

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, APRIL 8, 2013**  
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The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on April 8, 2013 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Mike Bell, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Highway Supt. Hassenmayer, Police Chief Rickard, Attorney **R.** Kelson, Village Trustee D. Cash, Village Trustee K. Coppola, Village Trustee W. Melton, Mayor B. Wona, Highway Clerk J. Musial, Deputy Town Clerk A. Hassenmayer, Planning Bd. Chairman T. Gilmore. RM

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

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham that the minutes of the March 25, 2013 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Memo from Highway Supt. re: request to use basketball courts for a summer camp
2. Building Inspector report March 2013
3. Letter from HV Water Co re: Mike Brock now being in charge of daily operations
4. Letter from ORPS re" Wayne Melton training for Board of Assessment Review
5. Letter from Village of Otisville re: copy of fire budget and updated contract
6. List of Application for Membership from Mount Hope Fire Company Inc.

**COMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT by Chief Rickard:**

Chief Rickard reported that the alarm system is not working in the police building. He received estimates: NAS (which is the original company) \$2,980 and \$288/month - monitoring; Prime Security \$5,312 & \$312/month - monitoring; P&N Security \$9,226 & \$334/month – monitoring. There also needs to be some electrical work for updating. The senior center would be an additional cost. Chief recommends NAS and will send contract to Zack. Chief also reported that federal prison inmates came to paint and will be back next Monday. There needs to be some touch-up. Chief will be meeting with the State Police this week as the summer burglary season is approaching. He reminded the board that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in May awards will be given out. He also reminded everyone that the OC Victims Rights Coalition ceremony will be April 24 at the park at 6pm. – rain or shine. No small children are allowed – babysitting will be provided.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT by Supt. Hassenmayer:**

Supt. Hassenmayer stated that they are all set for Spring Bulk Trash Days. The vendors have already brought their dumpsters. Supt. Hassenmayer reported that the security system at the park is up and running. There are 2 additional cameras and a new DVR. He went with Brian Carey as he was the cheapest. He would like to get the dedication benches order done by the end of the month. Two boards engraved is \$300 and one board engraved is \$200. Supt. Hassenmayer informed the board that 3 very large pipes have been delivered today. They will be used for replacement of pipes on Finchville Turnpike due to damage from Hurricane Irene.

**PLANNING BOARD by Chairman Gilmore:**

Chairman Gilmore reported the meeting is next week with 2 applicants on the agenda.

**VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by Village Trustee W. Melton:**

Trustee Melton stated that there is no report.

**HIDDEN VALLEY by Supervisor Novak:**

Supervisor Novak stated there is nothing to report.

**MOUNT HOPE FIRE COMPANY INC:**

Mike Wilbur was present and the board will need to enter into executive session to discuss the contract. Supervisor Novak read into the records the names of the members who are applying for membership to the Mount Hope Fire Company Inc. They need to have 9 members voted in early and they have been approved by the board of commissioners. (List will be on file in the Town Clerk's office)

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 9 MEMBERS FOR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE MOUNT HOPE FIRE COMPANY INC.:**

**MOTION offered by Councilman Ketcham seconded by Councilman Fairweather to approve the 9 members (Teresa Willis, Bryan Franck, Marie Bodnar-Doty, Keuth Hedberg, Daniel Pauley, Richard Bodnar Jr., Robert Bennett, Louis Dodd, Stuart Carver) for membership to the Mount Hope Fire Company Inc. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.**

**AT THIS TIME –** Chief Rickard stated he needs executive session for five minutes for a police personnel issue.

**NEW PHONE SYSTEM:**

Supervisor Novak reported that the phone system at Town Hall is finally up and operating.

**BASKETBALL CAMP REQUEST TO USE COURTS AT PARK:**

Supervisor Novak and the board members discussed the request. Since this is a 'for' profit camp and because it will interfere with the Otisville summer camp the request is denied.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NAS SECURITY FOR THE SECURITY SYSTEM AT THE POLICE BUILDING:**

**MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to accept the bid from NAS Security for \$2,980 installation and \$288/month – monitoring. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.**

**RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:**

**MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to approve the following bills:**

GENERAL A :	#188-205	\$ 38,164.09
GENERAL B:	#35-37	\$ 6,368.45
HIGHWAY:	#55-63	\$ 19,057.24
SEWER:	#32-37	\$ 4,820.62

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Ms. Loeven spoke re: Garden Club planting a tree at the Village park on 4-26; the Seniors club will be going on their 1<sup>st</sup> trip on 4-23 and the Hometown Helpers are still in need of volunteers.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (cont.):**

Chief Rickard informed the board of the Little League Parade on 4-13. Line up is at the old school at 10:30am. The prison will be supplying horses as well.

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to enter into executive session at 7:53pm to discuss police personnel and contract negotiation. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Ketcham to close executive session at 9:45 pm and reconvene the regular meeting. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Sutherland stated that she will gladly give tours of the old Otisville school so that residents can see the condition of the building.


Supervisor Novak stated that Finkle Organic Farm would like to expand into the Orange County agricultural district. This will be discussed next meeting. The assessor is on board with this.

**RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION offered by Councilman Ketcham, seconded by Councilman Fairweather to adjourn the meeting at 9:55pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Mount Hope Senior Center on Baker Street.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathleen A. Myers, Town Clerk