

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LL #2

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2014

At the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 2 to repeal LL1 of 2014 held on Monday, December 15, 2014 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m and the Regular meeting.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Allen Fukes Assessor & Code Officer, Annette Green, Brenda Nicholson, Georgia Macy, Kelly Pullano, Ronald Streeter, Richard Eakins arrived at 7:45 p.m.

ABSENT: Councilperson Potter.

Supv. Wood called the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 2 to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supv. Wood explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to Repeal Local Law #1 of 2014, which was a local law to override the Tax Levy Limit. Due to the fact we did not exceed the tax levy limit we need to repeal the local law.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon that all persons desiring to be heard for or against have been heard and therefore the hearing on the Preliminary Budget should be terminated. Adopted unanimously.

Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Supervisor Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on November 17, 2014 with correction. Mr. Crump abstained from vote on adoption of Tri-Town Rescue Contract. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 336 to 361 General Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$9,492.40 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 160 to 174 Highway Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$5,565.05 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 25 to 26 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 12 in the amount of \$471.83 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to make the following transfers in the General Fund:

From A1990.4 Contingent Account to A5182.4 Street Lighting \$208.00

From A1990.4 Contingent Account to A7410.1 Library Personal Services \$282.00

From A7410.4 Library Contractual to A7410.1 Library Personal Services \$125.00.

Adopted unanimously.

**Privilege of Floor:**

Kelly Pullano addressed the Board in regards to her concerns with the winter road conditions on the road she resides on, Santamont Road. She stated that the last two years she has been unhappy with the condition of the road. It is not plowed early enough. She has lost time at work and she has concerns in regards to emergency situations. Mr. Green addressed her concerns. He stated we only have four men and two trucks on the road for plowing. They are doing the best they can to get all of the roads plowed. She stated that the Board should consider extra help in the future she would not mind having her taxes go up if it helps to improve the winter road conditions.

**Correspondence:**

NYS Homes & community Renewal 2014 Funding Availability: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that funding

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is available. There are several different categories. She would like the Board to approve contacting SLC Housing Authority and ask them to submit an application on behalf of the town. Applications are due February 13.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to have the Supervisor contact the SLC Housing Council and have them submit an application on behalf of the Town of Hopkinton. Adopted unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Greg Crump Computer: Supv. Wood reported that Mr. Crump submitted his receipt for reimbursement of the tablet he purchased so he would be able to electronically be able to receive his Board meeting documents. The tablet will become the property of the Town of Hopkinton and upon his termination with the town it will be turned into the town.

Mrs. Wood made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to reimburse Mr. Crump \$199.00 for the tablet he purchased. Adopted unanimously.

Tax Cap Repeal: Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to adopt Local Law #2 of 2014 entitled  
"A Local Law to Repeal Local Law 1 of 2014"

**Section 1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this local law is to repeal Local Law One (1) of 2014 entitled "To override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c".

**Section 2. Effective Date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilpersons Lyon Aye, Crump Aye, Sochia Aye, Potter Absent.

**Committee Reports:**

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she contacted the County Highway Supt. to see if he had reviewed the transcripts from the meeting held in regards to the closure of Clear Pond Road. He stated the county attorney is retiring end of November and he would like the new attorney replacing him to review the transcript before approving. Application process for the grant for museum repairs from Senator Little has been completed and approved and is now sent on to committee.

She is also looking at the possibility of applying for more grant funding through the Gateway. She has talked with Mr. Pahler and asked him to put together a bid package for the municipal building.

She also reported that Matt Turcotte had contacted her in regards to redesigning our town web site. He would also like to update it so that it is mobile accessible. The cost would be an extra \$200.00 per year. the Board asked her to find out how many hits the site is actually receiving before approving the upgrade.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Fukes reported that he issued 59 permits in 2014. That is 19 more than 2013. The citation in regards to the property on County Route 49 has not been issued due to the fact the resident does not seem to be living there at the current time.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. STAR Exemption renewals have been mailed out.

Library: Brenda Nicholson reported that she has changed the Friday hours from 10:00 to 1:00 to 10:00 to noon.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He also reported that the snow and ice had taken the chimney off the Highway roof again. They have no heat at the garage currently. He reported that the furnace is 25 years old. He contacted First Class Services in regards to installing a new propane furnace.

They will install two Carrier Comfort Series propane furnaces and tie into existing duct work. The cost estimate was \$6274.40. If we install this we will be able to patch the roof of the Highway Garage and not have this problem in the future. We should save approximately \$800/ year in heating costs.

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Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve the purchase of two Carrier Comfort Series propane furnaces for the Highway Garage from First Class Services in the amount of \$6274.40. Adopted unanimously.

Museum: They held their Annual Children's Christmas Party. 80 children attended. They are now closed until April 1. Ms Lyon reported that Coot's Masonry has installed the eight cribbings to stabilize the museum until spring.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Crump reported on the calls, man hours, training and work detail for the month. They currently have 16 qualified interior Fire Fighters. The Fire District held elections. Two Directors and a treasurer were on the ballot.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that the Doctor is doing some work on the interior of the building.

Food Pantry: Georgia Macy reported that they had a successful year. She submitted an annual report.

**New Business:**

Town Christmas Party: Supv. Wood reported that the party will be on January 2 at the Lobster House. Those wishing to attend should let the Town Clerk know by December 29.

St. Lawrence County Highway Department: Supv. Wood presented the Board with a copy of the Three-Year County Snow & Ice Removal Agreement. The Town will plow 8.66 total miles with reimbursement for 2014-2015 at \$4531.18/mile, 2015-2016 \$4667.12/mile and 2016-2017.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the Winter Maintenance Contract with the County. Adopted unanimously.

End of Year Meeting: Supv. Wood told the Board that there will be a Special Board Meeting on December 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to pay all end of year bills and any other business brought before the Board.

Workers Comp: Mr. Eakins asked Supv. Wood if she found out what the cost to the town would be if we left the County Workers Comp and purchased our own. She reported that the cost would be \$169,000.00.

He asked her to pursue getting prices on our own coverage.

Heartwood Forestland: Mr. Crump asked the Allen Fukes, Assessor what the impact of the sale of Heartwood Forest would have on the town. Mr. Fukes stated that the easements stay with the property. He has not seen the sale yet so he does not know what the impact if any it will have on the town.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie French

RMC

\*CORRECTION: Voucher 163 made payable to wrong vendor. Should have been Tenco. Check voided payment made to Tenco for \$500.00 on Abstract 13.