

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, APRIL 25, 2011

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The **workshop meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **April 25, 2011** at 7:30pm with the following present: Deputy Supervisor Ed Fairweather, Councilman Mike Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Councilwoman Kathy Russo and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

NOT PRESENT: Supervisor Novak

PUBLIC PRESENT: T. Gilmore, D. Hassenmayer/H'way Supt., Chief Rickard, B. Rebman, I. Stiles, L. Fairweather, T. Cauchard, T. Damiani, J. Myers, J. Litow, Y. Olsen, Z. Kelson/Attorney.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Novak called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo that the minutes of the April 11, 2011 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Certificate of Insurance from Dr. Roeder
2. Certificate of Insurance from Otisville Little League
3. Building Inspector report March 2011
4. Tax Collector final report
5. Certificates from Kathleen & Amy for Records Retention seminar
6. Police Dept. monthly report March 2011
7. Highway Bulk Trash report April 2011
8. Highway budget modification.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE:

Chief Rickard reported that he met with the teamsters for the union. At the May 9 board meeting there will be officer's recognition with light refreshments after meeting. The arrest policy will be the next policy to be revised. Dep. Supervisor Fairweather asked about the new car. Chief answered it is in and it should be in service by the end of the week. Chief Rickard spoke about the quartermaster system for the uniforms. He would like to possibly get them from other company's as they are cheaper. Also, park patrols have begun. The officers will start locking the restrooms this week. Deputy Supervisor Fairweather asked about officers wearing lighter color shirts for the summer. Discussion ensued re: bicycle shirts.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Hassenmayer reported that spring clean up is finished. Mrs. Russo asked about the meter issue. Mr. Hassenmayer stated that some belong to the town some are village. Deputy Supervisor Fairweather will have Mr. Novak call the mayor to discuss this issue. Mrs. Fairweather spoke re: getting proper signage on Carboy Rd. by the underpass as it is only one lane and with the detour due to Rte. 211 being out, she has personally had a couple close calls. Mr. Hassenmayer will check in morning.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE:

Mrs. Cauchard reported that she will be the village liaison for the next year. She will discuss the O&R meter issue with the Mayor. She reported that she met with everyone for the fire budget. Anyone with questions can just ask. Mrs. Russo asked that a copy of the revised fire budget be sent to the town board members.

HIDDEN VALLEY:

Mr. Stiles reported that he heard from Jim DeWinter and that the City of Newburgh will scope the lines in Hidden Valley hopefully sometime this week.

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Gilmore advised that they met last week and the daycare was approved for 6 people.

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SUMMER MEETINGS:

Deputy Supervisor Fairweather stated, after brief discussion, that they will wait until Supervisor Novak is back and discuss at the next board meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET MODIFICATION:

MOTION BY Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to approve the following budget modification:

Increase unclassified revenue A/C D2770 by \$967.50 and

Increase Machinery Repairs A/C D5130.4 by \$967.50.

All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo to approve the following bills:

GENERAL A: #244-271 \$48,101.18

GENERAL B: #46-55 \$ 3,210.76

HIGHWAY: #65-73 \$32,025.09

SEWER: #43-46 \$ 1,041.73.

All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Myers spoke re: C/O Newburgh scoping the lines and inter-municipal agreement. Do our town guys have to go there for anything? Mr. Stiles stated no.

Mrs. Stiles spoke re: Bilinski update. Dep. Sup. Fairweather stated buildings are down and trash was taken away.

Mrs. Stiles spoke re: Otisville Old School update. Dep. Sup. Fairweather stated there is an offer on the table but believes it is not a fair offer.

Mr. Damiani spoke re: tax exempt properties list and is it reviewed. Dep. Sup. Fairweather stated it is and Dennis is really good with that. Mr. Kelson added that applications must be renewed each year.

Mrs. Stiles spoke re: trucking firm on Spruce Road and why it's taking so long to finalize. Mr. Kelson stated it is in the hands of the board of health.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Russo asked if the speed limit request on Mount Hope Road has been sent to the county. Chief Rickard stated that Sup. Novak told him he spoke with the Town of Wallkill and they will go along with our request.

Mrs. Russo asked when the audit will be referring to the letter she received. Town Clerk stated it probably won't be until next year.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2011 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk