

## REGULAR MEETING

JULY 21, 2014

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 21, 2014 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Crump, Sochia, Potter arrived at 7:30 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Annette Green, Brenda Nicholson, Ernest Wood, Charles Cogan, Shirley Cogan.

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

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on June 16, 2014 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

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

Voucher Nos. 193 to 230 General Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$9,226.47 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 79 to 98 Highway Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$143,996.08 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No. 13 to 15 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 7 in the amount of \$929.79 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher No 2 Building Account Fund Abstract 2 in the amount of \$15,525.00 was audited and approved by the Board.

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

### Correspondence:

Tri-Town Rescue: regarding a Budget increase for 2015.

### Old Business:

Generator: Tri-Town Rescue is placing out for bid, a used Kohler 20KW 3 Phase 208 volts Diesel Generator, Model 20ROZJ. The generator was purchased new in 1998. Sealed bids will be accepted up until 12:00 P.M. on August 21.

Ms Potter and Mr. Crump will go and look at the generator and make a recommendation for the next meeting.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Ms Potter to table this matter until the August 18 meeting. Adopted unanimously.

### Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported she will be meeting with the Town Attorney on July 23 to prepare a bid package for the new town office.

Library: Brenda Nicholson reported that they have 48 children attending the Summer Reading Program.

Museum: The Historical Group put a float in the Summer Fest parade. They are still working on ideas for fund raisers.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He presented the Town Board with two sections of the Highway Law in regards to abandonment of town roads which are access roads to state forest land and Seasonal limited use highway. Mr. Green reported to the Board that he would like to abandon the Clear Pond Road. It is surrounded by state land. He explained to the Board that the town can at any time resume jurisdiction over the road for any purpose.

He also stated he would like to make the Old Road at Lake Ozonia a seasonal road. It is going to be impossible to plow this winter now that the McLaughlin camp has put in an up-pump septic system where the snow has to be pushed to.

Supv. Wood will confer with the Town Attorney on abandoning the Clear Pond Road. Mr. Green will post the

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Old Road as seasonal.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Crump reported on the calls, man hours, training and work detail for the month. They held a chicken barbeque during Summer Fest and sold out. The garden tractor pulls went well. They are purchasing a Thermal Imaging Camera with the proceeds.

Food Pantry: Georgia Macy presented a written report along with a report of families served from January through July. She also presented a report from Carlyn McKee on the Community Garden.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported he has been mowing and trimming. He also reported that there are two trees down to the left of the entrance. He asked the Board if he could cut them up and donate the wood to the Fire Department. He also stated the bathhouse at the Ft. Jackson Park needs painting.

Mr. Sochia asked him if he has mowed the Catherinesville Cemetery. Mr. Wood stated he mowed it once, if the Board would like him to mow more often he will.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia allow Mr. Wood to cut the wood up and donate to the Fire Department.

**New Business:**

Hopkinton Park Lamp Post: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that the estimated cost to replace the lamp post in the park will be \$766.65. We can submit to the insurance company with a \$250.00 deductible.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to submit the claim to the insurance company.

Local Law Override the Tax Levy: Supv. Wood presented the Board with a copy of a Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to hold a Public Hearing on August 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. on the Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy. Adopted unanimously.

Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization: asking the board to adopt a resolution supporting Fort Drum and Asking the Army to keep the base and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division whole.

Ms Potter introduced the following Resolution with a second by Ms Lyon:

WHEREAS the Army released a Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA) for Army 2020 Force Structure Realignment in June 2014 to evaluate force reductions and realignments, and

WHEREAS this proposed action will reduce and realign active component Soldiers and Army civilian employees to help the Army meet current and future national security and defense requirements, and

WHEREAS the Army's proposal is to reduce end-strength to as low as 420,000, double the reduction proposed in 2013, and

WHEREAS the Army's SPEA is looking to cut 16,000 jobs from Fort Drum; 15,417 Soldiers and 583 Army civilians which includes the loss of the 3<sup>rd</sup> BCT from the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division which was announced last year, and

WHEREAS this SPEA looks at the socio-economic impact of this action and it predicts a loss of \$877,512,000 in area income, a loss of 19,102 jobs, and a decrease in population of 40,288 and

WHEREAS Fort Drum and the surrounding communities have developed a unique relationship in regard to providing housing, education, health care, and infrastructure to support the installation, and

WHEREAS this proposed force reduction under review by the Army would have a devastating impact on jobs, education, health care, quality of life and the ability of local governments to provide essential services for its residents,

WHEREAS the Town of Hopkinton has welcomed Soldiers and their families to our community and surrounding areas and support their missions, benefit from sales tax income and the investments brought out in

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the construction opportunities as well as in housing, education and healthcare facilities, and

WHEREAS the board of the Town of Hopkinton recognizes the Army needs to review force reductions and realignments as part of a long-term solution to the current fiscal crisis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Hopkinton believes that the proposed cut of 16,000 at Fort Drum currently under review by the Army will have devastating and long lasting impacts on the local economy as forecast in the Army's own SPEA, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Hopkinton asks that the Army, as part of their decision making process, consider our community's ability to continue to support Fort Drum and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division and to provide those essential services needed by our citizens, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Hopkinton asks that, due to these socio-economic impacts no further reductions in personnel occur at Fort Drum or to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division beyond those that were identified in the 2013 PEA.

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

Department of Labor: regarding a PESH workshop that will be held in Watertown August 7<sup>th</sup>.

SLC Dept of Governmental Services: regarding surplus office equipment being offered to municipalities free of charge.

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