

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 15, 2013

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 15, 2013 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Jock, Sochia, Potter arrived at 6:40 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Alan Fukes, Richard Schrader, Brenda Nicholson, Frank Barney, Ernest Wood, Benny Fairchild Courier-ObsERVER, Greg Crump
Supervisor Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 on p.m.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2013 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Supv. Wood reported to the Board that the Monthly Financial Report was not available. It will be presented next month.

Voucher Nos. 96 to 119 General Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$5,730.95 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 59 to 77 Highway Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$14,697.99 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 7 to 8 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$1,150.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

Old Business:

Planning Board-Sub-Divisions: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that she had spoke with Jason Pfothenauer at the SLC Planning Office in regards to continuing with the Planning Board. He gave three options. Option 1: Would be to disband the Planning Board and then create a new Board if wind turbines or some other land use issue was pressing. Option 2: Keep the Board and put them on standby. The Town Board would have to revise the resolution that was passed requiring training for members to state that when the Board becomes active again they will need to fulfill their training requirements. Option 3: Could keep the Board and have them fulfill their annual training obligations.

Mr. Schrader contacted the Planning Board members and only had one response. He recommended the Board go with option 2.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to keep the Planning Board intact and put them on standby. Board member will not have to continue with their annual training obligations until such time they become active again. Adopted unanimously.

Water Softener: Supv. Wood reported she contacted Lowes and they do not install new water systems they only replace existing systems. The water test will not be back until next week.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to table a decision until the water test comes back. Adopted unanimously.

Town of Parishville Rec Contract: Supv. Wood reported that she had met with Supervisor Moore and due to the fact they have reduced the number of weeks from six to four for the Summer Recreation Program to cut costs they agreed to \$5,000.00 this year instead of \$6500.00.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to approve the Summer Recreation Program at a cost of \$5,000.00 for four weeks with the Town of Parishville. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she and Councilperson Lyon had met with Rene Hotte from the USDA in regards to the funding for the new Town Office. The next step will be meeting with the Town Attorney. She also told the Board that union negotiations will be starting and she would like some input from

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them in regards to this matter.

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He also updated the Board in regards to some property maintenance violations. He reported that neither property has cleaned up their property. He asked the Board to approve sending citations in regards to the violations. The Board was in agreement to send them. The property on the Wilson Road has started clean-up. It was also reported that there is construction of a new Greenhouse on the Wilson Road. Mr. Fukes will check into this. He received 20 hours of Continuing Education at the NYS Code Conference. He will pick up the additional four hours this year at the Local Government Conference.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He reported to the Board that he is working on the 480A Forest Exemptions it will impact the assessment roll by a reduction of approximately 1.5 to 2 million of assessed value.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that they are getting the Museum ready to open. They are going to be open on Saturdays this year and also be open on Saturday and Sunday during Summer Fest. They will host the breakfast during the Summer Fest. They are still working on funding for repairs to the foundation.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported everything is running smoothly.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. He reported that the CHIPS funding has increased from \$116,015 to \$148,588. He also presented the Board with an updated Agreement to Spend Funds. Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jock to approve the amended Agreement to Spend Funds as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter reported that 20 members participated in OSHA training. They are going to hold a CPR course on April 25th. Open House and membership recruitment on April 27th.

Town Facilities: Mr. Jock reported that the water and heat has been turned back on at Museum.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that the numbers are down. Donations are still coming in. The Quad Towns Lion Club and the St. Regis Falls Sportsman Club have made donations.

BHLS: They are looking into putting in a new furnace. They are changing over to Natural Gas. The floor by the back door needs to be replaced.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he will be starting the spring clean-up work. He will need to purchase some mulch for the Hopkinton Park and we need more top soil at the new entrance to the Ft. Jackson Park. He asked about moving the entrance sign to the park over to the new one. The bathroom building is in need of painting, there are several trees that need to be cut. He also asked what the plan is for adding camping sites and installing a flag pole at the entrance.

Clerk French suggested that the Board come up with a plan to do the work that needs to be done in the park and to prioritize what needs to be done first. She suggested Supv. Wood contact Jared Heinel, he volunteered his services to Mr. Rust, and invite him to the park and let him know what the board would like to do to develop the park and he could set up a plan for us.

Mr. Wood also suggested if we could get some youth from the Youth Corp again this year he could use them at the park.

Ms. Lyon told the Board that donations have been given in memory of Mr. Rust for the restoration of the Ft. Jackson Park and they are looking into putting a flag pole at the new entrance.

Brenda Nicholson told the Board that the attendance at the picnic area in the Ft. Jackson Park is very high on the weekends and she is against overnight camping in the park.

New Business:

Summer Fest: Supv. Wood asked Mr. Streeter if the Summer Fest could use the truck for garbage removal and to schedule the highway workers to assist in setting up and taking down equipment. He was in agreement.

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Rabies Clinic: Clerk French reported to the Board that the joint rabies clinic with the Towns of Brasher, Lawrence and Stockholm is set for June 27th at the Tri-Town Arena.

Council seat: Mr. Jock reported to the Board that he would like to vacate his position as Councilmember on July 1. He has spoken with Greg Crump and he is interested in the position.

Mowing Contract: Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to approve the Mowing Contract with the County in the amount of \$235.00 per mile for 8.87 miles equaling \$2,084.45. Adopted unanimously.

Truck: Mr. Streeter reported to the Board that we need to start looking for a truck to replace the 2000 International. The Board asked him to gather additional info for the next meeting.

Mr. Streeter and Supv. Wood are meeting and putting together a five year plan they will have more info for the next meeting.

Alcohol Permit: Supv. Wood told the Board that the Town Hall is being rented on June 1 for a private party and they are hiring Fred Mayer to provide bar service and he needs approval of a permit for the Alcohol and beverage Board. Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the permit for Mr. Mayer. Adopted unanimously.

Town Hall: Clerk French reported to the Board that on April 14 St. Therese Church rented the town hall and upon inspection by the custodian there were many violations. The left the ovens on, a burner was left on low, dishes and chairs were not properly put away. The Board decided to write a letter to them informing them of the violations and charging them the \$75.00 deposit and if not paid they will not be able to rent the hall again.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Vickie French

*CORRECTION: Voucher 66 Tractor Supply \$382.43 was changed to \$226.88

Voucher 78 Tractor Supply added in amount of \$25.56

Highway Abstract Total: \$14,568.00