

**WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, JANUARY 28, 2013**  
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The **workshop meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **January 28, 2013** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak Jr., Councilman Mike Bell, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland (@7:10pm), Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** T. Gilmore – Planning Board Chairperson , D. Hassenmayer - Highway Supt., P. Rickard – Police Chief, B. Wona – Mayor of Otisville, D. Cash – Village Trustee, W. Melton – Village Trustee, K. Coppola – Village Trustee, Z. Kelson – Town Attorney, F. Simeone - Attorney.

**PUBLIC HEARING BY THE TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE ON THE CONSENT TO THE FORMATION OF THE MOUNT HOPE FIRE COMPANY, INC.:**

Supervisor Novak opened the public hearing at 7:00pm following the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to read into the minutes the Public Hearing notice which was in the paper. Supervisor stated that since there are a lot of people here tonight so here are the ground rules. Since this affects the residents of the Fire Protection District (1.) - the residents of the fire protection district will speak first. Please state your name and address for the record. (2.) – comments should be directed at whether you are for or against the formation of a new company and why you reached that conclusion. (3.) – comments should be between 2-3 minutes. (4.) – repeat speakers and people outside the district will be heard time permitting, after all residents have had a turn.

Tom Gilmore – Sponsor of the Fire Company – 2077 Mountain Road spoke in favor of the district. Dawn Wyman - spoke for her mother - Dorothy Loeven who lives at 2503 Mount Hope Road spoke re: if a first responder will still be available for 911 emergencies.

Mercedes Cosme – 201 White Bridge Road – spoke re: need for a building/land and taxes.

Mike Taylor – 4 Briarwood Drive/Hidden Valley – spoke re: capital expenses.

**\*\*COUNCILWOMAN SUTHERLAND ENTERED AT 7:10PM)**

Lou Dodd – 2265 Mount Hope Road – spoke in favor of the district.

Rich Rebman – 164 Mapes Road – (in Howell's Fire District) – spoke re: the incorporation.

JulieAnn Musial – 55 Finchville Turnpike – spoke re: numbers and incorporation formation.

Adam Clouse – 1 Mount Hope Avenue spoke re: lack of information and neither for or against.

Doug Tripken – 23 Heather Lane/Hidden Valley – spoke re: the village residents' impact.

Donna Baker – 16 Seybolt Avenue – spoke re: neither for or against.

Adrienne Butvinik – 46 Highland Avenue – spoke re: needing information.

Vincent Coppola – 6 Lewis Street – spoke re: clarify the village response.

Mike See – 55 Shoddy Hollow Road – spoke re: incorporation approval.

Mayor Brian Wona – 12 Mount Hope Avenue – spoke re: an email he received regarding the town receiving trucks and tankers from area companies.

Supervisor Novak stated that the Town of Mount Hope did not send the email. The intention of the fire company is to move forward.

Mary Maurizio – 15 Emboden Avenue – spoke re: if anyone has reserved equipment from other companies.

JulieAnn Musial – spoke re: money and cost increase to Hidden Valley residents; she is in favor of the district.

Supervisor Novak stated that before the Town can release any money, the companies must prove to the Town that they can provide adequate fire protection including manpower and equipment and proper certification.

Diane Loeven – 17 Lewis Street – spoke re: the incorporation resolution not stating the precise boundaries.

Attorney Kelson spoke re: the Howells residents and the Village residents not being within the boundary.

Attorney Simeone gave the precise boundaries explanation within the Mount Hope Fire Protection District. He also stated that the resolution does not require a metes and bounds description.

Diane Loeven spoke re: members of the incorporation not being firefighters and members needing to be approved by the Town Board.

Chad Volpe – Briarwood Drive/Hidden Valley – spoke re: is Town receiving any complaints about the present fire service.

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Eric Fellenzer – 126 White Bridge Road – spoke re: studies being done for equipment.

James Nani – reported for Times Herald Record – spoke re: deadline for protection being June 1.

Greg Stiles – Spruce Road – spoke re: impact on the village residents.

Ken Coppola – Field Road – spoke re: any financial obligation now to the fire company. Supervisor Novak stated no.

Lou Dodd – spoke re: impact on village residents.

Mary Maurizzio inquired re: what equipment the present company needs that they don't have.

Mayor Wona stated that the present company can sustain themselves without the Town of Mount Hope.

Mike See spoke re: the more fire protection we have the better. – sustain both.

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:**

**MOTION offered by Councilman Ketcham seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to close the public hearing at 7:51pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.**

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Councilman Fairweather stated that the opportunity is still here to form a joint fire district.

Councilwoman Sutherland offered an apology for being late.

Supervisor Novak spoke re: keeping politics out of this. You may send written comments.

**AT 7:56PM SUPERVISOR NOVAK CALLED THE WORKSHOP MEETING TO ORDER.**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather that the minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting and the December 27, 2012 as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Public hearing notice from the Planning Board re: cell tower Guymard Turnpike
2. Copy of Vacant structures resolution from Assemblyman Kearns
3. Humane Society contract
4. Memo from Supervisor re: part time employees
5. Police car bid minutes 1-25-13

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPT. by Chief Rickard:**

Chief Rickard reported that there were 2 bids received for the police car. He recommends that the board approve the one from Robert Green Truck Division for \$31,896.00. He asked for the gun resolution to be addressed. He asked for approval to send Officer Anna Briceno to a Reality Training Instructor course for \$537.00 in Verona NY April 24-26. He also asked for approval to hire Larry Beresnoy as a part time competitive police officer as of March 4, 2013.

**HIGHWAY DEPT. by Supt. Hassenmayer:**

Supt. Hassenmayer stated that he sent an email as requested with the specs for the excavator to the board members.

**VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by Trustee Melton:**

Trustee Melton stated that the village is in the process of purchasing signs for the sleigh riding hill and he spoke about the recent vandalism at the park.

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**PLANNING BOARD by Chairman Gilmore:**

Chairman Gilmore reported the meeting was last week. Applicant for cell towers was approved and the 4H public hearing is still open.

**HIDDEN VALLEY by Supervisor Novak:**

Supervisor Novak stated that per Doug Tripken the hydrants will be flushed.

**OLD SCHOOL:**

Per Attorney Kelson the contracts were sent to the buyers' attorney. As soon as he hears anything, he will email the board members.

**RESOLUTION - CONSENT BY THE TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO THE FORMATION OF THE MOUNT HOPE FIRE COMPANY INC.:**

MOTION offered by Councilman Ketcham seconded by Councilman Fairweather to consent to the formation of the Mount Hope Fire Company Inc. (SEE COMPLETE RESOLUTION AT END OF THESE MINUTES) All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PORT JERVIS/DEERPARK HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT :**

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to approve the Port Jervis/Deerpark Humane Society contract as presented. (CONTRACT ON FILE IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE). All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BID FROM ROBERT GREEN TRUCK DIVISION FOR 2013 POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLE:**

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to accept the bid from Robert Green Truck Division for a 2013 Dodge Durango Police Package 4 door, 4WD Utility Special Services Vehicle for \$31,896.00. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE NY SECURE AMMUNITION AND FIREARMS ENFORCEMENT (SAFE) ACT OF 2013:**

MOTION offered by Supervisor Novak seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to accept the NY Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Act of 2013 as presented; see complete resolution at end of these minutes. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW POLICE OFFICER ANNA BRICENO TO ATTEND A REALITY TRAINING INSTRUCTOR COURSE:**

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell to allow Police Officer Anna Briceno to attend a Reality Training Instructor Course in Verona, New York, April 24-26<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$537.00. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE LARRY BERESNOY AS A COMPETITIVE-PART TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE MOUNT HOPE POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to approve the hiring of Larry Beresnoy as a competitive-part time police officer, effective March 4, 2013, for the Town of Mount Hope Police Department. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:**

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

<b>GENERAL A:</b>	<b>#37-68</b>	<b>\$ 70,658.61</b>
<b>GENERAL B:</b>	<b>#7-13</b>	<b>\$ 2,557.82</b>
<b>HIGHWAY:</b>	<b>#12-17</b>	<b>\$ 40,890.30</b>
<b>SEWER:</b>	<b>#5-10</b>	<b>\$ 5,595.00</b>
<b>HOWELLS FIRE:</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>\$192,836.63</b>

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

D. Loeven spoke re: closing the public hearing for the fire company.

A. Amodeo spoke re: being attacked by the neighbor's dog and lack of help from the town.

M. Maurizio spoke re: accepting written comments for the fire company.

**TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:**

Supervisor Novak spoke re: an issue brought to his attention about residents questioning police officers sitting on the side of the road. Officers may issue tickets as needed.

L. Dodd spoke re: gives permission for officers to sit by/at his house on 2265 Mount Hope Road.

**TOWN BOARD COMMENTS (continued):**

Councilman Fairweather stated that he is still open to discussion with the Village Board regarding the fire company.

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN:**

**MOTION** offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. **All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 11, 2013** at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers  
Town Clerk