

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, MAY 23, 2011

The **workshop meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **May 23, 2011** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

NOT PRESENT: Councilman Ed Fairweather, Councilwoman Kathy Russo.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Hassenmayer/Highway Supt., B. Rebman, Chief P. Rickard, T. Gilmore, Attorney Z. Kelson, I. Stiles, D. Loeven, K. Coppola, A. Hassenmayer/Deputy Town Clerk, L. Lilley, L. Runnalls, L. Fairweather, P. Nowicki, T. Vigh.

PUBLIC HEARING 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

7:15 PM – Supervisor Novak opened the public hearing. The legal notices were available (in Spanish and English) at the front desk. Councilman Stiles asked Supervisor Novak what the projects were that he was looking at. Sup. Novak stated we can do handicap projects. Councilman Stiles asked about the front steps at the senior center. Supervisor Novak stated we may be able to do that in house or can do as a project but it would be a lot of paperwork for that little project. H'way Supt. Hassenmayer stated it could be done by the guys. Sup. Novak stated we could do new bathrooms between the soccer field and football field and we need a well. Chief asked if they are only handicapped projects that could be done. Sup. Novak stated here is the book if you want to look at it. Chief Rickard asked about cameras for security. Mr. Coppola asked about shelters. Councilman Stiles asked Ms. Loeven if there was something for Hometown Helpers that could be done. Ms. Loeven stated they need transportation. Supervisor Novak closed the hearing at 7:30 PM.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell that the minutes of the 05-09-11 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Village of Otisville Water annual report for 2010
2. Public hearing notice – Pine Bush Ambulance Corp. 5-27-11 3-5PM
3. Police memo re: surplus 2001 Chevy Tahoe vehicle
4. Memo from J. Dewinter re: Hidden Valley
5. Memo from Community Development re: CBDG

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT by Chief Rickard:

Chief Rickard thanked the board for the awards at the last meeting and for the pictures. He spoke with Dean and Bill and there is no use for the old 153 (Chevy Tahoe) so he would like to surplus it and put it out to bid. Officer Gaylor submitted his resignation effective May 23, 2011. The Identification Procedure Policy is basically for line-ups which we don't do anyway but it would be good to have. He spoke with John Doty and the 4th of July fireworks will be on June 26th. The officers will be sized for the new vests next week. The AVL (County paid for) will go live as of June 1st. This means the responding agency will be who ever is closest. The range will be open this week. He would like to make a presentation for the patrol rifle at the next meeting. Chief asked that since he didn't take a pay raise he would like to attend the police chief's conference in Chicago, from Oct.21 thru Oct. 26th. The cost would be approx. \$1,900.00. He would like to request executive session for contract issues.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE GUIDELINES:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to approve the Identification Procedure Guidelines as written (copy on file in town clerk's office). All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

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RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT OFFICER GAYLOR'S RESIGNATION:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to accept the resignation form Officer J. Gaylor effective 5-23-11 with regret. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF RICKARD TO ATTEND THE POLICE CHIEF'S CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to authorize Chief Rickard to attend the IACP (International Assoc. of Police Chief's) Conference - October 21 through Oct 26, 2011 approx. cost \$1900.00; subject to polling the board members not present. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak - Carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Supt. Hassenmayer stated that the 2010 Community Development grant work is almost complete. There is 40' of sidewalk to do and some trim work to finish it up. The Highway Safety days and MS-4 days will be June 14 & 15 at the school. The first day will be about MS-4 and highway will serve lunch. Second day will be about the trucks and talks on MS-4. He needs an ok to order t-shirts. Supervisor Novak stated there should be some money for that in the budget. The ditching of roads is backed up due to the rain. Route 211 should be done soon. He would like approval to hire a summer man to take Mike Conklin's place.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL FOR HIGHWAY SUMMER HIRE – ROBERT WALTERS:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to authorize the Highway Supt. to hire Robert Walters to replace Mike Conklin's position in the HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, full time with no benefits and the same rate as winter rate. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by Mr. Coppola:

Mr. Coppola thanked Dean for sending the guys to sweep the streets in the village. He requested executive session re: fire department personnel.

SUMMER RECREATION by Ms. Loeven:

Ms. Loeven reported that registration is closed. Things went smoothly. There are a lot more requesting financial assistance from the Lions Club.

HIDDEN VALLEY by Councilman Stiles:

Supervisor Novak reported that the application for the long term financing (EFC) is completed. He worked with Jim DeWinter on this. Good news – we were approved. This will be half the prevailing rate. Councilman Stiles spoke about the intrusion and inflow. There is a lot of rainwater and storm water coming into the plant. Last week Mr. Stiles met with Mr. Garrison from the C/O Newburgh, Jim De Winter and Mike Brock to scope the lines. There are a lot of tree roots growing into the line. It should be replaced from at least the manhole in the drive way to the plant. Mr. DeWinter estimates the cost to be between \$30,000.00-\$40,000.00. This would increase the longevity and recommends it gets done as quickly as possible. H'way Supt. Hassenmayer stated that there is a tree company using our parking lot and they would be more than willing to take down the trees. The town could haul the wood away.

RESOLUTION TO HIRE TOWN ENGINEER TO DRAFT PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR REPLACING THE LINE AT THE HIDDEN VALLEY PLANT LOCATION:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to hire town engineer Jim DeWinter to draft plans/specs and cost estimate for replacing the lines and for this to be put out to bid. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

PLANNING BOARD by Mr. Gilmore:

Mr. Gilmore stated there was one on the agenda. It was an augmentation to the taxidermy place on New Vernon Road. They want to add selling hunting rifles. They were sent to the Zoning Board.

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RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS POLICE VEHICLE #153:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to declare police car #153, 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe, as surplus equipment. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATION AUTHORIZATION:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles that the Town of Mount Hope is hereby submitting its application for consideration under FY-12 Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development Program and the Chief elected official is hereby authorized to submit this application. They further certify that they have read and understood the Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development guidelines for the FY-12 program year, and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

REQUEST FROM COL. BERNSTEIN FOR JROTC MEDALS:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to approve the purchase of 4 medals and certificates (\$15.00/medal) being issued for graduating seniors from the JROTC program. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the following bills (subject to audit completion):

GENERAL A:	#298-339	\$55,902.73
GENERAL B:	#61-70	\$13,306.08
HIGHWAY:	#80-91	\$49,955.29
SEWER:	#52-55	\$ 1,200.08.

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

At this time Supervisor Novak called for a motion to enter into executive session. He stated that before going into executive session he wanted to inform the board that he has 4 people interested in the 4H/park committee: Lorraine Lilley, Lee, Runnalls, Deanna Prisco, Sam Rogers.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT NAMES FOR 4H/PARK COMMITTEE:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to have Lorraine Lilley, Lee Runnalls, Deanna Prisco and Sam Rogers serve on the committee for the 4H/park committee. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Runnalls spoke re: meeting with the board on combining projects between town and village parks.

Ms. Nowicki and Mr. Vigh introduced themselves.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Stiles spoke re: the old building at the Bilinski property which will be condemned at a training exercise.

LEAD AGENT RESOLUTION:

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 SEQR and declares it to be an unlisted action. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION RESOLUTION:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles that RESOLVED, 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 SEQR review process and declares that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to enter into executive session at 8:12pm to discuss the police contract, and fire department personnel. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to reconvene the regular meeting from executive session at 8:47PM. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2011 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk