

Minutes of March 13, 2025, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The March 2025 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on March 13, 2025, at 7:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Roger Haas, Jason Myers, and Dan Horinek. Patron Robert Braun and County Commissioner Jake Strissel were also present. The February 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:

Sandi read a letter from Wells Fargo stating that we will need to close the money market account as they will no longer service it. Sandi has called a couple banks to see where we can get the best interest rates. Jason is going to speak with his bank and Sandi will also check with Stockman's in Havre. An update on the wastewater project is that the RD loan has been applied for. Firehall roof-we received a quote from Thadd and Sandi sent it to MMIA. We are waiting to hear back to see if it will be covered by our insurance. Sandi let the council know that the ordinances have been scanned onto a flash drive, and she will work next week to add them to the town website. She will have to post it in smaller sections as the entire thing is too large to download to the site. Thomas let the council know that he received an instant message from a resident asking about ordinances and where she could look at them. He explained to her he was driving and to please call. He asked her what she wanted to know, and she said it was about livestock and chickens. She also wanted to know what the "legal code" for what qualifies as a domestic house pet, it was explained that a domestic animal is a dog or cat. She never called but continued to send messages. When he stopped, he was able to get the ordinance she was asking about, along with the council meeting where this had been discussed just a few months ago. She was also invited to come to the council meeting to plead her case. Thomas informed the council that he talked to Jason at Belle Pulse about the clean-up waste that is piled on 5th St. Jason was unaware they were doing that, and he will ensure it is taken care of. The council discussed the fact that we have a resident that is parking a semi on the street. It was agreed upon by the council that one of them would speak to the resident. Thomas talked about the curb stop that Evan Sterner replaced (this was approved via text on March 1st and will be attached to the minutes). Thomas and a couple of the council talked about what a great job he did and that he moved it away from the sidewalk. Thomas let the council know that he and Sandi fixed the street sign on the corner 4th St and 6th Ave by replacing the normal allen head screws with bolts that thread through the sign. Sandi let the council know that the Dave Jones property that burned-HCWD is not charging the \$45.00. The council discussed and we will remove the \$45.00 but we must keep our fees. Rhonda Huntley will be informed.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: NA

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas let the council know that he received the yearly pricing from PACE for cleaning the sewer lines, the east side of the town is next to be cleaned, the council agreed to continue the schedule. The council decided that the end of September or the beginning of October would be the best time. Thomas will call PACE and get it scheduled. Thomas informed the council that he was approached by a patron that had concerns about several things within the town including another resident's property that he has problems with. Thomas explained to the patron that he is welcome to come to the meetings but please come with a possible solution not just the complaint. Every person in the Hingham area, whether a resident or a patron, is welcome at all meetings. If you have any concerns or issues, please help with the solution, do not simply approach a member of the council to just complain, it is a waste of everyone's time. Thomas also read a letter from a concerned patron about the closing of the school pool. Jake spoke about this also and he will be going to the next school board meeting. This is something the council will continue to monitor.

Claims for February #6286-6291 were read; Roger made a motion to accept the claims, Dan seconded the motion, motion carried. Next meeting is April 10, 2025 @ 7:30pm. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk