

REGULAR MEETING

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At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Annette Green, Steve Hopkins, Tom Pahler arrived at 7:25, Ernest Wood and Ben Wood arrived at 7:55.

ABSENT: Councilperson Potter.

Supervisor Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 on p.m.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on April 21, 2014 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the Supervisors Financial Report for April 2014 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 136 to 165 General Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$11,478.84 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 47 to 64 Highway Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$31,862.58 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 7 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 5 in the amount of \$3,786.36 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Privilege of the Floor:

Steve Hopkins spoke to the Board in regards to maintenance issues at the library and museum. They have concerns about the building needing paint. The ramps to both the museum and library need attention; the railing on the library ramp needs to be repaired. The Historical Group is willing to do some of the painting if the town would purchase the paint. He also reported that the Historical Group is still trying to raise enough funds to repair the foundation. The Board asked him for an estimated cost on the paint. Budget Officer French also commented that each August they receive a budget estimate and it does not get returned. These are things that should be addressed at budget time not mid budget year. Highway Superintendent Mr. Green will look at the railing on the library ramp and make the necessary repairs. The Board took no action on the purchase of the paint or other maintenance issues.

Correspondence:

No correspondence was received for the month.

Old Business:

Town Hall Steps: Ms Lyon informed the Board that Mr. Cootware had given her a bill for additional concrete he had to purchase for the repair. The total cost was \$423.09 for the concrete and he is also charging for an additional five hours of labor at \$50.00 per hour. He is willing to pay for half of the concrete cost. The Board discussed this and asked Ms Lyon to get more info from him in regards to this cost overrun and felt that they should not have to pay for anymore labor when he bid the job.

Ms. Wood made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to table this matter until the June meeting. Adopted unanimously.

Community Garden: Supv. Wood asked if anyone knew if Ms Potter had met with Carlyn McKee in regards to the Community Garden. Ms Wood reported that it is already rot tilled and hope the location works. The Board did not know if Ms Potter had met with her.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she has spoke with Mr. Pahler in regards to the progress of the

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proposed Town Office. Mr. Pahler presented the Board with a set of plans and explained what he had proposed.

The plans included an in floor heating system with propane being the fuel source. Clerk French stated that there is still no doorway from the hall into the copier room. There was also discussion after Mr. Pahler left that he had not moved the wall in the Court Office back three feet into the boiler room to make room for file cabinets. Mr. Pahler stated that he would have the engineering budget for the next meeting. Supv. Wood also reported that Duane French will clean and do the maintenance needed on the gazebo at a rate of 10.38/hour. Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to hire Mr. French at a rate of \$10.38/hour to clean and do any necessary maintenance on the gazebo. Adopted unanimously.

Supv. Wood also reported that she has received the reimbursement from the state for our first payment to the Engineer for the proposed new Town Office/Court.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Fukes was not present but presented a written report.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes was not present but presented a written report.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He met with the Emergency Management Representatives in regards to the flooding. There will be no FEMA monies available. It will be up to the Governor if there is any funding and there will probably be a 12% matching funds.

Town Facilities: Ms Lyon reported that she asked Mr. Cootware for a price on installing metal clips on the Town Hall roof to prevent the snow and ice from sliding off and hitting the railing on ramp in hopes of not have it destroyed again. The cost would be \$660.00 for 10 foot strip. The Board took no action.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Crump reported on the call for the month and the continued training. He reported that they are working on the specs for the sale of the Generator at Tri-Town Rescue and will have more info for next month. The Fire Department will hold a Chicken Barbeque on Sunday, May 25. All members will be participating.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that the new furnace has been installed. They have planted three new trees. The roof, risers on front steps and the top landing are going to need some repairs.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported that the park work and the flags will be put up in time for Memorial Weekend. He has noticed two large indentations up near the ball field and is unsure where the septic system is for the bathhouse. He also asked the Board if they want the bathhouse opened. The highway department hauled some gravel for the road and it looks very nice. Gary Pecore will be replacing two of the trees that were planted last year at the new entrance due to the fact they did not survive.

Ms Lyon reported that the port-a-potty should be delivered to the park for the Memorial weekend and stay in place for the summer therefore it would not be necessary to open the bathhouse.

New Business:

Backhoe Pricing: Mr. Green reported to the Board that he had a price from Nortrax for a John Deere Backhoe. This is a government price. They will give us \$18,000.00 for our backhoe and we can use this as our down payment. The list price of the John Deere 410K Backhoe Loader is \$174,655.00, NJPA governmental contract discount is \$66,368.90 for a delivered price of \$108,286.10. They also offer Municipal Leases.

The Board discussed this and also discussed moving money from the Equipment Reserve Fund along with the trade in to make a larger down payment.

Supervisor Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to purchase the John Deere 410K Backhoe Loader from Nortrax in the amount of \$108,286.10 and to use the \$18,000.00 trade in and \$20,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve Fund for a down payment and to finance the balance for six years with John Deere Financial. Adopted unanimously.

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Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve Fund to Highway Machinery DA5130.2 equipment account. Adopted unanimously.

Computer updates: Mr. Crump reported that he looked at some 11 inch tablets for \$200.00 at Wal-Mart. He is going to purchase one for himself and see if this will work before recommending to the Board.

Clerk French updated the purchase of new computer for her. The paperwork has been completed for State Contract purchase from Dell and passed on to Chris Baxter who will be ordering the computer. He is still waiting for Dell Rep to get back with him.

Grills Ft. Jackson Park: Budget Officer, Vickie French, reported to the Board that funds had been put in the budget to purchase some new grills for the Ft. Jackson Park and we can purchase them from Northern Tool and Equipment for \$149.99 each plus shipping. If we purchase five the shipping will be \$160.85.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to purchase five grills from Northern Tool and Equipment. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Green said the Highway Department will install them.

Summer Fest: Ms Lyon asked the Board for permission to use a truck for garbage removal, trailer for band, barricades for the Summer Fest on July 18 and 19. Also, she would like to have the help of the Highway Department to move equipment from the Highway Garage to the park and for set up and after Summer Fest for clean-up. Mr. Green stated they would be able to help out and could use the truck and other equipment.

Rabies Clinic: Clerk French reminded everyone there will be a Rabies Clinic on June 12th from 6-8 p.m. at the Tri-Town Arena.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

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