

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2013

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

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Sochia.

OTHERS PRESENT: James Hollenbeck Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Richard Schrader, Frank Barney, Ernest Wood, Victor Barboas Courier, Deborah Rust, Ronald Streeter, Loren Shattuck, Annette Green, Stephen Green.

ABSENT: Councilman Crump and Councilman Potter.

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 October 21, 2013 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 295 to 315 General Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$15,982.29 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 182 to 207 Highway Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$53,792.66 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 25 to 29 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 11 in the amount of \$3,776.55 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 Mr. Sochia to make the following transfer in the General Fund:

From Retirement Reserve Account to A9060.8 Retirement \$808.00

Highway Fund:

From Retirement Reserve Account to DA9060.8 Retirement \$3,361.00.

Adopted unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor:

Deborah Rust: asked the Board permission to erect a flag pole in memory of Mr. Rust at the new Ft. Jackson park entrance. She would use funds that were donated in his memory for the Ft. Jackson Park. The Board was supportive of this and granted her permission. She also commented on the absence of Board members.

Correspondence:

Potsdam Humane Society Contract: Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the contract for 2014 in the amount of \$1,800.00. Adopted unanimously.

SLC Planning Office: regarding a Public Hearing for First Time Homebuyer Program on November 19.

Tri-Town Volunteer Rescue Squad: invitation to Annual Holiday Banquet on Saturday, December 7.

SLC Highway Department: regarding the Winter Maintenance Contract. Supv. Wood reported that there are no changes in the contract from previous agreement and it is only an extension of one year on the current contract rate of \$4,234.75 per mile.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the One Year Winter Maintenance Agreement with the County from October 1, 2013 – April 15, 2014 in the amount of \$4,234.75. Adopted unanimously.

Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages: regarding membership dues. The Town Board decided not to join the association at this time.

Martyn Brettel: regarding his visit to Hopkinton. He thanked everyone who welcomed him and his wife on their visit to Hopkinton.

SLC Real Property Tax Service: Adoption of County Equalization Rates. The Town of Hopkinton is at 100%.

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NOVEMBER 16, 2013

Old Business:

Water Softener Town Hall: No update.

Town Hall Steps: repairs postponed until spring.

Trees Ft. Jackson Park: Mr. Sochia reported he had spoke with Jim Sheehan about taking the trees down and he will get to it as soon as he can.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she will be attending a meeting on December 5th to finish the Mitigation Report. Susan Lyon will also attend the meeting.

She read an article from the paper presented by Richard Eakins in regards to the amount of revenue the wind turbines have generated for a Franklin County town.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that they will be holding a community sing along on December 6 and the Children's Christmas Party on December 7. She also asked Councilperson Lyon to close up the museum for the winter after the December 6th gathering at the museum.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Hollenbeck presented a written report. The trucks have been serviced and prepared for the winter. Alltech is working on the security system. DEC inspection of all petroleum tanks.

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

Town Facilities: Ms Lyon reported the cover has been installed on the outlet on flag pole. The town hall floor was refinished not happy with the job and she is trying to contact them to have it done again. Supv. Wood reported that the toilet at town office has water running all of the time. Ms Lyon will check on it.

BHLS: Furnace will be purchased from Ron Pitts and installed. 2014 Budget will be finalized at their December meeting.

Food Pantry: Mr. Schrader reported that November was their largest pantry since they started. They will be giving gifts for the children at the December pantry.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that he will purchase the ice melt for the winter months and will be picking up the picnic tables this week.

New Business:

Town Christmas Dinner: Supv. Wood reported that we will hold the dinner after Christmas and the date and info will be forthcoming.

Salt Shed: Mr. Sochia brought up the fact that we need to be looking into a salt shed. Budget Officer French stated that he should have addressed that during the budget process. Supv. Wood asked him to look into some ideas and cost.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Vickie French