

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, FEBRUARY 11, 2013
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The **regular meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **February 11, 2013** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Highway Supt. D. Hassenmayer, Highway Clerk J. Musial, Police Chief P. Rickard, Planning Board Chairman T. Gilmore, Town Attorney Z. Kelson, Village Trustee W. Melton, Village Trustee K. Coppola.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Building Inspector report 1-2013
2. Supervisor's report 1-2013
3. Letter from O.C. Dept. of Emergency Svcs. Re: mutual aid
4. Letter from Dean re: highway truck fleet
5. Copy of Town of Woodbury Towing law
6. Rabies Clinic flier; T/O Crawford 2-23-13
7. Vacant Structures model resolution
8. Police Dept. monthly report 1-2013
9. Equity Homes Maintenance bond release
10. Letter from Z. Kelson re: old school

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather that the minutes of the 1-28-13 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT by Chief Rickard:

Chief Rickard stated that the new car was ordered and should be ready in 90 days. He also stated that they are working on the goals/objectives and the annual report for 2012.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT by Supt. Hassenmayer:

Supt. Hassenmayer stated that the Highway 284 agreement should be ready for the next meeting. He spoke to the Board about paving the parking lot here at Town Hall. He has 2 estimates right now that range from \$89-\$100,000.00. Supervisor Novak asked Dean to give them the estimates. Supt. Hassenmayer also spoke re: the aging truck fleet. He has 2 trucks with poor bodies. Supervisor Novak asked how old the bid is. Supt. Hassenmayer stated that he is not sure how old it is but that it is current. Mr. Kelson asked if it was state bid. Supt. Hassenmayer stated that it is an upstate county bid; he doesn't know how old it is but that it is current. Mr. Kelson stated to Dean to be sure that the town board gets copies of the bid. Supervisor Novak asked Mr. Kelson if it goes against the procurement policy. Supt. Hassenmayer stated that it is not specifically addressed in the policy. Mr. Kelson added that we need to know if it is still a good bid.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by Trustee Melton:

The signs for the sleigh riding hills are up. He stated that they need to find a camp director for the summer recreation program. It will be advertised. Councilwoman Sutherland asked what the qualifications were. Trustee Coppola stated that he has only been involved now for 2 years but the qualifications and experienced required are on the application.

HIDDEN VALLEY:

No report.

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PLANNING BOARD by Chairman Gilmore:

Chairman Gilmore stated that the meeting is next week on Tuesday because of the holiday on Monday. There are 2 on the agenda. One is another cell tower and the other is something from Dul.

AT THIS TIME, Supervisor Novak thanked the Highway guys and the police for doing a great job this past weekend with the storm.

EXCAVATOR:

Discussion ensued regarding the bid request for a new excavator. Supervisor Novak asked if it will be on a new one or used one or both. After brief discussion the board asked if Dean could get bid specs for both a used excavator and a new one.

RESOLUTION TO GO TO BID FOR AN EXCAVATOR:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell that approval is given for Highway Superintendent to go to bid on a new excavator and/or a used excavator upon the Town Board receiving a copy of the bid specs for a used excavator. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR NYS – CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VACANT STRUCTURES:

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to approve the RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR NYS – CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VACANT STRUCTURES – see complete attached resolution at the end of these minutes. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to approve the Supervisor's report for January 2013 as presented. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

FIRE DISTRICT:

AT THIS TIME, the Town Clerk was asked to read into the minutes the letter from Vini Tankasali, Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Services for the County of Orange dated Feb. 1, 2013. Original letter is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Supervisor Novak stated the board would require a list of all equipment, a list of personnel with their training records and a letter from the State and then the Town would discuss fire protection. He stated again that the Town would not let anyone go unprotected. J. Musial asked about the fire house. Chief Rickard asked about the RFP process and if the village could bid on it. Supervisor Novak stated that the Town will negotiate with anyone who wants to bid on it; they will be looking for who will provide the best protection.

DOT CALM DRIVE:

Attorney Kelson questioned which bond Mr. DeWinter was requesting be released. After discussion, it was determined that it was the maintenance bond to be released.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR DOT CALM DRIVE:

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to release the maintenance bond for Dot Calm Drive subject to verifying the bond with the Engineer. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

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RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL A:	#69-99	\$ 47,628.31
GENERAL B:	#14-17	\$ 5,703.66
HIGHWAY:	#18-25	\$ 26,513.83
SEWER:	#11-14	\$ 3,674.06.

All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell to enter into executive session at 7:54pm to discuss contract negotiations. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to reconvene to regular meeting at 8:40pm. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION.** All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION offered by Councilman Ketcham seconded by Councilman Fairweather to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2013 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk

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The following RESOLUTION was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope at a regular meeting held on February 11, 2013:

Resolution

IN SUPPORT OF NYS-CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VACANT STRUCTURES

On a motion made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland, the following was

ADOPTED:	AYES	5	Councilman Bell, Councilman Ketcham, Supervisor Novak, Councilwoman Sutherland, Councilman Fairweather
	NAYES	0	

Resolved to support New York State regarding the proposed laws concerning contact information for vacant structures.

WHEREAS, vacant, abandoned and foreclosed homes and structures have proliferated throughout New York State over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, vacant structures that are not maintained for months at a time degrade and depreciate the value of the vacant structure as well as the value of surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, lending institutions that hold mortgages on said vacant structures do not always provide the contact information of a responsible party; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A.88 and Assembly Bill A.824, currently pending, would make it mandatory for lending institutions to provide contact information of responsible parties regarding vacant structures; and require good faith in obtaining a foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Hope Town Board supports the passage of said Bills.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Mount Hope hereby supports the passage of said Bills and respectfully requests that the State Representatives who represents constituents in Town of Mount Hope support the passage of said Bills.

Copies of the resolution to be forward to Senator Bonacic, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther,

I, Kathleen A. Myers DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope at its regular meeting held on February 11, 2013, and members of the Town Board had due notice of said meeting, and further that such resolution has been fully recorded in the Town Clerks books.

In Witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand the 12th day of February, 2013.

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk
Town of Mount Hope