

Minutes of the April 14, 2022, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The April 2022 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on April 14, 2022, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Dan Horinek, Roger Haas, and Dillon Lipp. March 2022 minutes were reviewed. Treasurer's report was covered. Roger made a motion to approve minutes and treasurer report and Dillon seconded. Motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator-Thomas is working with Josh from DEQ, will be taken care of after spring. Refuse Board tabled. Gravel-discussion in new business. Snowplow-table as council searches for a deal. Rules and regulations for reconnection fees and disconnect notices for water and sewer – on going

NEW BUSINESS:

Sandi discussed the new credit card from Independence Bank, also discussed the Bear Paw CD rolling in our savings account. Reminder: upcoming RPA meeting on April 28th. Sewer rate increase will take place on May billing as well as sewer only customers becoming monthly; a letter will be sent to the sewer customers notifying of this change. Motion to approve the sewer rate increase and annual customers to monthly, motion made by Dave, seconded by Dillon. Motion carried. Letter going to the sewer only customers was read and approved by the council. Informed the council that the town was approved for the RRGL grant that covers the PER. Discussion of Home Service (service line warranty insurance), council approves the company sending a letter to the town, but they must remove the 'Town of Hingham' from the envelope. Dillon suggested a flyer to state that the company has nothing to do with the town, and to check your home owner's insurance to see if you are already covered. Roger discussed the price of having the gravel hauled in and graded, council agreed with the urgency of getting it done due to inflation concerns; council also discussed a pile of sandy gravel for water line fixes in the future. Billing delinquencies: none at this time. We sent a letter to Hill County Commissioners thanking them for the \$11,000 to help with the rewriting of grants. Sandi discussed the rate increases for worker's comp and liability through MMIA.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas discussed the lentils (Dillon will clean it up) on the road, and the possibility of charging empty houses for water and sewer lines that are still connected to the properties.

Claims #5915-5926(Ck #7571-7582) were read. Dave made a motion to accept the claims, Dan seconded the motion, motion carried. The next meeting is on May 12, 2022. Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk