

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, DECEMBER 13, 2010
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The **regular meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **December 13, 2010** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Councilwoman Kathy Russo, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Fairweather, D. Loeven, T. Gilmore, J. Musial, T. Geiss, I. Stiles, J. Litow, Chief Rickard, B. Rebman, Attorney - Z. Kelson.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Bell that the minutes of the 11-22-2010 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Tax Collector Bond – for board approval
2. Copy of Refuse & Garbage Collection Law
3. Building Inspector's report 11-2010
4. Planning Board minutes 11-15-2010
5. Copy of parking ordinance – for board review

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE:

Chief Rickard reported that the card scan unit was installed and they are now live. The training was done. A counter top where this system was installed was built. He also reported that he has started a new program with the officers. It will be a directed patrol. The town is broken into 2 zones. Each officer on duty will patrol that zone. He reported on a V&T hot list. Each zone will have a hot spot for the week. The tow law will not be able to be ready by the end of the year. He would like to work on it for 2011. Councilwoman Russo asked how the officers like their new assignments. Chief has heard more positive than negative and some officers even had some different suggestions.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Mrs. Musial, Highway clerk, reported that the guys went out on Friday night and Sunday night. The new truck went out for the body to be installed. The pavilion is complete. The guys are working on the skating rink this week.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE:

No report. Ms. Loeven wished everyone a happy holiday and a safe holiday.

HIDDEN VALLEY:

No report.

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PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Gilmore reported that there is a small agenda for next weeks meeting.

BILINSKI PROPERTY:

Supervisor Novak reported that the environmental study is complete and we are waiting on a report. The survey was completed and should have it by the end of the week.

PARKING ON STREETS ORDINANCE:

Supervisor Novak explained that the time is an issue with this ordinance. Mr. Kelson advised that this become a law instead of an ordinance. He had a proposed law which he gave to board members. The only things that changed from the original were the hours, fines and he changed the language in section 5C.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3-2010 ENTITLED : REGULATING PARKING ON STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo to schedule a public hearing for the PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3-2010 ENTITLED: REGULATING PARKING ON STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE for December 29, 2010 at 7:00pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

VEHICLE USE POLICY:

Chief Rickard noted that copies were given to board members at the prior meeting. He added a section with cell phone use language. He also reported that the county will be installing vehicle locaters in the vehicles. Town of Mount Hope has not been completed yet. The county owns the equipment. This will help for emergencies where the car that is the closest to the emergency will be responding.

APPROVAL OF VEHICLE USE POLICY:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo to approve the Vehicle Use Policy as amended. (Copy will be on file in Town Clerk's office.) All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

POLICE GRIEVANCES:

Chief Rickard reported that one grievance has been settled and 2 have been dropped.

TAX COLLECTOR BOND:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Fairweather to approve the Fidelity Bond for the Tax Collector bond as attached (for the tax collector to collect taxes in the Town of Mount Hope) original to be sent to County. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

LOCAL LAW 4-2005 ENTITLED REGULATION OF REFUSE AND GARBAGE COLLECTION:

Supervisor Novak noted to the board that the companies have been raising fees and that they should notify the town when they do so. County Waste will be called by the town clerk to remind them that before they raise fees they need to advise the town.

LAKE LINDA PROPERTY:

Supervisor Novak informed the board that John McCarey from OC Real Property called. There are 10 properties that abut the Bilinski property (total of 70,000 sq. ft.) County offered to sell these properties at \$500 per lot and the county would pay all fees. Assessor evaluated said properties – estimated value is more than \$50,000.00. Tax impact would include losing less than \$500 total for all undeveloped lots. Councilman Stiles would like to look at the map of these lots. Supervisor Novak informed the audience that there will also be a map at the public hearing for all to see. Councilman Stiles said he still wants to see the tax map and doesn't think it makes sense for the town to buy a comb. Supervisor Novak stated that 3 are contiguous lots.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPERTIES IN LAKE LINDA:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Bell to schedule a public hearing for the Lake Linda lots on 12-29-10 at 7:30pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

AUDIT OF RECEIPT BOOKS:

Supervisor Novak stated that the receipt books need to be audited by the end of the year. Councilman Fairweather and Councilman Bell will do this. They will discuss a date and advise Town Clerk.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

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

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| GENERAL A: | #631-668 | \$ 83,096.09 |
| GENERAL B: | #139-142 | \$ 10,281.23 |
| HIGHWAY: | #231-245 | \$ 32,434.80 |
| SEWER: | #125-131 | \$ 9,638.91 |

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Stiles asked the status on the Spruce Road project.

Mr. Geiss asked the status of the Bilinski property.

Mr. Litow offered Happy Holidays to all and he is still working on his plans for Baker Street property.

Ms. Loeven spoke re: Hometown Helpers.

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BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Russo asked Chief Rickard if additional shifts were being considered for weekends and the college break. Chief Rickard stated that at random times shifts are changed ie: DWI checks.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**The next meeting is scheduled for December 29, 2010 at 7:30pm.
Public hearing at 7:00pm for parking on streets law; 7:15pm for dog law
and 7:30 for Lake Linda lots.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk