

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, APRIL 18, 2012**  
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The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on April 18, 2012 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Mike Bell, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

**NOT PRESENT:** Councilman Ed Fairweather.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Highway Supt. Hassenmayer, Deputy Chief Byrne, P. Chadwick, T. Gilmore, N. Macaluso, D. Loeven, M. Horzepa, C. Volpe, T. Michelitch, Z. Kelson, Attorney.

**Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.** Supervisor Novak called for a moment of silence for the past County Sheriff Frank Bigger.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham that the minutes of the March 26, 2012 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Police budget modification
2. Building Inspector's report 3-2012
3. Police Dept. report 3-2012
4. Two complaints re: 12 Thistle Road
5. Supervisor's report 3-2012
6. Complaint re: 19 Charles Road
7. Police resignation from G. Haray effective 4-19-12
8. Letter from Justice Goldsmith re: 2<sup>nd</sup> Court Clerk slot recommendation F. Heppes

**COMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT by Deputy Chief Byrne:**

Dep.Chief Byrne requested executive session re: collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. He noted the resignation from Officer Haray effective 4-19-12. He spoke of the firearms replacement. This would be paid for out of the drug seizure money. We can trade the old ones in; they are in good condition. The Chief is requesting permission to attend the Police Chief's convention in San Diego, CA from 9-28 through 10-3. The new Charger was brought back which replaces the oldest vehicle in the fleet.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT by Highway Supt. Hassenmayer:**

-H'way Supt. Hassenmayer spoke re: Spring/Fall Bulk Trash Days. It's been busy. Good news is now we can accept electronics at no cost to the town and they can be collected all year long. Supervisor Novak found the company (Maven Industries) on line and researched it.  
-He added that the guys started painting parking lots today. Repairs to White Bridge Rd. and Bull Rd. were made. They will be fibro-matted next month. The new truck came in. He also requested executive session regarding the employment of a particular person.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CONTRACT WITH MAVEN INDUSTRIES:**

**MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to accept the contract with Maven Industries to collect small electronics to include computers and televisions. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.**

**VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by Ms. Loeven:**

Ms. Loeven stated that (unofficially) she will inform the board that the Village re-organizational meeting will be held tomorrow night and then there will be a new village liaison.

**HIDDEN VALLEY by Councilman Ketcham:**

Councilman Ketcham reported that the sewer plant is running fine. Supervisor Novak added that the inspection was done by the DEC and passed with flying colors. We are looking into doing more scoping.

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**PLANNING BOARD by Chairman Gilmore:**

Mr. Gilmore stated that they did not have a quorum for the April meeting. He added that he has 3 training sessions on the next 3 Monday evenings.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to approve the Supervisor's report for March 2012 as presented. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE POLICE BUDGET MODIFICATION:**

**MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to approve the following modification:**

**Increase A3389 Revenue in the amount of \$2,310 then transfer \$2,310 to A3120.2 Police Equipment. (This is reimbursement for police vests.) All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT POLICE OFFICER GEORGE HARAY'S RESIGNATION:**

**MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to accept the resignation from Police Officer George Haray, effective April 19, 2012, with regret. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE GLOCK REPLACEMENTS:**

**MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to authorize the Police Department to execute the contract for the Glock replacement; to buy off state bid is \$409 with a rebate of \$290 and the difference of \$119 to come from the drug seizure money. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.**

**RESOLUTION FOR POLICE CHIEF TO ATTEND POLICE CHIEF'S CONFERENCE:**

**MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to authorize the Police Chief, Paul Rickard, to attend the Police Chief's conference in San Diego, California from 9-28-12 through 10-3-2012. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:**

Per Supervisor Novak, the M.O.U. is real close to an end and by the next board meeting should be finalized.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

Supervisor Novak advised that they need to set a public hearing and come up with a project.

**RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to schedule a public hearing for the 2013 Community Development Program for May 14, 2012 at 7:15pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.**

**RESOLUTION TO CANCEL SECOND MEETING IN MAY:**

**MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to cancel the second meeting in May due to Memorial Day holiday; subject to any necessary business. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**

Supervisor Novak stated that the Historic Society is looking to put a roof over the new patio at the historical property. They will need a building permit.

**RESOLUTION TO WAIVE BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY PATIO ROOF:**

**MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to waive the building permit fees for the historical property patio roof. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.**

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**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> COURT CLERK POSITION:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to accept the recommendation from Justice Goldsmith to hire Fran Heppes as the 2<sup>nd</sup> court clerk and the salary will be as established in the current budget. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to approve the following bills:

<b>GENERAL A :</b>	<b>#192-241</b>	<b>\$115,791.03</b>
<b>GENERAL B:</b>	<b>#33-45</b>	<b>\$ 11,238.22</b>
<b>HIGHWAY:</b>	<b>#52-64</b>	<b>\$ 87,465.49</b>
<b>SEWER:</b>	<b>#31-42</b>	<b>\$ 62,663.18.</b>

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**\*\*Ms. Loeven** inquired about the electronics drop-off. Supervisor Novak will inform the Mayor of said company.

**\*\*Ms. Loeven** spoke re: Hometown Helpers volunteer luncheon and if the girls from town hall would be permitted to attend.

**\*\*Mr. Chadwick** spoke re: Tally Ho Road property clean-up. He spoke re: Route 211 property still being a mess. He inquired about the money saved from the mild winter for the highway department. Supervisor Novak stated that the money goes into capital reserve to be used to offset the budget for the following year.

**\*\*Mr. Michelitch** spoke re: desire to start a local soccer team and availability of the soccer field at the park. The Otisville Lions will sponsor the team and provide insurance. Supervisor Novak stated he needs to contact Dean to coordinate the use of the field. No fees would be incurred. Mrs. Macaluso introduced herself and spoke about the team as well.

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW SOCCER TEAM TO USE FIELD AT PARK:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to welcome the new, local soccer team and that the fees are waived for use of the field. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to enter into executive session at 8:14pm to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law and regarding the employment of a particular person. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to close executive session at 8:40 pm and reconvene the regular meeting. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION.** All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

**2011 ANNUAL REPORT:**

Per Supervisor Novak the annual report was filed promptly before March 1<sup>st</sup>; and Notice is hereby given that the State Comptroller has caused the fiscal affairs of the Town of Mount Hope for the period beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011 to be examined, and that the report of such examination has been filed in the Town Clerk's office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Sutherland would like to give Jeff Green the listing for the Old Otisville school. Attorney Kelson had questions ie: rate, term length, exclusive right or split. He added that the town attorney should review the listing agreement first and he needs a copy. Supervisor Novak asked the Town Clerk if she could copy the one that was received a couple months ago for the attorney. Town Clerk did not have a copy. Discussion ensued.

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**RESOLUTION TO RETAIN JEFF GREEN TO SELL (OLD) OTISVILLE SCHOOL:**

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell to retain Jeff Green to sell the Old Otisville school with listing agreement to state 6 months, 6% and that there is an exclusive agency agreement from April 19, 2012; **SUBJECT TO** Attorney Zack Kelson's review of said agreement and his approval. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Ketcham seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathleen A. Myers, Town Clerk