochia.

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

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Ms. Potter to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on September 17, 2012 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

The following bills were added to the General Fund Abstract:

Tim Zenger \$130.00, Allen Fukes, \$145.00, Allen Fukes \$148.00, Dons Lawn & Garden \$74.65.

Voucher Nos. 272 to 310 General Fund Abstract 10 in the amount of \$13,859.44 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 196 to 217 Highway Fund Abstract 10 in the amount of \$55,507.03 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 31 to 32 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 9 in the amount of \$609.85 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mrs. Wood made a motion to make the following transfers in the General and Highway Fund:

General Fund:

Transfer from A1990.4 Contingent Acct to A1345.2 Purchasing Equip \$1587.00.

Transfer from A1990.4 Contingent Acct to A1620.4 Buildings Equip \$345.00.

Highway Fund:

Transfer from DA5120.4 Bridges contractual to DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual \$802.00.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to approve the transfers. Adopted unanimously.

Mrs. Wood questioned the bill for service to the loader with LeBerge & Curtis.

Mr. Streeter replied that it was for the 500 hour service on the new loader.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Ms. Potter to pay the bills with the additions to the General Fund.

Adopted unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

National Grid: re attachments to National Grid Poles.

Jared Heinl: Regarding the Ft. Jackson Park. Mr. Heinl works for Beardsley Design and lives in the Town Of Hopkinton. He is offering to donate some of his time in the development of the Ft. Jackson Park. Supv. Rust has responded to his letter and invited him to come and view the park.

OLD BUSINESS:

Court Clerk: Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Ms. Potter to appoint Hal Fraser to the position of Court Clerk at a salary of \$3200.00 per year retroactive to October 1, 2012. Adopted unanimously.

2013 Budget: Vickie French, Budget Officer, went through the items compiled in the 2013 Tentative Budget.

At this time we have exceeded the 2% tax cap by \$2800.00.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to adopt the Tentative Budget as presented as the Preliminary Budget for 2013. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Potter to hold a Public Hearing on the 2013 Preliminary Budget on

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October 29, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hopkinton Town Hall. Adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He also reported that the property owner that had an APA violation has completed his required project.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He attended the NYS Assessors Conference.

Planning Board: Mr. Schrader reported that he and Mr. French attended the Local Government conference.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that the Holly Berry Craft Sale will be held in November.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported that they have two new patrons. She also reported that the crack in the ramp is increasing in size. Mr. Streeter will look at this.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. They are having quite a few beaver problems. He met with Hynes Maintenance to review town fuel sites and advise on 1000 gallon heating tank.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter reported the chicken barbeque attendance was down. Dave Perry is a new member.

Town Facilities: Mr. Rust reported that through the JCAP grant we can apply for up to \$30,000.00 towards the new Town Office for the court room.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that they have enough funds to make it through the winter. Comlinks may get picked up by another organization.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported new entrance to the Ft. Jackson Park has been seeded. He will be closing the park for the winter next week. The lawnmower is not charging and he will be taking it in for a service.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolutions Sales Tax: Supv. Rust stated he had three resolutions that the County Supervisors and Mayors put together in regards to the State Sales Tax issue and the redistribution of sales tax.

Mr. Jock introduced the following resolution with a second by Mr. Rust:

RESOLVED: That the St. Lawrence County Supervisors' Association did, by unanimous vote of those present, request that the St. Lawrence County Legislature hold a county wide referendum to offer voters the choice between a one percent sales tax increase, or a 15% - 18% property tax increase, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the St. Lawrence County Administrator, and to the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Legislature.

VOTE: Supervisor Rust Aye, Councilpersons Wood Aye, Jock Aye, Potter Aye, Sochia Absent.

Mrs. Wood introduced the following resolution with a second by Mr. Jock:

RESOLVED: That the Town of Hopkinton does hereby strongly oppose the proposed redistribution of sales tax monies to the Town of Hopkinton as proposed by the St. Lawrence County Administrator, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the St. Lawrence County Administrator, and to the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Legislature, and to the representative legislator of the Town of Hopkinton.

VOTE: Supervisor Rust Aye, Councilperson Wood Aye, Jock Aye, Potter Aye, Sochia Absent.

Mrs. Wood introduced the following resolution with a second by Mr. Rust:

RESOLVED: That the Town of Hopkinton does hereby support the proposed County-wide referendum to increase the County sales tax by one percent, as opposed to a substantial increase in property taxes, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the St. Lawrence County Administrator, and to the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Legislature, and to the representative legislator of the Town of Hopkinton.

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VOTE: Supervisor Rust Aye, Councilpersons Wood Aye, Jock Nay, Potter Abstained.

Resolution Justice Court Grant: Mrs. Wood introduced the following resolution with a second by Ms Potter:

BE IT RESOLVED, that at a regular Town Board Meeting that was held on October 15, 2012 The Town Board unanimously agreed to apply for a Justice Court Grant.

VOTE: Supervisor Rust Aye, Councilpersons Wood Aye, Jock Aye, Potter Aye, Sochia Absent.

NYSERDA: Mr. Rust stated that he had contacted the Board members by phone to make them aware of a rebate for Local Governments to purchase energy efficient items. The items have to be purchased first and then you can apply for a 75% rebate on the qualified item. The Board members were in agreement to purchase a new refrigerator for the Town Hall, new air conditioner for the Town Office and a new copier for the Town Office. Mr. Rust asked the Board to make a motion in regards to this matter so approval will show in the minutes. Ms. Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to apply for the Buy Green Save Green Rebates for NYS Local Governments. Adopted unanimously.

County Winter Road Maintenance Agreement: Supv. Rust reported to the Board that this was a one year extension to the existing contract.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Potter to accept the extension of the One Year Winter Maintenance Agreement with the County from October 1, 2012 to April 15, 2013. Adopted unanimously.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

RMC