

## **WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

The **workshop meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **February 28, 2011** at 7:30pm with the following present:

Deputy Supervisor Ed Fairweather

Councilman Michael Bell

Councilman Greg Stiles

Councilwoman Kathy Russo

Town Clerk Kathleen Myers

**NOT PRESENT:** Supervisor Novak

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** D. Hassenmayer/Highway Supt., Chief Rickard, D. Loeven, L. Fairweather, T. Gilmore, I. Stiles, S. Stiles, T. Damiani, B. Rebman, J. Litow, Attorney – Z. Kelson.

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

### **ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles that the minutes of the 2-1411 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Fairweather, Russo. Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Police Budget Modification
2. Building Inspector class request
3. Letter from Z. Kelson re: Savarese
4. Police Dept. report 1-2011.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR CLASS REQUEST:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mrs. Russo to approve the building Inspector's request to attend a seminar for : Sprinklers 1 & 2 Family Homes, Energy Code of NYS and Legal Aspects of Code Administration from May 3 through May 5 in Pomona, New York for \$300.00. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Fairweather, Russo. Carried.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Rickard reported that he brought the monthly report earlier, he need a resolution to sign the STOP DWI contract and he discussed the STOP DWI budget modification.

#### **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF TO SIGN THE STOP DWI CONTRACT:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to authorize the Police Chief to sign the STOP DWI contract with the County of Orange. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Fairweather, Russo. Carried.

**POLICE BUDGET MODIFICATION:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo to approve the following budget modification: FROM Revenue TO A3120.1 Police P/S \$734.48. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Fairweather, Russo. Carried.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Hassenmayer reported that the finishing touches were being done at the park pavilion; need to finish the concrete pad and sidewalk there. He requested permission for all the guys to attend a safety seminar class tomorrow from 7:30 to 2:30, a paving seminar on April 1 in Marlboro from 8:30-1:00 for all guys, a Workzone traffic control class in Dutchess County – send 2 newest men for \$40.00/person on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**PERMISSION TO ATTEND HIGHWAY CLASSES:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to allow the attendance to a safety seminar on March 1, a paving seminar on April 1 and a workzone traffic control class on April 21 at \$40.00/person for 2 guys. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Fairweather, Russo. Carried.

**HIDDEN VALLEY:**

Mr. Stiles stated that a lot of water is coming into the plant. We need to find the cause and we'll need to spend some money doing so. Mr. Kelson suggested that Mr. Stiles call the Town of Thompson to borrow their equipment to scope the lines.

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Mr. Gilmore stated that there was only one on the agenda. Mr. Kelson stated that the new owner for the old gym on Mount Hope road was in and wants to change the business from a gym to a dog training facility.

**OLD SCHOOL:**

Mr. Fairweather reported that the roof drain froze and flooded the inside of the old school building. He spent 5 hours unclogging the drain.

**BILINSKI PROPERTY:**

Mr. Fairweather explained that we had the closing. The property now belongs to the Town of Mount Hope. There was a preliminary meeting with the 4H. Will be setting up a meeting for an advisory committee. Will also be meeting with the soccer league and football league.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Russo seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the following bills:

GENERAL A:	#116-142	\$63,813.24
GENERAL B:	#20-23	\$ 3,511.11
HIGHWAY:	#28-33	\$41,780.12
SEWER:	#14-18	\$ 3,735.22

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**\*\*Chief Rickard spoke re: new gym utilities.**

**\*\*Mr. Damiani spoke re: design engineer of plant & old school.**

**\*\*Mrs. Stiles spoke re: 4H & park.**

**\*\*S. Stiles spoke re: 4H and park.**

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**\*\*Mrs. Russo asked how much land the 4H is looking for. Mr. Fairweather stated 8-10 acres. Mrs. Russo asked about revenues for the town with regard to 4H. Mr. Fairweather was not sure but the local businesses would benefit.**

**\*\*Mr. Stiles asked if the town would entertain any other proposals or only 4H. Mr. Fairweather stated they would look at it as a development opportunity and there will be public meetings.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to enter into executive session at 8:02pm to discuss contract negotiations. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Fairweather. RECUSE: Russo. Carried.**

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:**


**MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to reconvene regular session at 8:50pm from executive session. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Fairweather. Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Fairweather. Carried.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2011 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathleen A. Myers  
Town Clerk.