

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 16, 2015

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 16, 2015 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Sochia.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Assessor & Code Officer Allen Fukes, Brenda Nicholson, Dale Nicholson, Ernest Wood.

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 February 9, 2015 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to approve the Financial Report for February 2015 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 58 to 91 General Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$25,259.93 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 28 to 47 Highway Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$16,130.72 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 5 to 6 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 3 in the amount of \$453.97 were audited and approved by the Board.

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

Privilege of the Floor:

Dale Nicholson: reported to the Board that there was an accident involving an Amish Buggy and a truck in the area of Big Hollow Brook on Converse Road. The bridge is narrow and there is a curve and a hill making it difficult to see if there is oncoming traffic. He is willing to let the town remove the very large tree in his front yard, giving a better view on the west side approach of the bridge. Highway Supt. Green responded that he has contacted the county in regards to removing the tree. It is a very large tree and he does not know if they have the equipment to remove a tree this large. He will contact another tree removal company for a price after hearing back from the county.

Correspondence:

North Country Life Flight: thanking the Board for their continued support.

Potsdam Elks Lodge: inviting the Town Board to Youth Recognition Day on May 7. They will be honoring youth of the communities that the Potsdam Elks Lodge serves. Supv. Wood is going to try and attend.

State of New York Dept. of Taxation & Finance: Notice of Tentative Special Franchise Full Values.

St. Lawrence County Treasurer: regarding Workers' Comp Claims Liability, as of December 31, 2014. The Town of Hopkinton is \$159,145.82.

Old Business:

Proposed Town Office: Supv. Wood updated the Board on the proposed Municipal Building. She and Ms Lyon met with the Mr. Pahler and went over the last floor plan he presented. They have agreed on installing propane heat, no basement, there will be attic trusses and that area will be used for storage. She is hoping to get the project ready for bid within the next two months.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she is going to start reviewing the cable franchise agreement. Our current one will expire on November 16, 2015. She is also applying for another extension on the Court Grant.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. Complaint regarding a camp that was built with no permit on SH 11B. He will be pursuing this. He issued two Certificate of Occupancies on the Fletcher Road.

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Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. The Roll book has been updated and will go to Canton the end of March. The Tentative Roll will be back in the office near the end of April.

Museum: Mrs. Wood reported that the Maple Fest will be held on March 28.

Library: Brenda Nicholson reported that computer usage continues to be high even with the winter months.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He updated the Board on FEMA monies for the November storm. He has signed the paperwork and we will be receiving \$10,920.00.

BHLS: copies of their last meeting were presented to the Board.

Food Pantry: Georgia Macy presented a written report to the Board. Supv. Wood read the report aloud.

Groundskeeper: Mr. Wood reported to the Board that he had DEC Head Forest Ranger look at the trees in the Hopkinton Park. The trees were examined and six to seven of the trees have serious problems. He suggested having an Arborist look at the trees and draw up a plan for preservation of the trees that are there and a plan to replant trees that have to be taken down. He stated that Ken Johnner is an Arborist and lives in the Town of Hopkinton and he is willing to look at the trees and give an opinion. Mr. Wood stated that maybe there is a possibility that there would be some grant money to help the town preserve their park.

New Business:

St. Lawrence Wine Trail: asking the Board for a letter of support to the SLC Industrial Development Agency in regards to seek funds to assist in the launch of the St. Lawrence Wine Trail.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to have the Supervisor write a letter of support. Adopted unanimously.

Second Notice Fee: Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to set \$2.00 as the second notice fee for 2015. Adopted unanimously.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Vickie French