

Minutes of April 10, 2025, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The April 2025 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on April 10, 2025, at 7:30 pm. Present: Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Roger Haas, Jason Myers, and Dan Horinek. Patron Robert Braun and Ray Lipp were also present. The March minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Dave made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report, Dan seconded, and motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS: NA

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator – tabled. Refuse Board- tabled. Rules and regulations – ongoing. Revisiting the town ordinances-ongoing. All curb stops need to be located and remapped. Digital speed limit sign-Jake stated that the plan is to install the signs next spring. Jake will be getting us some info on unpaid dog nuisance fines that we can take to our attorney. Water loss continues to be monitored. Water shed for the park will be ordered for installation in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Banking was discussed and the council decided to take the money that was in Wells Fargo Money Market and put it into a 6-month CD at 1st Bank of Montana. The motion was made by Dan, seconded by Roger, and the motion passed. Sandi will go open the CD. Thomas wanted to be sure to mention that the town ordinances have been added to the website. Sandi also informed the council of a letter from MMIA about worker's coverage. At this time, they will continue to offer WC. Thomas talked about the requirements from DEQ because we have a manhole that must be moved. Thomas informed the council of the amount of funds we have available for gas tax and that it can only be used on streets and alley maintenance. The council asked about culverts and have decided to look at all the streets that need the culverts replaced over the next few weeks and have a list at the May meeting. Ray mentioned that we could contact Hill County to get the culverts. Thomas asked the council about the temporary fence that was put up around the basement of the old liquor store. Thomas will reach out to the owner and talk to him about filling the basement. Thomas let the council know that MMIA insurance will cover the replacement of the east side of the firehall roof that was damaged in a windstorm May of 2024. The council discussed and decided to have Thad Burkhartsmeyer replace both sides with the town covering the west side. Dave made a motion on the roof replacement, Jason seconded it, and motion carried. Thomas talked about a deal that T-Mobile would offer the town. The council declined it at this time. Thomas talked about the 2 properties that the water will be turned on this weekend. He also discussed with the council that we have another house that is being used but the water is off. The council discussed and decided that the owners should be told that if the house is occupied it must have its own meter. Sandi informed the council that the town has a charge account at North 40 and she will get an account set up at Napa. The council discussed which fire hydrants to replace this year. It was decided that we will have Evan do the one at the corner of 4th St. and 6th Ave. along with on the NE side of the park. Sandi will let Evan know.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: 1 will be given notice of shutoff.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Thomas let the council know he spoke with PACE about the sewer maintenance, and they will call to schedule for late September or early October.

Claims for March #6292-6302 were read; Dave made a motion to accept the claims, Dan seconded the motion, motion carried. Next meeting is May 8, 2025 @ 7:30pm. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Roger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk