

Minutes of the January 13, 2022, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The January 2022 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on January 13, 2022, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Dan Horinek, Roger Haas, Dillon Lipp, and Ray Lipp. December 2021 minutes were reviewed. Treasurer's report was covered. Dillon made a motion to approve minutes and treasurer report and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS: Ray talked about the Hill County Refuse Board; the town will need to think about getting someone to replace him on the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rate increases will be tabled until town meetings with Chris Hayes of RPA for the upcoming sewer project. Lagoon operator is tabled until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer Project: Grants: The competitive ARPA grant is complete and submitted. RPA has set up the town for 2 town meetings-March 2, 2022, 7:00 and April 28, 2022, 7:00.

Thomas discussed the importance of the town website and how it will help us to alert our customers any time we have issues with water or sewer. Sandi covered the fee for one time set up and annual fee. Roger made a motion to go forward with the website, Dillon seconded, and the motion carried. We revisited the moving of the Town office and it was decided that the office will be moved into the Fire Hall office. Sandi talked about the needs to move the office, we will need a drop box for payments, a monitor to replace the one she has been borrowing from Ray, and getting the internet connected to the Fire Hall. Dan made a motion to purchase the needed items, Dillon seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Sandi will call Triangle to get the internet set up. We will be sending a letter to all town customers with information on the website, upcoming RPA meetings, and the location of the town office. It was asked by one of our firemen what happens with donations for the fire department, Sandi let them know that they go into general funds for donations. Sandi will make a spreadsheet with the funds, so the fire department know what they have. Thomas brought up the need for a snowplow and the council discussed that if a plow was found they would discuss on the hotline and make a decision as we need to act fast on a good deal. Dan made a motion to purchase a snowplow, Dave seconded, and motion carried. Sandi let the council know she will get W2's out next week. Council discussed the issue with a sewer line that needs to be plugged as that is where the calcium build up came from. Thomas will verify if it has been plugged and if not, a letter will be sent giving 60 days to complete. Thomas talked about having PACE come bi-annually to clean sections of the town. We will get quotes with cctv and without. This will keep our sewer lines maintained. Dillon made a motion to get quotes, Dave seconded, and motion carried.

We will have a meet and greet of the new mayor; this will take place at the Hi-Way Bar Saturday February 26th 2pm-4pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas talked about making a map for curb stop locations. Something on a small map that could be taken at the same time as the key for shutting off the water.

Claims #5884-#5893 (Ck #7541-#7550) were read. Dan made a motion to accept the claims, Dillon seconded the motion, motion carried. The next meeting is on February 10, 2022. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk