

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, DECEMBER 12, 2011
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The **regular meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **December 12, 2011** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

NOT PRESENT: Councilwoman Kathy Russo

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Fairweather, D. Loeven, T. Gilmore, D. Hassenmayer, I. Stiles, Deputy Chief Byrne, P. Higby, M. Horzepa, G. Ketcham, S. Stiles, R. Kelson, Attorney - Z. Kelson.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Novak called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Supervisor Novak reminded everyone that December 7th was Pearl Harbor Day.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Councilwoman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell that the minutes of the 11-28-2011 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Fairweather. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Police report for November 2011
2. Complaint re: 201 White Bridge Road
3. Building Inspector's report 11-2011 and 10-2011
4. Letter from Minisink Environmental re: invitation to free screening of gasland
5. B.A.R. re-appointment request for Laura Sedita

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE REPORT by Deputy Chief Byrne:

Dep. Chief Byrne spoke re: monthly report and the number of animal/car accidents increasing. He reported the officers are doing defensive driver training on line. PESC inspector was here in November and most violations have been corrected already.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT by Supt. Hassenmayer:

Supt. Hassenmayer spoke re: salt shed. He spoke with Mr. Kithcart last week. There has been no word from the insurance company that he is aware of. Supervisor Novak stated that the salt shed will be the only item covered from the storm as per Doug Hutchings. Supt. Hassenmayer asked if Kithcart could get started. Mr. Higby added that Mr. Kithcart is waiting on parts. Supt. Hassenmayer also reported that the dollar total so far is \$97,000.00 for road repairs and debris removal for FEMA records.

Supt. Hassenmayer spoke re: bids for new pick up truck. Three were received: Robert Green Chev. \$32,217.00 missing a couple things; Healey \$32,749.00 they were missing a few items from the spec list and Paul Conte Chev. \$32,958.00 – they had everything on the list. Brief discussion on bids.

Supt. Hassenmayer inquired about the credit card policy. Per Supervisor Novak he worked with Kelly on it the last time she was in.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE:

Ms. Loeven thanked everyone for participating in the tree lighting ceremonies.

Ms. Loeven spoke about the number of accidents at the intersection of Seybolt and Highland Avenues.

HIDDEN VALLEY by Supervisor Novak:

Supervisor Novak reported the work at Hidden Valley is just about done. The flow has dropped about 2,000 to 4,000 gal. They actually found 2 big holes.

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PLANNING BOARD by Mr. Gilmore:

Mr. Gilmore reported that there is nothing for the agenda for the meeting. They have cancelled the meeting for this month.

HIDDEN VALLEY SEWER EXTENSION:

Supervisor Novak stated that several years ago Rookery Estates, Savarese, and Chris Dul came to the board about possibly building an extension to Hidden Valley development/plant. Savarese is back and would like to get a signed agreement so they could proceed. Councilman Fairweather requested copies of the information from the Supervisor. Supervisor Novak thought everyone would have had them in their email but will make sure copies are put in everyone's boxes. Savarese doesn't want to spend any more money as they have spent about \$80,000.00 already. Money would be put into escrow account – with the amount to be agreed upon by both parties – they would pay \$8,200.00/house as it states in the agreement. Mr. Kelson stated that he thought they were supposed to meet with Mr. Donovan since there were some things we did not agree to and there were also some unanswered questions. Supervisor Novak stated again that he would make copies and put in the board mail boxes and this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT LAURA SEDITA TO THE B.A.R:

MOTION by Councilman Stiles seconded by Councilman Bell to re-appoint Laura Sedita to the Board of Assessment Review from 10-1-2011 through 9-30-16. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:

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

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| GENERAL A: | #726-764 | \$ 49,101.13 |
| GENERAL B: | #142-146 | \$ 6,196.31 |
| HIGHWAY: | #203-212 | \$ 26,200.26 |
| SEWER: | #136-141 | \$ 6,736.40. |

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BID FOR HIGHWAY SUPT. TRUCK:

MOTION by Councilman Stiles to accept the bid form Robert Green Truck Division – discussion ensued – there was no second to this motion. After discussion – it is noted that the board is to get copies in their boxes for review/discussion at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION TO TABLE THE HIGHWAY TRUCK BID ACCEPTANCE:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to table the acceptance of the highway truck bid until the next meeting. All in favor – Bell, Novak, Fairweather. OPPOSED – Stiles. Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Loeven stated that Lorraine Lilley (O-Voice) will be moving to Utah to live with her daughter and the O-Voice will need a lay-out editor.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilman Fairweather commented that the Historic House open house was well attended. He thanked the Town Board for their continuing support. He also suggested a Certificate of Appreciation for Lorraine Lilley.

Supt. Hassenmayer inquired about the status of the 4H. Councilman Fairweather stated that they had a brief meeting with them on Friday. It's between the attorneys now. Supt. Hassenmayer spoke about the park committee not meeting. Councilman Fairweather stated that they hadn't yet. Councilman Bell brought in the copy of the 4H proposed design overlay for the public to view. Councilman Fairweather stated this is a rough draft and told them they need to come up with a plan; they have no language of what they are planning to do.

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BOARD COMMENTS CONTINUED:

Supt. Hassenmayer spoke re: the heat problem at town hall and highway department. Steve Dodd came. Do you still want to use them? Supervisor Novak stated that he spoke briefly with ASTAR last week but it's ok to use Mr. Dodd for now.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 29, 2011 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk