

## **REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

The **regular meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **February 8, 2010** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Councilwoman Kathy Russo, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Deputy Town Clerk Amy Hassenmayer.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** D. Hassenmayer/Highway Supt., OIC Mann, T. Damiani, L. Lilley, M. Stanfield, D. Loeven, I. Stiles, S. Stiles, T. Gilmore, L. Fairweather, A. Barber, R. Bakker, M/M G. Cook, Z. Kelson/Attorney.

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

### **ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell that the minutes of the 1-25-10 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Building Inspector report 1-2010
2. Zoning Board Letter re: 2/25/2010 meeting

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Hassenmayer reported insulation in front garage is completed. Front garage and back garage are freshly painted and new lights installed. Invite to anyone who would like to see the improvements to stop by.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

OIC Mann proposed a candidate Liam Fay and he would like to begin the background check process. Mr. Fay has completed the academy and field training. OIC Mann reported that there have been a lot of applications. He would like to look into purchasing a new police vehicle. The department has purchased 3 tasers. Mr. Novak advised he received a report from the Minisink Valley bus garage re: 18 incidents of vehicles passing stopped buses.

### **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BACKGROUND CHECK:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Fairweather to authorize background check of Liam Fay proposed candidate for the Police Department. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

### **PLANNING BOARD:**

Mr. Gilmore stated meeting is cancelled for Monday February 15, 2010 due to holiday and meeting will be held on Tuesday February 16, 2010 at 7:00pm. There is a 4 lot subdivision and a 3 lot subdivision before the board that night.

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### **VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE:**

Ms. Loeven spoke re: letter to be coming from the village on the abolishing of the Assessor and Justice to take place as of 3/31/2010. Ms. Loeven also spoke on a neighborhood dog running at large on Schobel Street. Owners are not cooperative. Agnes Barber spoke re: same dog. The dog is very aggressive to her and she has a concern for her safety. Asked the Board what can be done as she owns property in the Village and Town. Mr. Novak and OIC Mann addressed this issue. Discussion ensued.

### **HIDDEN VALLEY:**

Mr. Stiles stated sewer plant is not at 100% yet. Work is being done on this matter and should be up and running better next week. Maintenance plan is in place. Mr. Stiles will schedule a meeting with the residents to advise of progress. **Discussions ensued re:** purchases made without board approval. Zachary Kelson, Esq. advised that there must be board approval for any expenditures in the future.

### **OLD SCHOOL:**

Mr. Fairweather advised that the Committee will be meeting on 2/9/2010 at 7pm here. Recommendations for the building will be addressed then. Mr. Damiani would like to see something on the tax rolls for this property.

### **LIBRARY:**

Mr. Novak advised that the library cards are now available. Residents must be on the list in the Town Clerks office to receive one. Number of residents now on the list is very good.

### **CELL TOWER:**

Tom Gilmore advised that no one has come before the planning board regarding this issue. Mr. Stiles gave all Board members a copy of cell tower information for changes.

### **PARKLAND GRANT – LEAD AGENCY:**

**MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell that the Town of Mount Hope Town Board designates itself “lead agent” for the purpose of the SEQRA and declares it to be an unlisted action. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.**

### **PARKLAND GRANT - NEGATIVE DECLARATION:**

**MOTION by Ms. Russo seconded by Mr. Bell that the Town of Mount Hope Town Board is, making a “negative declaration” as defined by Part 617 of the New York Environmental Law and the SEQRA review process and declares that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.**

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**HEALTH INSURANCE:**

Mr. Novak advised the Board to review information on Health Insurance.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

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

<b>GENERAL A:</b>	<b>#53-81</b>	<b>\$ 54437.09</b>
<b>GENERAL B:</b>	<b>#14-16</b>	<b>\$ 2175.18</b>
<b>HIGHWAY:</b>	<b>#20-27</b>	<b>\$ 17299.46</b>
<b>SEWER:</b>	<b>#9-14</b>	<b>\$ 4167.15</b>
<b>CAP. RES. HWY</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>\$ 13100.00</b>
<b>HOWELLS FIRE FUND</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>\$181534.51</b>

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

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE HOLDING THE TRIAL OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 TERRORISTS ANYWHERE WITHIN ORANGE COUNTY:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo to oppose the holding of the trial of the alleged September 11, 2001 terrorists anywhere within the County of Orange, New York as written – complete resolution at end of these minutes. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- 1- Mr. Cook inquired about Senior Transportation. Old Mill Pond re: public access for fishing. Mr. Novak advised he has a meeting with the City of Middletown on this matter this week.
- 2- Ms. Stanfield inquired re: Town having a contact for Grants. She inquired about who writes the Grants for the Town. She has interest in this matter.
- 3- Ms. Lilley spoke re: Town missing out on Grants.
- 4- OIC Mann questioned about article in paper re: Titles.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Mr. Novak advised Town looks into Grants that benefit the Town.

Mr. Novak also publicly apologized to Ms. Barber.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2010 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hassenmayer, Deputy Town Clerk for  
Kathleen A. Myers  
Town Clerk