

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, APRIL 26, 2010

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The **workshop meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **April 26, 2010** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak Jr., Councilman Mike Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Councilwoman Kathy Russo, Councilman Ed Fairweather (7:38pm) and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

PUBLIC PRESENT: D. Loeven, T. Gilmore, D. Hassenmayer/H'way Supt., OIC Mann, B. Rebman, J. Musial, S. Stiles, N. Chechen, L. Fairweather, Mr. Ramos, Ms. Irrizarry, Mr. & Mrs. Warnick, H. Gomez.

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 12, 2010 and the April 19, 2010 meetings as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Certificate of Insurance from Marangi re: bulk trash pick up
2. Supervisor's report March 2010
3. Letter from Assessor re: exemption removal SBL 106-4-1
4. Police Dept. monthly report March 2010
5. Highway Bulk Trash report April 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE:

No report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Hassenmayer reported: spring clean up went well and the report was turned in today. Twice per year seems to work well. Will be ditching Rose Lane, Sagamore Drive, Franklin Lane and Guymard Turnpike in preparation for fibromat and nova-chip which we'll get off state bid. He inquired about another pavilion at the park through the HUD grant/Community Development. He would like to go to bid for this. Per Supervisor Novak no bid is necessary since it is an approved community development grant. He has had a couple complaints re: speed limit on Mount Hope Road by Highland Lakes Road. He received a complaint from a resident on Maureen Drive about a neighbor's junk building up in their yard. He referred them to Code Enforcement Officer. The football league has requested that they mow their field (they would use their equipment not the town equipment.) Mrs. Russo asked why. Mr. Hassenmayer he thought because of the frequency and height desired. After board discussion, it was ok'd as long as they show proof of insurance. He also spoke re: soccer field not being regulation size and possibly using the football field for their soccer games. He spoke re: MS4 being for stormwater pollution. He suggested the board read the email he sent today. Mr. Kelson asked for the email to be sent to him as well. Mrs. Musial stated they need to get on board with this ASAP.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT continued:

If it was approved as a resolution – it needs to be a local law. Mrs. Russo asked if a note could be written for next for the restrooms at the little league fields to be opened a little earlier and asked how the permits were going. Mr. Novak stated to have the league send a letter to request when they need the facility opened. Mr. Hassenmayer stated that the football league and the little league have submitted their applications so far. They haven't heard from the soccer league yet.

SUMMER RECREATION:

Ms. Loeven reminded Mr. Novak of the meeting this Saturday at 9:00am. The health director interviews will be first as NJ Mann now works for the highway department. Counselor interviews will follow.

HIDDEN VALLEY:

Mr. Stiles reported the plant is operating at 100%. He is looking for contractors for camera work. The quote from A+ was pricey and he asked for further breakdown from them. He will also get 2 more quotes.

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Gilmore advised that they met last week. The cell law as it exists was reviewed and will further discuss next month. They will look into the wind mill law also. The photovoltaic will be discussed further. Mr. Fairweather stated it is a screening issue more than anything with regard to the ground based installations.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to approve the Supervisor's report for March 2010 as submitted. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATION AUTHORIZATION:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Bell that the Town of Mount Hope is hereby submitting its application for consideration under the FY-11 Orange County Community Development Program and that the Chief elected official or executive officer is hereby authorized to submit this application. They further certify that they have read and understood the Orange County Community Development Program Guidelines for the FY-2011 program year, and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the Application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge.

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

OLD SCHOOL/RFP:

Mrs. Russo reported that a draft RFP is to be advertised and packets will be available at the Town Hall. Everything would be subject to town board approval and a copy will be forwarded to the Village. Mrs. Musial asked the baseball fields would be sold too. Mr. Novak stated that they were used last year for summer recreation.

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SUMMER MEETING DATES:

MOTION by Mrs. Russo seconded by Mr. Bell to approve having one meeting per month for the months of June, July, August 2010. Meeting to be held on the second Monday of the month. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

BLOCK PARTY:

Mr. Novak asked if Mr. Taylor was present. He was not so the discussion for the block party was tabled until they receive more information from Mr. Taylor.

ATV LAW:

Per Supervisor Novak, he has 5 different copies of laws from 5 different towns. The board is looking for public input. Mr. Kelson stated that Wawayanda is the least restrictive, Deerpark seems middle ground and Blooming Grove is not so much for the Town of Mount Hope. Mr. Novak stated that decibel, distance and hours of operation are a big issue.

Mr. Chechen of Mountain Road stated he hired a lawyer, Mr. Sussman, who did not show for in court. Mr. Chechen stated he has been threatened many times by his neighbor and he runs a business there. Sometimes there are 15 or 20 people there and he even uses a loud speaker. The police have been called numerous times; he has a ton of records and even a list of signatures. He has hired a surveyor who said the neighbor is 65' onto his property and the neighbor has even pulled the stakes out of the ground. Mr. Kelson stated that the town can't regulate a dispute between neighbors.

Mr. Ramos and Ms. Irrizarry spoke at this time. Their neighbor has no regard for quality of life. The police have been great and professional. He rides within 40' of the property line sometimes within inches. He is not considerate and he hopes the board comes up with a good solution. They ride on Mountain Road too. Mr. Kelson suggests taking photos and submitting them to police. The town needs to obtain a decibel reader and if the owners ok it maybe we can go on their deck to get a reading.

Mr. Warnick also lives on Mountain Road. He has spoken with the neighbor also about the ATV. He is irresponsible and abusive. Mr. Stiles asked if he is familiar with quads. Mr. Warnick answered yes. Mr. Stiles asked if they were modified. Mr. Warnick stated yes. Mr. Warnick stated that he enjoys his quads but they are running a garage mechanic shop starting. They have underage riders; no helmets; Saturdays and Sundays – always. He suggested that there are words missing from the documents he has read here tonight. Need some like "excessive, or aggravated".

Mr. Gomez spoke re: ATV riders, being inconsiderate, interrupting a quality of life. He rides upstate where the law is abided by and when they are disobeyed they get tickets. He stated the board needs to be firm but fair. Mr. Gilmore spoke re: obtaining a decibel reader. Mrs. Russo spoke re: the board being faced with a fine line. This issue is not falling on deaf ears and it needs to be specific so that it works for the town.

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AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Fairweather to approve the following bills:

GENERAL A:	#177-210	\$49,862.12
GENERAL B:	#42-44	\$ 1,856.93
HIGHWAY:	#76-85	\$29,954.34
SEWER:	#33-39	\$ 1,459.85
WWT:	#29	\$ 198.90
CAP HIGH EQUIP:	#2	\$ 3,535.00.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Rebman asked about a calendar for the wall.

Ms. Loeven spoke re: Garden Club planting a tree in Veteran's Park at 10am on Saturday; Hometown Helpers still looking for volunteers; having ATV issues in the Village also. Most of the issues discussed here tonight with the ATV's in the town can be dealt with through laws already on the books.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Stiles asked about Al's report. Mr. Novak stated that Al asked Falanga to get in the barn and he said he would have to speak to his attorney first. Mr. Kelson hasn't received anything from Al either.

AT THIS TIME, Supervisor Novak called for a moment of silence on the passing of Mike Lupo – May he rest in peace.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. **All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2010 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk