

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, MAY 10, 2010

The **regular meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **May 10, 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: W. Rebman, T. Damiani, D. Loeven, L. Fairweather, T. Gilmore, I. Stiles, S. Stiles, OIC Mann, D. Tripken, E. Devine, J. Exter, Officer McDonald, A. Brinkerhoff, A. Coppola, A. (Skip) Coppola, Highway Supt. D. Hassenmayer, Town Atty. Z. Kelson.

ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell that the minutes of the 04-26-2010 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Building Inspector's report 04-10
2. Leave of Absence request for Police Officer P. Cahill
3. Letter from Village re: justice office equipment return
4. Justice Dept. monthly report 04-10
5. Police Dept. monthly report 04-10
6. Insurance Cert. from Middletown Carting (Spring bulk trash days)
7. Insurance Cert. from Czuback's Looking Good re: football field
8. Letter from Mike Taylor re: road closing in Hidden Valley/graduation weekend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

-Mr. Hassenmayer reported:

- ** the MS4 law should be ready for the next meeting.
- ** requested permission to attend Highway school in Ithaca from 6-7 to 6-9-10.
- ** will hire Brandyn Howell and Steven Rocco for the summer help.
- ** would like permission to permanently install information sign at end of driveway.

PERMISSION TO PERMANENTLY INSTALL INFORMATION SIGN:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mrs. Russo to authorize the Highway Department to permanently install the information sign at the Town Hall driveway entrance. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

PERMISSION TO ATTEND HIGHWAY SCHOOL FROM 6-7-10 TO 6-9-10:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Bell to authorize Highway Supt. to attend Highway School in Ithaca, NY from June 7, 2010 through June 9, 2010. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

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APPROVAL TO HIRE STEVEN ROCCO AND BRANDYN HOWELL AS SUMMER HELP FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the hiring of Steven Rocco and Brandyn Howell as part time summer help for the Highway Department.

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

At this time, Councilman Fairweather asked Highway Supt. Hassenmayer and OIC Mann if the road closing in Hidden Valley would be a problem for either the Highway Department or the Police Department. Both answered no.

POLICE: No report.

PLANNING BOARD: Meeting is next week.

SUMMER RECREATION:

Ms. Loeven reported registration dates are May 12, 19, & 15 at Town Hall. Counselor interviews are May 22 at the Village Hall. They are using the nurse from the school as the medical director. Ms. Loeven added that we won't know about the use of the school until after the vote on the 18th. Supervisor Novak asked Ms. Loeven about a noise ordinance in the village. She answered yes. Mr. Novak asked if a copy could be sent to the party involved on Seybolt Ave. Ms. Loeven thinks it was sent already but she will check with the Mayor.

HIDDEN VALLEY:

Mr. Stiles stated that the plant is running smoothly. He bought the manholes covers thanks to Dean. Mr. Stiles stated that he hasn't gotten anymore prices for scoping the sanitary sewer lines.

BLOCK PARTY:

At this time, Supervisor Novak called for approval on the block party road request from Mr. Taylor. After board discussion, they requested to have Mr. Taylor come to the next meeting for clarification on his request.

POLICE OFFICER MATT DOLAN - RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE 5-8-10:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to accept the resignation from Officer Matt Dolan effective 5-8-10. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST FROM OFFICER PAT CAHILL:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Fairweather to approve the leave of absence request from Officer Pat Cahill for the month of June. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

SETTLING OF TAX CERTIORARI CLAIM RE: JAMES STACK:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Fairweather to approve the resolution as written and attached at the end of these minutes. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

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JROTC AWARDS:

Supervisor Novak informed the board that he received a request from Colonel Bernstein/Minisink Valley School for the town to sponsor 4 medals at \$15.00 per medal for JROTC members (one for each class). A voucher was put through for tonight's meeting. After discussion the board agreed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

*Mr. Exter inquired about the Falanga Truck Stop.

*Mr. Devine inquired about the Falanga property.

*Ms. Loeven informed board members that Hometown Helpers has been recognized as one of four outstanding programs by the County. And, she informed the board that Rev. Stiles was also recognized for outstanding contribution for volunteerism.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mrs. Russo to enter into executive session at 8:00pm to discuss 2 particular personnel matters, pending litigation and a specific contract negotiation. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Stiles to reconvene the regular meeting from executive session at 9:12PM. (NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION.) All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

FALANGA:

Per Mr. Kelson, there was extensive conversation with the involved party. The Town of Mount Hope will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law. Anyone with information may contact Councilman Stiles who should then forward it to Attorney Kelson. Cooperation will be fully appreciated. A trial is tentatively scheduled for June 1st.

BILINSKI/METTELMAN PROPERTY (sbl 13-1-5):

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Bell to authorize the Town Supervisor to execute a contract with Rick Golden of Burke, Miele & Golden, LLP so he may represent the Town of Mount Hope in the contract of sale (to purchase the Bilinski and Mettelman Farm) at the hourly rate of \$225.00/hour plus disbursements. All in favor – Bell, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Nay – Stiles. Carried.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilman Bell asked if it was okay for the football league to put up a plywood sign at the field. Supervisor Novak stated that as long as it meets the sign ordinance it would be okay.

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AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL A:	#211-240	\$47,842.71
GENERAL B:	#45-50	\$18,134.51
HIGHWAY:	#86-97	\$13,623.25
SEWER:	#40-47	\$4,077.16.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mrs. Russo seconded by Mr. Stiles to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2010 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers