

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, JULY 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 **July 8, 2013** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak Jr., Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilman Ed Fairweather, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: T. Gilmore/Planning Board Chairperson, Z. Kelson/Attorney, Chief Rickard, K. Coppola/Village Trustee, D. Hassenmayer/Highway Supt.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland that the minutes of the May 13, 2013, June 6, 2013 & June 10, 2013 meetings as submitted are approved as presented. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

AT THIS TIME, Supervisor Novak noted that the Town Board meeting minutes are on the web-site going back to 2010.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 2 emails from residents on Grange Road re: 39 Grange Road
2. Supervisor's report May 2013
3. 2 - Police Dept. budget modifications
4. Resume for Dog Control Officer
5. Police Dept. monthly report 05-13
6. Letter from NYS Ag & Mkts re: shelter inspection 6-14-13 - satisfactory
7. Building Dept. monthly report 6-13
8. Insurance certificate re: July 7 fireworks
9. 2 complaints re: 1007 Rte 211 West
10. Certificate of Attendance re: Kathleen Myers NYALGRO school/Corning NY
11. Fully executed copy of Lease Agreement between T/O Mount Hope & Cornell Cooperative Extension

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE REPORT by Chief Rickard:

Chief Rickard reported that the fireworks went well. He needs 3 resolutions approved: the budget modifications, the county inter-municipal agreement and surplus the 2006 Tahoe. Dean took everything out of the Tahoe already. Chief Rickard recommended that it be put on the auction website. Chief Rickard also spoke re: Dept. of Ag & Mkts re: municipal report inspection. This was turned over to Kathleen. Kathleen stated that Joyce from Ag & Mkts will be coming Wednesday at 9:00am to inspect the reports on file.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT by Supt. Hassenmayer:

Supt. Hassenmayer reported that he has the old phones from our old system that he would like added to the surplus list as well as: shop press, tire machine & 2pc. toolbox. (Chief Rickard wants to add his old phones as well.) Supt. Hassenmayer stated that the pipe is in on Finchville and the road is open now. It still needs to be paved. It held up well with all the rain. Old Stage Road was paved today. The FEMA paperwork is complete. It is just under \$78,000 for the highway end of it. The benches are assembled and he hopes to have them installed sometime this week. Councilwoman Sutherland asked about the stop sign on the corner of Pine Grove Rd & New Vernon Road and it being covered with a growth of something. Supt. Hassenmayer stated it is on his list to do already. They have to go around and cut back the poison ivy in several spots. Supervisor Novak noted to Dean that he received a lot of compliments while at the fireworks on how good the park looks. He added that it was a tribute to the highway guys' hard work.

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VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by Councilwoman Sutherland:

Councilwoman Sutherland stated that she spoke with Trustee Melton and that the street lights were looking good. The village is looking to obtain grants for replacement of some pipes. Lisa (from summer recreation) would like some village/fire trucks for a day at the recreation program. She added that Trustee Melton said things with the new fire company were good so far. At this time, Supervisor Novak added that he received a call about the shed at the old school burning down over this past weekend. Apparently no one saw it and it was not called in to 911.

HIDDEN VALLEY - no report.

PLANNING BOARD by Chairman T. Gilmore:

Mr. Gilmore reported that the meeting is next week with one on agenda about the Grange building.

SUMMER RECREATION by Trustee K. Coppola:

Trustee Coppola reported that camp started last week. They are tightening up on the rules. There are problems with parents dropping off their kids before the program actually starts. Trustee Coppola and Councilwoman went to camp to speak to the parents. They will be critiquing the program for next year. The OC Health Dept. did a surprise inspection and the camp passed with no violations. Trustee Coppola thanked Councilwoman Sutherland for coming with him. There was actually a child left after hours until 5:45pm when the parent came for the pick up. They discussed a "one warning" and out procedure. He stated that there is also a Facebook site for the recreation program. Councilman Bell added that he was actually there for the health department inspection and things went great.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS REPORT:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham to approve the Supervisor's report for May 2013 as presented. All in favor -Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE POLICE BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to approve the budget modifications as follows:

**Increase revenue budget by \$541.25 and increase A3120.4 Police C/E by \$541.25. This is for reimbursement for recruit training ammunition for Jonathyn Arlotta AND
Increase revenue budget by \$171.28 and increase A3120.1 Police P/S by \$171.28. This is reimbursement for STOP DWI. All in favor -Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.**

AT this time, Supervisor Novak stated that both fire companies have expressed interest in the 2006 Chevy Tahoe that Chief Rickard is putting up for surplus. The board agreed that they should be put out to bid on the auction site.

RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS 2006 CHEVY TAHOE, OLD PHONES, OLD SHOP PRESS, TIRE MACHINE, 2 PC. TOOLBOX:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to declare the 2006 Chevy Tahoe, the old shop press, the tire machine, a 2 piece tool box and the old phone systems as surplus and put them all out for bid on the auction site. All in favor - Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland: Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope authorizes Police Chief Paul Rickard to sign any contracts and Inter-municipal agreements between the County of Orange and the Town of Mount Hope for the town to participate in the Mobile Data Terminal Project. All in favor - Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

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RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham to approve the following bills:

ABSTRACT 10:	GENERAL A:	#286-309	\$ 59,008.38
	GENERAL B:	#54-57	\$ 3,383.51
	HIGHWAY:	#88-94	\$ 52,863.05
	SEWER:	#52-56	\$ 2,391.01
	MHFC:	#1-2	\$291,846.00
ABSTRACT 12:	GENERAL A:	#336-363	\$ 59,914.84
	GENERAL B:	#63-66	\$ 4,505.40
	HIGHWAY:	#105-114	\$ 37,804.75
	SEWER:	#62-69	\$ 5,359.88
ABSTRACT 13:	GENERAL A:	#364-397	\$71,400.63
	GENERAL B	#67-71	\$ 4,092.99
	HIGHWAY:	#115-118	\$17,607.11
	SEWER	#70-75	\$ 6,337.56.

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

MOUNT HOPE FIRE COMPANY REPORT by S. Carver:

S. Carver reported that in June the company responded to 27 calls. A majority of them were medical calls. 33 of 38 members attended/worked the fire works. The scouts helped with parking. Mr. Carver thanked both Paul and Dean for all their help with this event. They recently added to their fleet a 1989 Pierce engine to the fleet they already have: 2 engines, 1 tanker, 2 Chief's vehicles, 1st responder medical vehicle and a tower ladder.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION offered by Councilman Ketcham seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to enter into executive session at 7:52pm to discuss pending litigation. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell to close executive session at 8:35pm and reconvene the regular meeting. (NO ACTION TAKEN IN THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION) All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. carried. (Supervisor Novak added that also discussed in executive session was a personnel issue but no action was taken.)

LIONS CLUB – FAIR UPDATE - JIM JENNINGS:

Mr. Jennings addressed the board re: the Otisville Fair. He thanked the police & the highway dept. for their continued support of the fair. On Aug. 21 there will be a volunteer dinner at 6pm at the fair grounds and the town board members are invited. Supervisor Novak asked about the golf carts. Jim has not heard back yet. Supervisor Novak will follow up. Jim added about getting the light towers from City of Middletown. A new event added to the fair is the Touch-a-truck. This event will be on Saturday 8-24 from 1-5pm. He was glad to see it in the Otisville Mount Hope Voice.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

****Ms. Loeven spoke about the Mount Hope Seniors trip on 7-31-13; trip to Shawnee playhouse. This includes a buffet lunch. There are seats still available. Non-members may attend also – call 386-1251 and speak with Diane.**

****Ms. Loeven added that the Community wide yard sale will be on Aug. 3, 2013 from 9:00am - 3:00pm - rain or shine. There are fliers in Kathleen's window. Pat and Matt from Police dept. will meet with the committee this week. She thanked everyone for all their help with this event.**

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RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Ketcham to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2013 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall in the meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk