

## TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

**MAY 20, 2009**

A special meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 for the purpose of holding a budget workshop on the proposed FY 2010 budget. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Attendance: Councilors:** Mayor Matt Arnett, William Shakespeare, Jean Lawlis, Shannon Cox and Janet Hughes; Thomas Brann and Andre Cushing were absent

**Town Manager:** Susan Lessard

**Department Heads/Staff:** Community and Economic Development Director Dean Bennett

Kathy Bernier of Hammond Street Senior Center; Robert Brown of Penquis and Michael Sirota of American Red Cross

Budgets for Social Service Agency Requests, Economic Development, General Assistance, SAD #22 Education, and County Tax were reviewed.

### **38-00 OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

The total proposed amount for Social Service Agency requests is \$32,100.00.

Kathy Bernier of Hammond Street Senior Center requested that the Council appropriate \$35.00 per member from Hampden, for a total of \$4,305.00.

Robert Brown from Penquis asked that the Council fund \$19,535.00 for Penquis' work in assisting Hampden residents. The request is \$5,261.00 higher than last year's request. He provided a summary of services provided for Hampden families in 2008 and noted that the requested amount represents 2.6% of the total value of those services. Manager Lessard pointed out that the summary of services includes a value of \$255,000 for lending programs serving only 1 family and noted that it skews the total amount of services provided. She pointed out that 2.6% of \$255,000 is \$6,630.00 and without that amount, the requested amount would be less than last year's budgeted amount.

Michael Sirota of the Pine Tree Chapter of American Red Cross requested that the Council make a contribution of \$1,580.00, representing \$10.00 for each of the 158 Hampden residents who received services in the past year. Due to her employment with the American Red Cross, Councilor Cox recused herself from any discussion of this request.

There were no representatives from Eastern Area Agency on Aging, UCP, Community Health & Counseling Services or Bangor STD Clinic. Manager Lessard said that a representative from the American Folk Festival was planning to attend, but due to illness was unable to.

Councilor Hughes noted that there was a letter from Spruce Run requesting a suggested donation of \$50.00, but there was no line-item for that request included in the proposed budget.

**01-30 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$86,445.00.

**40-10 GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$10,000.00.

**65-10 SAD 22 ASSESSMENT**

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$5,119,922.00.

**45-10 COUNTY TAX**

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$610,045.00.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Denise R. Hodsdon  
Town Clerk