

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, AUGUST 8, 2011
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The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on August 8, 2011 7:30pm with the following present: Deputy Supervisor Ed Fairweather, Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Councilwoman Kathy Russo and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

NOT PRESENT: Supervisor William Novak Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Highway Supt. D. Hassenmayer, D. Loeven, T. Gilmore, L. Fairweather, I. Stiles, B. Rebman, T. Cauchard, Lt. P. Freeman, J. Litow, J. Musial, T. Geiss, G. Ketcham, M. Horzempa, D. Cantor, J. Sutherland, C. Volpe, S. Stiles.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Deputy Supervisor Fairweather following the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles that the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meetings as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Fairweather, Russo. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Police Dept. monthly report 07-11
2. Certificate of Insurance re: Football League
3. Orange County Youth Bureau 2012 Municipal funding letter
4. Building Dept. monthly report 06-11
5. Police Dept. budget modification
6. NYS Deferred Comp. info.
7. Recommendation letter from J. DeWinter re: Topp Sub-Division bond amount
8. Flier re: Memorial Service for 10th Anniversary of the 9-11 attack on this country.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT by Lt. Freeman:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE POLICE BUDGET MODIFICATION:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the following budget modification: FROM Revenue to A3120.1 Police P/S. \$733.98 (STOP DWI reimbursement)

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

Lt. Freeman reported that the background check for the candidate for the police academy is complete. Her name is Samantha Gau. There will be no expense to the town. He also reported that they are having issues with their server. It is five years old. Their I.T. guy will be looking into this further.

RESOLUTION TO SPONSOR SAMANTHA GAU TO ORANGE COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY:

MOTION BY Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo to sponsor the following recruit to the Orange County Police Academy in September: Samantha Gau. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Supt. Hassenmayer reported that the road projects are complete except Shoddy Hollow Road to Bull Road. He got 2 bids one each from county and state. The culverts and catch basins are getting done. The Guymard Lake 30" pipe is scheduled for September. He requested for approval for the guys to help with the fair. Dep. Sup. Fairweather stated he sees we are already getting salt. H'way Supt. Hassenmayer stated yes that a new bid will open in a week and a ½.

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES TO ASSIST WITH COUNTRY FAIR:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo to authorize the Town Highway employees to assist with the Otisville Country Fair as it is advantageous to the community and a joint venture with the Otisville Country fair and the Lions Club. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Russo. Abstained – Fairweather. Carried.

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SUMMER RECREATION:

Ms. Loeven reported that summer rec. is moving along swimmingly. There have been a lot of good activities. She thanked Rev. Stiles for his suggestion of the air festival. We had a hot air balloon come last week. The kids did not go in it but they could watch it get inflated. Dep. Supervisor Fairweather asked how the yard sale went. Ms. Loeven stated all went well and she thanked Lt. Freeman for the police assistance.

HIDDEN VALLEY by Councilman Stiles:

Councilman Stiles reported that Jim DeWinter finished the work on the additional work to be done at the plant. He was hoping for the plans to be here tonight; it can be addressed at the next meeting.

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Gilmore reported the meeting was 3 weeks ago. Falanga has been tabled until Sept. meeting. There is only 1 on for next week (Meilke Subdivision).

4H by Deputy Supervisor Fairweather:

Dep. Sup. Fairweather spoke re: joint use of the facility. I have a base resolution and Zack said we need to do this. Mrs. Musial asked if it's approved are you moving forward with this. Dep. Sup. Fairweather stated there would be more discussion. Mrs. Stiles asked if there is a specific goal. Dep. Sup. Fairweather stated no, just a general discussion right now.

THE TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE AND CORNELL COOPERATIVE OF ORANGE COUNTY RESOLUTION:

MOTION by Councilman Bell and seconded by Mrs. Russo that
Whereas, the Town of Mount Hope and Cornell Cooperative of Orange County are working closely to develop the recently acquired Bilinski Farm for educational, recreational and economical purposes and
Whereas, both share mutual goals and ambitions to provide educational and recreational opportunities for its residents and members, the Town of Mount Hope and Cornell Cooperative of Orange County resolve to develop a shared-use facility, located on a section of the Town of Mount Hope Park, formerly known as the Bilinski property.
Therefore, be it resolved, that both of the above mentioned groups will enter into and agreement to perform the services necessary to plan and create facilities to accomplish their common goals.

All in favor -- Bell, Stiles, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

OLD SCHOOL by Councilwoman Russo:

Councilwoman Russo stated that she had a prospect come look at it with her and Ed.; to work out some ideas. Within a couple of weeks he will have an answer -- he is looking into different ideas. It's nice to see another set of eyes and ears.

ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU:

Dep. Sup. Fairweather spoke re: Orange County Youth Bureau funding letter. The board agreed to have the funding waived to Orange County.

TOPP SUB-DIVISION BOND RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Gilmore stated that the Planning Board engineer suggested the recommendation to raise the road bond from \$700,000.00 to \$121,000.00 for the Topp subdivision.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BOND RECOMMENDATION FOR TOPP SUB-DIVISION:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the recommendation from the planning board engineer that a bond of \$121,000.00 be posted with the town prior to signing the plans and filing of the subdivision. All in favor -- Bell, Stiles, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by T. Cauchard:

Mrs. Cauchard reported that the 2 violations with the Little League are being addressed.

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE ROBERT WALTERS:

MOTION BY Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to hire Robert Walters as a full time highway employee (to replace retiree Mike Conklin). All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

Councilwoman Russo asked if this satisfies what was previously discussed earlier in the year with the retired guy. Highway Supt. Hassenmayer stated we are still down one man from what we were.

SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF DEERPARK:

Councilman Stiles stated that he met with K. Brabanec re: dog catcher shared service municipal agreement. The town would share with the Town of Deerpark the vehicle and we would pay mileage to the Town of Deerpark. Gas would be provided by Mount Hope and Deerpark would reimburse us. Any new equipment and training would be split between the 2 towns. Agreement will be reviewed annually. The animal control position would be abolished and a new dog control officer would be named. Town Clerk stated that the Bookkeeper should be checked with as far as abolishing a position and creating a new one. Ms. Loeven stated that the village and the town have a mutual agreement as well. Councilman Stiles stated that the town would like to continue a relationship with the town and village and he will forward the information to Karl tomorrow.

BUILDING DEPT. COMPUTERS:

Deputy Sup. Fairweather stated that the building department computers are on the fritz. There are 3 bids which have been received. Office Max was \$3,680.00 (no service/no install), Best Buy \$4,818.00 (with service/ no install) and 1GAU Services for \$3,090.98 (with service and with install).

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COMPUTER PURCHASE FROM 1GAU SERVICES:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to accept the bid from 1GAU Services for \$3,090.98 for building department computers. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Russo, Fairweather -Carried.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL A :	#444-497	\$ 80,700.10
GENERAL B:	#92-101	\$ 12,086.61
HIGHWAY:	#121-135	\$214,872.74
SEWER:	#80-91	\$ 4,544.76.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

**Ms. Loeven spoke re: parking at old school for village yard sale.

**Deputy Supervisor Fairweather re: one way signs being printed only on one side.


**Mrs. Musial spoke re: Councilman Bell still sitting on board; he committed a federal offense with his petitions. Deputy Supervisor Fairweather spoke re: speaking to Board of Elections and they found no fault but the petition was removed. Mrs. Musial added that she was told by BOE to address with the Town Board. Mr. Gilmore spoke re: town having an ethics committee. Deputy Supervisor Fairweather will take this under advisement.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Fairweather, Russo. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2011 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk