

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2013

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2013 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Sochia, Potter, Crump.

OTHERS PRESENT: James Hollenbeck Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Allen Fukes Code Officer & Assessor arrived at 6:50 p.m., Richard Schrader, Ernest Wood, Benjamin Wood, Victor Barboas Courier, Deborah Rust, Ronald Streeter, Annette Green, Stephen Green.

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

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

Supervisor Wood reported that the November Financial Report was not available. Bank Statements have not arrived.

Voucher Nos. 316 to 339 General Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$8,049.33 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 208 to 217 Highway Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$11,100.33 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 30 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$425.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to make the following transfer in the General Fund:

From A7140.4 Playgrounds & Rec Contractual to DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual \$434.72 for fuel usage in the parks.

Adopted unanimously.

Correspondence:

SLC Youth Bureau: regarding Regulation changes for the 2014 Youth Bureau Funding. The funding will become a competitive grant process. If we are interested in continuing to receive funding it will have to be done through a grant application.

Old Business:

Water Softener Town Hall: No update.

Town Hall Steps: repairs postponed until spring.

Trees Ft. Jackson Park: postponed until spring.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she and Ms Lyon had attended the Mitigation meeting and it is ready to be sent in.

Code Enforcement: written report presented for December. Mr. Fukes reported that he issued 12 more permits in 2013 than 2012. He had two complaints one on construction at Lake Ozonia another in regards to an addition being built to close to a neighbor's property.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report for November and December. He attended the NYSAA training. Received 12 continuing education credits. The new windows 7 program will come into effect in April 2014. He will be taking our lap top to see if it can be updated. There will be a training class, possibly in St. Lawrence County, involving Not for Profit Exemptions.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that the museum is closed. They had approximately 48 children at the Christmas Party.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Hollenbeck presented a written report. Installed the shut off valves on 1000 gallon

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heating oil tank to meet DEC requirements. Alltech Integrations finished installing fire/security system. Picked up the new Mac Truck and took it to Viking/Cives to mound dump body and snow plow equipment.

Temporarily repaired garage roof on corner. This will need replacing in spring. Also will be replacing two windows and the man door at the Highway garage.

Fire and Rescue: working on getting the new truck in service. Training is continuing.

Town Facilities: Mr. Crump questioned what the insurance requirements were for persons working on the town buildings.

Fire & Rescue: continuing with work details. Have had numerous calls.

BHLS: They will be hooking up the new furnace in the near future.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that they had an inspection with no violations. They gave away turkeys, ham and pies. They had presents for the children and winter clothes. He also thanked the Town Board for the use of the Town Hall and thanked all of the volunteers. Mr. Streeter also commented that they handed out CO2 detectors.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he has been shoveling. The picnic tables are picked up. He will purchase a tarp to cover them.

New Business:

Town Christmas Dinner: Supv Wood reported that the Town Christmas dinner will be held on January 3, 2014 at the Lobster House at 6:30. Please contact the Town Clerk if you plan on attending.

Town Hall Rental: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that Mary Fullerton had rented the Town Hall on Thanksgiving Day and they could not keep the stove on. After investigation it was found the regulator was bad and was replaced. Supv. Wood asked the Board for approval to refund her \$35.00 for use of the stove.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to refund Mary Fullerton \$35.00 for the use of the stove, due to the fact it was not operating properly. Adopted unanimously.

Highway Superintendent: James Hollenbeck submitted his resignation of Highway Superintendent effectively immediately.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to accept his resignation and thanked him for his service. Adopted unanimously.

Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to appoint Stephen Green as Highway Superintendent effective December 16 without insurance benefits until January 1, 2014. Adopted unanimously.

BHLS 2014 Budget: Supv Wood presented the Board with a copy of the 2014 BHLS Budget. Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to accept the budget. Adopted unanimously.

Municipal Office Plans: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that she had contacted Mr. Pahler in regards to the changes in the initial sketch of the new building he will have a new set of plans in the near future. Mr. Sochia commented that he was concerned with the cost of a new building and that when he was campaigning that most people he talked with were against it. Ms Potter commented that she hopes that we might be able to get some NYSEDA grants if we can make use of solar power. Supv. Wood is going to contact Mr. Pahler and set up a meeting time with him to discuss these issues.

Mr. Schrader stated that the new building is greatly needed. The current building is a disgrace.

End of Year Meeting: Supv. Wood asked the Board to set a date and time for the meeting. Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to hold the end of year meeting on December 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Adopted unanimously.

County Route 49: Vickie French requested that the Supervisor, on behalf of the Town Board, write a letter to the

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County Highway Superintendant in regards to the low shoulders on County Route 49 from the intersection of County Route 51 to where the pavement ends. There have been numerous cars dropping off of the shoulders and spinning around and going in ditch. She reported that someone is going to be seriously injured. The Board asked the Supervisor to write the letter putting them on notice and also asked the Highway Superintendant to write a letter.

Ronald Streeter congratulated Mr. Green on his election to the position of Highway Superintendant and he thanked Mr. Hollenbeck for filling the position until the election.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Vickie French

RMC