

Minutes of the June 9, 2022, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The June 2022 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on June 9, 2022, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Dan Horinek, Roger Haas, and Dillon Lipp. May minutes were reviewed. Treasurer's report was covered. Dave 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-tabled. Snowplow-tabled. Rules and regulations for reconnection fees and disconnect notices for water and sewer – on going

NEW BUSINESS:

Sandi discussed that we transferred from the money market to cover pay RPA. The council also discussed opening a checking account at Independence Bank. It was decided we would leave \$10,000 in Wells Fargo checking and the Money Market will stay for upcoming sewer payments. Motion was made by Dave, seconded by Dillon. Motion carried. We received a 'to who it concerns' letter regarding the sewer project. Thomas read it to the council, it was discussed, and noted that without a date and signature it is not valid. We have paid \$45,000 to RPA for the PER for the sewer project, Sandi informed the council that she contacted RPA and Bear Paw Development about the \$11,000 coming from Hill County to assist on the grant writing. Julea from BPD said she will be sending the invoice to Hill County when RPA has the total completed for the grant writing. Sandi also informed the council that we received an email from MT Department of Commerce stating that we are eligible for ranking and review for the MCEP grant that was applied for May 19, 2022. Thomas let the council know that the park has been weed eaten, trash emptied, outside dripping facet has been replaced (also 2 facets have been ordered to replace the bathroom facets), the horseshoe pits have been groomed (we will groom them Saturday before the HEDA BBQ), and the horseshoes have been painted. (We now have 3 pairs of horseshoes and 1 extra, if we can locate another, we will get those painted also giving us 4 pairs). Thomas brought to the councils' attention that Dan has a bench he would like to put in the park (In memory of his wife Shari) council decided that Dan's idea to place it near the horseshoe pits was a great idea for seating. Dillon offered to have the concrete poured and the council decided to pour for 2 benches. Thomas and Dan will dig and put the forms down over the next 2 weeks. Motion was made by Dave, Dillon seconded. Motion carried. Sandi reminded the council that next month we will work on the preliminary budget for 2023. Resolution #206 to request BARSAs funds, Dan made a motion, Dillon seconded. Motion carried. Sandi talked about the municipal meeting she went to Monday, June 6th, it was very informative, and she would like to attend more. She requested to order 3 books for the town office. Dillon made a motion to order the books, Roger seconded. Motion carried. Thomas talked about the invoice from Frontline Ag for the servicing of the town mower. Council decided that next year we will inform Frontline Ag to call us before any repairs are made as Thomas, Dave, and Roger could do some of the repairs to save on the increase of labor prices. Thomas brought CI-121 to the council's attention, at this time it is only approved to gather signatures. He asked that the council be aware of what it will

mean for small towns if passed. Sandi discussed the LIHEAP through DPHHS that helps residents pay their utilities. Council decided to proceed with the application to become a vendor. Roger made a motion, Dan seconded. Motion carried. Delinquencies and notices to disconnect were discussed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas spoke of the nuisance of dogs at large, leash law, and dogs in the park. It was determined that Sandi will post in the post office the ordinance and that a fine of \$110 will be paid for any dogs at large, as we had one the other day that was very aggressive toward a town employee and kids in the park.

Claims #5936-5950 (Ck #7593-7608) were read Sandi had informed the council because of the early meeting in May we would still have at least 2 more bills; NorthWestern and Triangle to be paid, they were claims#5934 & 5935 (Ck #7591 & 7592). Roger made a motion to accept the claims, Dave seconded the motion, motion carried. The next meeting is on July 14, 2022. Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk