

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 18, 2013

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Streeter Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Alan Fukes, Richard Schrader, Brenda Nicholson, Frank Barney, Ernest Wood, Judge Beekman, Benny Fairchild Courier-Observer, Phil Wagschal Slic Network Solutions, Greg Crump arrived at 7:10pm.

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

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2013 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve the Financial Report for February 2013 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Clerk French asked the Board to approve adding the following bills to the General Fund Abstract:

Benefactor Funding Corporation \$30.00 and Allen Fukes Code & Assessing mileage \$141.00.

Voucher Nos. 60 to 95 General Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$21,900.22 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 37 to 58 Highway Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$30,547.23 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 6 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$350.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Privilege of Floor: Phil Wagschal Slic Network Solutions updated the Board on the progress of installation of fiber in the town for high speed internet and cable TV. The only area that can be serviced with the grant money is the west end of the town, which includes a small area off of SH 11B and SH 72. They are not allowed to go into Time Warner area with service using grant funding. Their immediate attention is on the grant service area. The area outside of the grant service area will be second phase.

Correspondence:

North Country Regional EMS Council: regarding the Parishville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc submitting an application for approval to expand their operating territory to include the Town of Colton.

APA Local Government Day: will be held on April 24 & 25th in Lake Placid.

Old Business:

Planning Board-Sub-Divisions: Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia not to proceed with Site Plans and Subdivisions. Adopted unanimously.

The Board discussed whether or not we should continue with the Planning Board since its initial inception was to deal with the Wind Law and now if we are not going to continue with Site Planning and Subdivisions there will be no reason for the Planning Board to meet or to continue their required training until something happens with the wind again. Supervisor Wood will contact Jason Pfothenauer at the SLC Planning office to see what recommendations he could make.

Water Softener: Mr. Jock reported that he had a price quote from Upstate Heating & Plumbing in the amount of \$2200.00, which includes installation and inline filter system. Ms Lyon reported that she had looked into a residential system from Lowes, which varies in price from \$797.00 to \$1264.00. She feels the town hall does not use as much water as a household would use, therefore making unnecessary to install a commercial type system. The Board also felt we need to have an independent water test done before make a decision. Supv. Wood will contact Life Science Labs and ask them to test the water for hardness, iron etc.

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Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that we received a grant under the Justice Court Assistance Program, \$25,000.00 towards construction of new court room and \$866.00 for furniture. She also received the application from Betty Little's office to apply for \$60,000.00 in member monies. She also reported that we can receive \$20,000.00 in grant money from the USDA towards the new office. She will be setting up a meeting with Renee Hotte, USDA, in the near future. Ms Lyon is going to work with her on the application process. She also reported that she had dropped off the preliminary sketch of the Office at G & I Homes and they will submit an estimate on a modular.

Code: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He sent two letters to property owners in regards to property clean-up. He has to resend one due to incorrect owner. He also attended the Code Conference in Lake Placid and will update the Board next month.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He attended Assessment Roll checklist continuing education class and received 3CE credits.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that the Maple Fest will be March 23. The heat needs to be turned back on at the Museum they will be starting meetings in April. Mr. Jock will take care of this.

Library: Mrs. Nicholson reported everything is running smoothly.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Streeter presented a written report. He also reported that he sold the 1986 Chevy Pick-up to the Town of Colton for \$500.00. Sheehan Construction won the contract County black topping. He has also heard that we might get an increase of CHIPS monies this year. He also reported the roads are posted.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Streeter reported that they held the Ham Dinner and need to get better support from the community. They had a standby for Parishville and also responded for mutual aid in Parishville. Burn Ban in effect from March 19th until May 15.

Town Facilities: Mr. Jock reported that he repaired an outlet in the Town Hall and also replaced the down cellar thermostat at the Museum.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that the volunteers are working very hard. Donations are still coming in from individuals and organizations.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he purchased a different ice melt for the Town Hall upon the recommendation of Ms Lyon and Coakley Hardware, due to the fact the current salt was destroying the finish on the floor. He will be looking at the Ft. Jackson Park to see what will need to be done in the spring and also will be inventorying the flags. We are going to need to replace some of them.

New Business:

SLC Board of Legislators: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that the County is asking the Board to pass a supporting resolution seeking authorization for the County to have Home Rule Authorization for increasing the sales tax. They have provided a five year plan showing the impact with and without the increase. The Board discussed this and Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia not to pass a supporting resolution due to the fact they have concerns with the adherence to spending and the proposed formula for taxing caps included in the five year plan. Adopted unanimously.

Fax usage charges: Clerk French asked the Board to update the charges for use of the fax machine by the public. She checked with the Town of Lawrence and they do not charge, Town of Brasher charges \$1.00 for the first page and 50 cents for each additional page, Town of Stockholm does not charge. Currently the Town of Hopkinton charges \$3.00 for the first page and \$1.00 for each additional.

Ms Potter made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to charge \$1.00 for the first page and 50 cents for each

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Additional page. Adopted unanimously.

AATV Dues: Mr. Jock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to not join the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages due to the fact the dues increased from \$300.00 to \$350.00. Adopted unanimously.

Second Notice Fee: Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to set \$2.00 as a second notice fee for 2013 tax notices. Adopted unanimously.

Records, bank statements of Judge Beekman were audited and reviewed by the Board.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Vickie French