

Minutes of the Aug 15, 2024, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The August 2024 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on August 1, 2024, at 7:00 am (changed date due to no quorum) we did not have a quorum again on August 15 and rescheduled for August 16, 2024, 7am. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Roger Haas, and Dan Horinek. The July minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Dan made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report, Dave seconded, and motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS: We had no patrons to show up August 15, 7:30 pm to discuss the USDA Rural Development financial assistance program. Mayor and 2 councilmen were here until 8 pm just to see if any patrons came.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator – tabled. Refuse Board- tabled. Rules and regulations – on going. Revisiting the town ordinances- ongoing. Resolution stating that any vacant property must continue to pay the monthly water and sewer fee or pay for shut off/reconnection fee- ongoing. All curb stops need to be located and remapped. Graffiti- Sandi said that Ann Warren volunteered to paint over, she will talk with Dave to get the paint.

NEW BUSINESS: Thomas discussed the pumphouse and how hard it is for the council to get it completed and it was agreed we will put a notice in the newspaper to receive bids and just have it done. Roger made a motion to post in Havre Weekly, Dan seconded, motion carried. Sandi will get a notice in the paper. Thomas talked about the 4 hydrants. Next year we will do 2 more and we have 3 on hand. Dave asked about the town not going through HCWD to order hydrants and parts. He let the council know that he and Sandi had a meeting with Evan Sterner, Precision EX LLC, and he will be ordering hydrants and parts from Northwest Pipe when needed. He will talk with Thomas before placing the order. Sandi talked about the water loss fee and explained that after talking with Tammy Pike adding the percentage is very time consuming. Tammy suggested that Sandi could divide the water loss per user and that is what she did last month. That also added an additional 2 hours to the water billing due to having to add a line item to each invoice. Council asked if we set a straight fee would that make it easier. So, the council decided that a \$2.00 water loss fee will be added each month for each water hookup. Motion was made by Dave, Roger seconded, and motion carried. Sandi talked about the CD at Independence Bank that comes due 9/26/2024 and asked where to go with it. The council decided that we will move the \$120,000 to WF Money Market as we will begin to need it for the upcoming sewer project. Thomas discussed the HB355 grant and that Heydon Doors should start on the firehall roll up doors within the month and as soon as the project is complete, we will turn in for reimbursement for the heaters and the doors. Sandi informed the council of 2 changes on the budget that happened after year end review with ClerkBooks and then discussed that we need to add the HB355 and hydrants to the budget. Motion was made to finalize the budget by Roger, seconded by Dave, and motion carried.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: 2 will be given shutoff notices and on other is a house that sold, the sold property was sent a certified with final invoice. If left unpaid it will fall to new owners.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas told the council about his meeting with the DNRC Floodplain specialist. He shared the floodplain map and talked about the areas and that we have 2 residential properties in the floodplain. If any development is done on those properties, the resident would need to get a permit from the DNRC.

Claims for June #6222-6231 (6220 & 6221 were written after meeting in July) were read; Dan made a motion to accept the claims, Roger seconded the motion, motion carried. Next meeting is September 12, 2024 @7:30pm. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk