

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
February 9, 2022**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Fire Department

Chief Michael McMahon said they have two warrant articles. Article 16 is for a replacement for an existing fire engine. It will take approximately two years from ordering until receipt. The taxpayers have already granted this expense. Article 19 is for four additional fire fighters. This will provide one per shift. It will allow them to move an ambulance to the beach. Chief McMahon said he has applied for a grant to cover these positions. This will take the burden from the taxpayers.

Chairman Rage said when summer comes Hampton becomes a large town. The ambulance would be a wonderful service. He encouraged everyone in town to vote for these warrant articles.

Police Department

Chief David Hobbs said Articles 12 and 13 are for contracts for employees. They work very hard for everyone and their families. Many are lost due to higher pay and signing bonuses in other towns. Chief Hobbs said they have great people and do not want to lose them. Commissioner Ladd noted that this increase is less than what was given for Social Security. Chairman Rage said it is important that we retain these individuals. He gave his support to these warrant articles.

Chief Hobbs talked about Article 14 which would provide two full time officers. There is no longer an Academy for part-time officers. This makes it necessary to look to full time ranks.

Chief Hobbs discussed Article 28. This is for security and access control systems. This has no tax impact.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Chairman Rage said the Chamber of Commerce has asked whether the District wants to be a sponsor for fireworks this year. It would cost approximately \$4,000. The money could come from a cancelled fireworks or from the Marketing budget.

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to authorize the money for a sponsorship for fireworks with the contingency that it comes from cancelled fireworks before it would come from the Marketing budget.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rage discussed the Annual Meeting which will take place on Friday, March 25th, at the Fire Station beginning at 7:00 p.m. Voting will be from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Positions to be voted on are:

Commissioner	3 years
Treasurer	1 year
Moderator	1 year
Clerk	1 year
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 years

Absentee ballots will be accepted until March 25th. Any questions should be directed to Ute Pineo at 603-394-5234.

Registration lists will be posted at Patriots Corner and Lighthouse Market. To vote you must prove you are a resident of the Village District and present a photo ID.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of December 8, 2021.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Chairman Rage, to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2022..

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Ladd). Motion passed.

Bumper stickers were discussed. It was decided that the shape should be oval and the saying should be "Sea, Sun & You in 2022".

Public Comment

Lisa Martinequ, Co-Director of Marketing, said dates for events must be confirmed as soon as possible. Dates are still needed for the Fire Show and Miss Hampton Beach. Miss Martineau said a new website will be up shortly. She also showed an example of the ad that will be used.

Closing Comments

Commissioner Ladd said as we approach the summer things look brighter than the last two years. Hopefully things will be back to normal.

Chairman Rage urged all to do their homework and be sure to get out and vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary