

**WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, NOVEMBER 17, 2014**  
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The WORKSHOP MEETING of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at the Town Hall on 1706 Route 211 West, Otisville, NY on November 17, 2014 at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor Chad Volpe, Councilman Matt Howell, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland, Councilman Dominick Cambareri and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Highway Supt. D. Hassenmayer, Chief Rickard, Planning Board Chairperson W. Howell, Attorney D. Bavoso.

Supervisor Volpe called the meeting to order at 7:30pm following the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

Tabled until next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. ZBA vacancy request from Jerry Cooke
2. MHFC report 11-17-14
3. Planning Board meeting minutes 10-15-2014
4. Supervisor's report 10-2014
5. Letter from NYS Ag. & Mkts. re: shelter inspection report – satisfactory
6. New hire entry level salary changes – proposed
7. Flier from AARP re: Volunteer Tax preparers
8. Congressional Proclamation from Hon. Patrick Maloney

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPT. by Chief Rickard:**

Chief Rickard spoke re: proposed towing local law. This limits the amount people can be charged when they are called to a scene. The fee can be determined by the board. A public hearing needs to be set.

**PLANNING BOARD by Chairman Howell:**

Chairman Howell reported that the meeting is this Wednesday. 3 applicants are returning with updates to their plans. There's a public hearing for a 7 lot sub-division on Pine Grove Road and 1 continued public hearing.

**HIGHWAY DEPT. by Supt. Hassenmayer:**

Supt. Hassenmayer reported that the barn is finished. The roof repairs were fixed. A leak was fixed on the back side of the barn. While he had the lift from the Federal prison, they brought it to the old school to replace some roof shingles and did some re-tarring. There should not be any further leaks on the main roof. They also cleaned the gutters. Supervisor Volpe thanked Dean and the guys. Supervisor Volpe tried to print the pictures for the board but could not print them out. He also reported that he received a letter from Lou Ingrassia (T/O Walkkill) re: paint striper which was purchased by 3 towns: Wawayanda, Walkkill & Mount Hope. Walkkill bought a used flatbed truck for the paint striper. All 3 towns used it. Walkkill wants to give it to T/O Mount Hope. He would like the board to accept it. If we got it – we could paint our whole town in 2 days. Atty Bavoso: asked if anything needs to be done with the T/O Wawayanda in regards to the truck? Supt. Hassenmayer: they haven't made up their mind yet. Walkkill's letter says they are giving up their share of the line striper to us and the truck they are giving in full.

**VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by Trustee Loeven:**

Trustee Loeven reported that thanks to Janet's efforts they have a date that summer rec directors can meet. They will meet tomorrow night. She will finalize the budget with Christine and the town will get some money back at a ratio of 80/20. She also noted that the seniors will have their final trip on Wednesday.

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**MOUNT HOPE FIRE COMPANY by Chief Doty:**

Chief Doty read the report which will be on file in the Town Clerk's office. He wished the Town Board members a Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of himself and his officers.

**OLD SCHOOL:**

F. Ketcham thanked the guys for attending to the roof/gutters. Ron Cosentino wondered about meeting again. Supervisor Volpe: need an apples to apples offer with KC Engineering. He asked if there was another committee meeting scheduled? Mr. Ketcham: no.

**RESOLUTION TO CHANGE ENTRY LEVEL SALARIES IN THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:**

**MOTION** offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell to approve the new hire entry level changes – page 41 - as presented. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**MOTION** offered by Councilman Howell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to approve the 10-2014 Supervisor's report as presented. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

**RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #5-2014 RE: TOWING:**

**MOTION** offered by Councilman Ketcham seconded by Councilman Howell to set public hearing date for December 9, 2014 at 7:20pm for proposed Local Law #5-2014 re: towing. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR WEB SITE:**

**MOTION** offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell to accept the quote from Hudson Valley Digital Marketing to do our Web site design in the amount of \$1,975.00 to include 3 years of support. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TRUCK FROM TOWN OF WALLKILL:**

**MOTION** offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell to accept the truck (1993 Ford Cargo flatbed VIN # 1FDDXH70C8PVA37722) from Town of Wallkill and their share of the 1999 GRACO Road Lazer Line Stripper. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

**HUNTING ON TOWN PROPERTY:**

Councilman Howell reported that on Saturday/Sunday at the town park where the Cornell project is being built he saw a number of different vehicles parked there. He saw a number of people entering the woods in hunting gear with firearms. He is concerned that with construction going on at the park that someone may get hurt. He thinks the property should be posted. Supt. Hassenmayer added that some do hunt at the gravel bank. He will have the guys post the property.

**RESOLUTION FOR AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**MOTION** offered by Councilman Howell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to approve the following bills:

<b>GENERAL A:</b>	<b>#652-678</b>	<b>\$126,506.40</b>
<b>GENERAL B:</b>	<b>#95-99</b>	<b>\$ 32,543.03</b>
<b>HIGHWAY:</b>	<b>#170-174</b>	<b>\$ 71,667.93</b>
<b>SEWER:</b>	<b>#104</b>	<b>\$ 928.57.</b>

All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

**POLICE UNION CONTRACT:**

Chief Rickard noted to the board that the contract has been ratified. Copy will be sent to David. Supervisor needs to sign and we are good.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**K. Coppola:** reported the Patriot Tree Lighting will be on 12/5/14 at 6pm. He also noted that on 12/7 at 6pm will be the Village Tree Lighting at Otisville fire house. At 5pm the Presbyterian Choir will perform at the Presbyterian Church. After tree lighting, Santa will be there and refreshments will be served at fire house.

**J. Musial:** asked about tree lighting time. Supervisor Volpe: 6:30pm.

**F. Ketcham:** spoke re: 7 PEAKS meeting on 11-18 at 6pm. He would like for someone from the town board, planning board or zoning boards to attend.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**Councilman Howell** reported that the Howells Fire department meets on Monday nights and therefore will not be able to attend any town board meetings to give a report. But, anyone from the public is welcome to attend the fire meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:**

**MOTION offered by Councilman Howell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.**

**The next meeting is December 9, 2014 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers  
Town Clerk