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

The October 2022 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on October 14, 2022, at 7:30 pm (meeting date was change due to a DES meeting Thomas and Sandi went to). Present at the meeting were Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Dan Horinek, Roger Haas, Dillon Lipp and patron Ray Lipp. September 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: Ray talked about Box Elder refuse and the possibility of the site being closed due to issues. He does eventually want to give up his seat on the refuse board and when he does Sandi will apply to the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lagoon Operator - Tabled. Refuse Board-tabled. Gravel/grader - ongoing. Snowplow - tabled. Rules and regulations – on going. Zoning map-on going. Trees for park-ongoing for spring 2023 order in February 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thomas let the council know that the park has been winterized and the need for new door knobs for all 3 doors, Dillon made a motion to purchase new knobs, seconded by Dave, and motion carried. While winterizing the park Thomas said that the pump house needs to be completely rebuilt before the spring. He stated that it is a hazard for anyone going into the pump house. Sandi informed the council that she spoke with Hi Line Law and we can use them on an hourly basis as needed. Dillon made a motion to proceed with hiring Hi Line Law for legal counsel, Dan seconded the motion, and motion carried. Sandi will contact and set up letter of engagement with Hi Line Law.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT: Sandi let the council know that at this time we have 6 that if not caught up by the 26th will be set for disconnect.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Thomas informed the council that the curb stop at JR Alex's place had to be replace and we also discussed what is the customer's responsibility and what is the towns, Ray spoke and said that a few years ago the was discussed but could not remember what the final decision was. Sandi will look through the previous minutes. Thomas let the council know that he and Sandi went to the DES mitigation meeting in Fort Benton on October 13, 2022 and what we learned. We will need to make a plan for each hazard that could apply to our community. The other takeaway is we may be able to get funding from FEMA for the lagoon project as it is considered an infrastructure project. Sandi will be sending our PER to Hannah Schultz, at DES, to look at and see if they can help us with the BRIC program. Sandi will also talk to Bear Paw Development about writing the grant.

Claims for Oct #5991-6002 were read, Dan made a motion to accept the claims, Roger seconded the motion, motion carried. The next meeting is on November 10, 2022. Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.		
Mayor	 Clerk	