

Minutes of May 8, 2025, Hingham Town Council Meeting

The May 2025 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on May 8, 2025, at 7:30 pm. Present: Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Roger Haas, Jason Myers, and Dan Horinek. Patron Ray Lipp and Chris Matsen (First Bank of Montana) were also present. The April 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. Water loss continues to be monitored. Water shed for the park will be ordered for installation in the spring. Town will continue to monitor the sale of the Hingham pool.

NEW BUSINESS: Chris from FBM (First Bank of Montana) came to talk to the council about moving all of the town funds and saying that they would be able to have a policy drawn up that would secure our funds as we would be over the FDIC limit. We are opening a savings account along with a CD to close out Wells Fargo completely. This was approved last month. We gave Chris the information to open the accounts along with the funds. He will come to the meeting next month to discuss further us moving all the town money to them. Sandi informed the council of the upcoming elections, that Thomas and Roger will need to go file before June 15th. A notice will be posted about the vacant council position. Sandi informed the council of the conference call for the wastewater project. Many things were discussed from funding to the project being split into 2 phases so that we can use the funds before year end. There will be a follow-up call in June. The council discussed the gas tax funds being used for fixing culverts. It was decided to get bids, and we will start at the NE side of town on 4th Street. Sandi will call Hill County about getting culverts. She will also get an ad in the newspaper for bids. Sandi let the council now that she spoke with Evan about the 2 upcoming hydrants and it was suggested to do it on a Monday so as to not interfere with the bar business. He will also put both in at the same time, so water is only off once. Sandi will call Evan to inform him. Sandi informed the council that we will now have a fee for the AFR not being considered complete because the state has now decided that they want a specific spreadsheet that our accounting system does not currently have. She has an appointment with Clerkbooks in June to build the report they need and so we will incur a fee. HCWD will have a rate increase in July after the June meeting. The council passed that we will only increase the \$3.00 they are increasing. Motion made by Dave, seconded by Roger, and motion passed.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: NA

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thomas let the council know he received a call about property line from 2 residents. One included a complaint about a neighbor's yard maintenance and dogs barking all the time. He wants to put up a privacy fence. Thomas told him he would need to have his property surveyed for the fencing. The other need an address for deliveries. Thomas will call HC for assistance on the addressing.

Claims for March #6303-6311 were read; Dan made a motion to accept the claims, Jason seconded the motion, motion carried. Next meeting is June 12, 2025 @ 7:30pm. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Roger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk