

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, MARCH 14, 2011

The **regular meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **March 14, 2011** at 7:30pm with the following present:

Supervisor William Novak
Councilman Michael Bell
Councilman Greg Stiles
Councilwoman Kathy Russo
Councilman Ed Fairweather
Town Clerk Kathleen Myers

OTHERS PRESENT: W. Rebman, T. Damiani, D. Loeven, L. Fairweather, D. Tripken, T. Gilmore, I. Stiles, Highway Supt. D. Hassenmayer, Chief P. Rickard, T. Geiss, B. Franck, M. Horzepa, J. Litow, Attorney Z. Kelson.

At this time, Supervisor Novak stated that he read about Councilman Stiles' daughters & glad that they are okay. He also congratulated Councilwoman Russo for her son's graduation from basic military training in the Air Force.

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 Mr. Fairweather that the minutes of the 02-28-2011 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Building Inspectors Report **Feb. 2011**
2. Supervisor's report **Feb. 2011**
3. Police Dept. Monthly Report **Feb. 2011**
4. Planning Board Mtg. minutes **Feb. 22, 2011**
5. Occupations raffle request

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Rickard asked if there were any questions on the monthly report. He noted that the house watch numbers have more than doubled.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Supt. Hassenmayer reported the following:

- 1- he will be advertising for bids for the Spring & Fall clean-up (Apr. 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 and Sept. 29, 30 Oct. 1, 6, 7, 8) with bids due on April 1 at 10am.
- 2- The guys will squeeze in work at the park when possible; the ice rink was taken down today
- 3- There were no big problems with flooding except for Rte 211 over here by Pizza Mania
- 4- He asked for permission to purchase a new vehicle (Tahoe – off state bid – would be less than \$28,000 and come out of the equipment fund) for himself and his current vehicle would be assigned to the park.

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VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE:

Ms. Loeven reported that a lot of returning counselors (and new ones) have been contacting Sue Marshall all ready. Elections are tomorrow from 12-9 at Village Hall. She will not be able to attend either meeting in April. She is unsure of who will be representing the Village at those meetings.

HIDDEN VALLEY:

Councilman Stiles reported there is a big amount of rain water getting into the plant. Mr. De Winter has spoken with TAM re: cleaning the lines and taking photos. It is Mike Brock's opinion that the break is in the driveway by the plant. Supervisor Novak would like to get board approval tonight for TAM to proceed - subject to not being able to use the county - for \$2.25/foot under state bid and getting 2 other quotes.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TAM TO PROCEED WITH SCOPING THE LINES IN HIDDEN VALLEY:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Fairweather to approve TAM to scope the lines and take pictures for \$2.25/foot; off state bid; subject to not being able to use the county's services. All in favor - Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

BILINSKI PROPERTY:

Supervisor Novak stated that the 4H has a preliminary plan and they will be going before the planning board with a sketch of what they would like to do. He also heard from a friend of Mr. Hosking and he would like to know if he could still plant corn. Supervisor Novak stated that OC Soils & Waters suggested to seed the area where you plan to put fields. Attorney Kelson stated that the town needs to send him a letter; there needs to be an agreement and with no agreement on file he cannot plant as there is no longer a lease. Supervisor Novak stated that according to the comptroller's office the town would have to go to bid for this. Councilman Stiles stated that Mr. Hosking has well established seed on that lot. Supervisor Novak stated that Councilman Fairweather is the liaison with the town and the 4H and that maybe he can get in touch with Mr. Hosking for his intentions.

RESOLUTION TO CONTACT MIKE HOSKING FOR HIS INTERESTS IN THE BILINSKI PROPERTY:

MOTION by Mrs. Russo seconded by Mr. Fairweather to have Councilman Fairweather contact Mike Hosking in writing for his interests in the Bilinski property. All in favor - Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

BILINSKI PROPERTY CONTINUED:

Mr. Hassenmayer stated that he does not think that anything left in the house has any value to the town. The contents of the barn is mostly garbage. There are some tools, a vice which will be used in the highway garage, some potato forks. He has calls out to equipment dealers for an excavator with a thumb. The barn condition is in good shape - it would be a good place for clubs to meet. All of the out buildings have collapsed ceilings. He has faxed O & R to cut the power. Chief Rickard reported that the DEC was there because they received anonymous calls that there were dead deer carcasses in the barn. Supervisor Novak added that Mr. Hutchings was called and this property has been added to the premium.

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SHODDY HOLLOW ROAD PROPERTY (TOWN OWNED):

Supervisor Novak stated that there is a possibility of four lots to be sub-divided. Surveys and topography need to be done. Jim DeWinter sent out RFP's. Daniel O'Brien had previously done the surveys when the town initially acquired this property so we will only need the topography. Mr. Kelson added that the town needs to declare this property as surplus property.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM DANIEL O'BRIEN FOR TOPOGRAPHY ON SHODDY HOLLOW ROAD PROPERTY:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mrs. Russo to accept the proposal from Daniel O'Brien to do the topography on the Shoddy Hollow Road property for \$1,500.00. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

MOTION by Mrs. Russo seconded by Mr. Stiles to approve the Supervisor's report for the month of February 2011 as submitted. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

APPROVAL FOR OCCUPATIONS RAFFLE:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mrs. Russo to approve the request to sell raffle tickets from Occupations Inc. within the limits of the Town of Mount Hope; consent to be signed and returned to Occupations Inc.. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried. (Mr. Kelson disclosed that his brother sits on the Board of Directors at Occupations.)

RESOLUTION FOR INSURANCE PROPOSAL FROM HUTCHINGS AGENCY:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to accept the insurance proposal from Trident Insurance Brokerage effective from 3-18-11 through 3-18-12. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

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

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| GENERAL A: | #143-178 | \$56,677.18 |
| GENERAL B: | #24-31 | \$ 4,938.20 |
| HIGHWAY: | #34-49 | \$38,427.11 |
| SEWER: | #19-26 | \$ 7,625.50 |
| EQUITY: | #1 | \$ 225.00 |

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES SCHEDULE:

Supervisor Novak stated that the board received a late submission of a request by the building inspector for certain department fees to increase. Councilman Stiles asked for this to be tabled so the board had time to consider the request.

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RESOLUTION TO TABLE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES INCREASE:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Fairweather to table the building department fees increase request until next meeting so the board had time to review it. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

**Mr. Hassenmayer asked if the board was going to approve the new vehicle request. Supervisor Novak asked for the specs and it would be on next meeting agenda.

**Mr. Damiani spoke re: inmates doing work for the town. Supervisor Novak stated that we have a shared service agreement with the prison.

**Councilman Stiles asked about the next CAB meeting and that the ditches on Two Mile Drive need to be addressed.

**Mr. Geiss asked re: old school and 4H status.

**Mr. Franck asked about the property the town purchased in Lake Linda and mentioned that Rte 211 by the dump past Decker's Garage has been undercut from the rain.

**Ms. Loeven asked about the taxable status of the old school.

**Mr. Tripken thanked the highway dept. and Dean for doing a great job.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilman Stiles reminded everyone that village elections were tomorrow.

Supervisor Novak stated that the 'wrap-up' meeting with the comptroller's office for the Risk Assessment would be tomorrow.

Councilman Fairweather state that he's been actively engaged in conversation with regard to a possible sale of the old school.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Stiles to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2011 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Myers
Town Clerk