

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, MAY 24, 2010

The **workshop meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **May 24, 2010** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Councilwoman Kathy Russo and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

NOT PRESENT: Councilman Ed Fairweather

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Hassenmayer/Highway Supt., M. Taylor, D. Tripken, B. Rebman, T. Damiani, J. Litow, P. Freeman, N. Chechen, Ms. Irizarry, Chief P. Rickard, T. Gilmore, Attorney Zack Kelson, I. Stiles, D. Loeven, K. Coppola, .

ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mrs. Russo that the minutes of the 05-10-10 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Supervisor's report 4-2010
2. Memo from Bldg. Dept. re: LL #3-2008
3. Letter from Mr. Taylor re: block party
4. Hometown Helpers report 4-2010
5. Letter from NYS DEC re: Comprehensive Compliance Inspection at HV

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Hassenmayer reported that Mike Conklin will be retiring at the end of this week. There will be an informal party at the top of the hill on Thursday. The fibro-mat was done for the playground set last week. The playground will hopefully get installed this week.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Supervisor Novak stated that the new Chief would be here shortly. He got stuck behind an accident on "84". Supervisor Novak introduced Mr. Freeman to everyone and asked him to tell a little about himself. He worked for City of Middletown PD for 21 ½ years and held a lot of different positions over the years. He is looking for part time work.

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Gilmore spoke re: meeting being last week. The consensus of the planning board was not to change the cell tower law. Mr. Gilmore reported that he just completed a series of 5 classes required for the planning board.

HISTORIC HOUSE:

Mr. Gilmore reported that he is a member of the historical society and this past weekend the Library Resource center was dedicated. There was also an art show as well as house tours. It was a good day.

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SUMMER RECREATION:

Ms. Loeven reported that they now have approx. 140 campers. Any questions re: summer recreation can be directed to the village hall. A lot of counselors are returning. There was a couple that could not do it this year due to vacation plans. Counselors need to be there everyday due to the camper to staff ratio regulations. They have been in contact with Dr. Murray and were told she would get back to the summer rec. committee.

HOMETOWN HELPERS:

Ms. Loeven reported that a report was given to Kathleen which she then read aloud. They are always looking for donations to help offset their costs.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

At this time, Chief Rickard reported that he is in the getting to know you phase with the officers. If anyone has any questions, his email address is: chief@mounthopepolice.com. He has spoken to the State Police to help with the investigations and the Sheriff's Dept. will also help out. Chief Rickard will be attending the next Village board meeting.

HIDDEN VALLEY:

No report.

HIDDEN VALLEY/ BRIARWOOD ROAD - ROAD CLOSING REQUEST:

Mr. Taylor was present and reported that the road closing will be on June 26th from noon until the evening. It only affects his driveway and one of his neighbors. There are four families involved. Mr. Taylor also requested to use town barricades which he would pick up and return – if approved.

BRIARWOOD ROAD CLOSING REQUEST RESOLUTION:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the road closing request from Mr. Mike Taylor for June 26th from noon until evening for Briarwood Road. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo. Carried.

ATV LAW:

Mr. Kelson discussed with the board his concerns with the law with regard to decibels, fines/penalties, emergency vehicle use, and about possibly adding imprisonment term – if the board decides. Mr. Kelson will email law to Chief Rickard tomorrow. Ms. Irizarry asked about the property line distance not being in the law, responsibility and recklessness of the driver.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1-2010

ENTITLED ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to schedule a public hearing for the PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1-2010 ENTITLED ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES on June 14, 2010 at 7:15pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo. Carried.

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SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2-2010 RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to schedule a public hearing on the **PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2-2010 RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT** on June 14, 2010 at 7:00pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo. Carried.

RETIREMENT CERTIFICATION:

Supervisor Novak informed the board that a 90 day calendar has to be kept for all employees that do not punch a clock ie: keeping track of daily activities.

POLICE APPOINTMENT DISCUSSION:

Chief Rickard stated that there definitely needs to be someone else in a supervisory position. He recommends Patrick Freeman. It is a 20 hour/week (1040 hours/year) position. The salary is established by the union contract. He will fill in on road patrol as needed. Mr. Kelson stated that to be clear no one was demoted for this to happen. This came from the Orange County Dept. of Civil Service. There are no other officers that are eligible. At this time, Chief Rickard also informed the board that Officer Santiago was in a motorcycle accident this past Friday evening.

POLICE APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo to appoint Patrick Freeman as a part time police lieutenant as per the collective bargaining unit. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo. Carried.

COMPRESSED WORK WEEK:

Supervisor Novak informed the board that he would like to suggest a compressed work week schedule for the town hall employees. He recommends Monday/Wednesdays 8am to 6pm and Tuesday/Thursdays 8-4. The Saturday hours would remain the same.

COMPRESSED WORK WEEK RESOLUTION:

MOTION Mr. Stiles seconded by Mrs. Russo to approve the recommendation of the Supervisor to change the Town Hall hours of operation to 8:00am to 6:00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 8:00am to 4:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays; through September 24, 2010. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo. Carried.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL A:	#241-264	\$37,724.35
GENERAL B:	#51-60	\$9,865.92
HIGHWAY:	#98-110	\$39,364.84
SEWER:	#48-54	\$2,426.83.

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

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

****Mr. Coppola requested permission for the Fire Dept. to use the park for the fireworks on July 4th; with a rain out date of July 5th.**

APPROVAL OF FIREWORKS REQUEST:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo to approve the request for the park for the fireworks from July 3rd through the 6th. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo. Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (CONTINUED):

****Mr. Litow spoke re: turning the pool building into a gymnastic, pool, birthday party type facility. Mr. Kelson spoke re: road frontage being an issue. Mr. Novak spoke re: only 2 possible access choices (Sanatorium Road or Baker Street – but not over the septic/leach system). There needs to be a legal way to access this property. Mrs. Russo spoke with Mr. Litow. She would like to exhaust every creative effort to make it happen. Mr. Kelson stated we would have to check if the building is structurally sound. Mr. Litow has this type of experience because he was involved with the Kennett School of Gymnastics. Mr. Hassenmayer asked that if the town sub-divides the Baker Street property, can we also sub-divide the property on Shoddy Hollow Road. Discussion ensued.**

BOARD COMMENTS:

****Mrs. Russo requested the board members to review the RFP. Mr. Kelson read the notice into the minutes. Discussion ensued.**

RFP's FOR OLD SCHOOL:

MOTION by Mr. Novak seconded by Mr. Bell to give the board until Friday to review the RFP and have any discussion to Kathy Russo by that day. All in favor – Bell, Novak, Russo. NAY – Stiles. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2010 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk