

Minutes of the August 11, 2022, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The August 2022 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on August 11, 2022, at 8:00 pm (30 mins late due to harvesting). Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Dan Horinek, and Dillon Lipp. Patron present was Ray Lipp. July minutes were reviewed. Treasurer's report was covered. Dan made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report and Dillon seconded. Motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator - Tabled. Refuse Board-tabled. Gravel/grader - ongoing. Snowplow - tabled. Rules and regulations – on going

NEW BUSINESS:

Banking-Sandi informed the council that all money (except \$1000.00) in Wells Fargo checking has been moved to Independence Bank Checking. Making Independence our primary account. Budget- the only change made from previous council meeting was the gas tax expenditure, council decided to set it at \$50,000.00, for any further road/gravel work to be done, as we have already spent \$33,809.00 in July. The budget can be viewed at the town office. Council voted to leave the Annual Tax Levy at 53 Mill. Resolution 207 stating 53 Mill for the Tax Levy beginning July 1, 2022, was approved motioned by Dave, seconded by Dillon, motion passed. The council also passed Resolution 208 accepting the 2022-2023 town budget, Dan made a motion, Dillon seconded it, motion carried. Zoning-Due to some questions from town residents on possibly selling some property we looked at the zoning map. Ray brought Sandi the map he had from 1976 that shows the zoning of each town property. Sandi was able to make a small version of it and gave each councilman and Thomas a copy. She also let them know she will be making a corresponding spreadsheet that shows each property owner. Park-Thomas let the council know that as soon as he can get the genie lift at Wilbur-Ellis fixed he will get the trees in the park trimmed and the council agreed to help with the clean-up. Thomas and Dan discussed the amount of concrete needed to pour the other slab for another bench. They will get the concrete and pour it next weekend, if possible. Dave stated we should pay Dan back for the concrete he put in. Dave made a motion to pay Dan and purchase more concrete, Dillon seconded it, and motion carried. Thomas informed the council that we have had several "Thank You's" for putting some of the picnic tables out. Facets in the restrooms have been changed to a single as we do not have hot water. We have several sprinklers that need adjusting and a couple to replace. Dan and Thomas will do that on Saturday. Legal council is needed to proceed with some of the grants-Sandi will contact Bousch, Kuhr, Dugdale, and Brown since they have done work for us in the past. Delinquencies/notice to disconnect were discussed, at this time we only have one past 60 days, and we have a promise to pay.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Thomas informed the council that he spoke with Mike at the DEQ on the lagoon resizing and he would like us to send him the PER and he will review and see if it is truly necessary to resize them. Sandi will mail the PER binder to him. There was some question in the past about the "5" hook-ups for water/sewer to Spencer's Bar. Thomas spoke with Scott at Hill County Water District and got clarification. Thomas relayed it to the council, and he will get with Mike at the bar. Thomas stated he is willing to be on the Hill County Water District board if Jason Myers wants to opt out. Thomas also stated that he will begin classes in the fall to become Hingham's Lagoon operator.

Claims #5970-5979 (WF Ck #7627-7628 and IB Ck#1000-1007) were read, Dan made a motion to accept the claims, Dillon seconded the motion, motion carried. The next meeting is on September 8, 2022. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk