

Minutes of September 11, 2025, Hingham Town Council Meeting

September 2025 Hingham Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Peterson on September 11, 2025, at 7:30 pm. Present: Thomas Peterson, Sandi Peterson, Dave George, Roger Haas, Jason Myers, and Dan Horinek also Patron Ray Lipp was present. The August minutes were reviewed. The treasurer's report was covered. Dave made a motion to approve both minutes and treasurer report, Roger seconded, and motion carried.

HEARING OF PATRONS:

Ray spoke about the pump house for the park and stated he had put a ladder in the hole and that we may want to cover the hole before a deep freeze.

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-Per Commissioner Strissel he will contact the state to see when these will be installed. Water loss continues to be monitored. Firehall roof- still waiting to hear from Thad on when new roof will be installed. Shed-Mayor Peterson informed the council that he will anchor the shed Saturday and if we have spray foam, he will seal any holes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Banking-Sandi informed the council that most of our funds have been moved into First Bank of Montana (FBMT). She also let the council know that she spoke with Chris at FBMT about a 6-month CD and council agreed that we should purchase a 6-month CD for \$350,000.00. Motion made by Jason to purchase 6-month CD, Roger seconded, and motion carried. Sandi also let the council know that we need approval to apply for credit card with FBMT. Dan made a motion to pass resolution 217 to apply for credit card, Dave seconded, and motion carried. Mayor Peterson talked about our park restrooms and that someone took all the toilet paper including extra in center storage area. It was decided that we will lock up restrooms by Oct 1st and Sandi will monitor until then. It was suggested by Jason that maybe we need a camera. We will revisit next spring. Mayor Peterson informed the council of the recommendation from RPA for the wastewater project He read the 6 bids, and it was agreed to award Lakeside in Havre the contract. He also informed the council that due to the need to take the loan from SRF to complete the project the sewer rates will be increased to approximately \$92.00 from \$35.00. We received 2 bids for the culverts and after discussion it was determined to award Evan Sterner the job. A motion was made by Dan to award Evan Sterner the job, seconded by Dave, and motion carried. Mayor Peterson will call Evan to inform him and let him know he can order the culverts from Pacific Steel and charge them to the town. Sandi will inform Pacific Steel. Mayor Peterson asked the council about sprinkler blowout. We have gotten no responses from Justin Maki so Sandi will call and see Frontier Lawn will do it. She will inform council via text. The final budget was discussed and there were only minor changes. Sandi will complete it next month. Roger made a motion to pass resolution 216 adopting the FY26 Budget, Jason seconded, and motion carried. Council also discussed the town Mill Levy and it was decided to leave it at 53 mills. Roger made the motion for resolution 215 (53 mill levy), Dave seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENCIES/NOTICE TO DISCONNECT:

We have 2 that will be given notice to disconnect.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Peterson informed the council that Alou Horinek has a memorial bench she would like to put in the park. The council agreed it will be put across from horseshoe pits.

Claims for #6362-6369 were read; Dave made a motion to accept the claims, Dan seconded the motion, motion carried. Next meeting is October 9th @ 7:30 pm. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Roger seconded the motion, and the Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk