

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MEETING  
January 9, 2019**

**Present**

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner  
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner  
Robert Ladd, Commissioner  
Stephen LaBranche, Treasurer

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Police Department Update**

Police Chief Richard Sawyer said they have reached a tentative agreement with the Hampton Police Association. There will be salary increases of 2.8% each year for three years. There is also an increase for starting patrolmen. Chief Sawyer asked the voters to approve this. Chief Sawyer also asked for voter approval of Article 39, Asset Forfeitures. There is no tax impact for this article. Article 43 will allow the Town to bill 50% for details. This will impact taxpayers positively.

Eileen Daboul asked if the department would be adding canines. Chief Sawyer said they would not. It is not necessary because surrounding towns have canines available.

Commissioner Ladd asked about the high water rescue vehicle. Chief Sawyer said a local mechanic is working on it and it should be running soon.

Mr. LaBranche asked if the government shutdown was having any effect on the department. Chief Sawyer said no, but it could if it goes on for a longer time.

**Fire Department Update**

Fire Chief Jamie Ayotte said the government shutdown was affecting them. They need grant funding for portable radios and this is not happening. Chief Ayotte discussed Article 18. This article will provide a second set of gear. This would be purchased through the Capital Reserve Fund. Chief Ayotte then discussed Article 19. This article would allow FEMA to assist in staffing. The department would like to add four new firefighters. There are now four groups of firefighters and this would add one firefighter to each group.

Commissioner Ladd asked about patient contacts. Chief Ayotte said they had 2,209 patient contacts last year. Chief Ayotte said the ambulances are actually rolling ER's.

### **Moment of Silence**

At this time Chairman Rage asked for a Moment of Silence for several residents who recently passed away.

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Patrick Greenish, President of the Hampton St. Vincent de Paul Society said they have been operating a soup kitchen for many years. Last year there was a fire which destroyed their location. They have now opened up a small facility opposite the Casino but must be out by March 29. Mr. Greenish asked the HBVD to help them by getting the word out to help them find a permanent facility.

### **NH Coastal Conference**

Steve Miller said he was the co-chair of this group. This is for stake holders to get help, talk about policy and science, etc. This is a place to network and grapple about ongoing issues. The next conference will take place on June 14, 2019 in Kittery, ME. NH State Parks will be there. It would be good for the HBVD to have a table.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of December 12, 2018.

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

### **Old Business**

Chairman Rage said the New Years Eve event was a great success. The weather cooperated and the fireworks were great. Harris Real Estate supplied refreshments as did Blue Ocean Society.

At this time (6:35 p.m.) Chairman Rage left the meeting and Commissioner Buckley stepped in as Chairman.

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**Public Comment**

Selectman Regina Barnes spoke about the \$41,000 fund for structural work for lighting at the beach. She said there will be a warrant article placing that money into the general fund. Commissioner Ladd spoke against this. Selectman Barnes said there will still be a warrant article for this.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary