

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, MARCH 28, 2011

The **workshop meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **March 28, 2011** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak Jr., Councilman Mike Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

NOT PRESENT: Councilwoman Russo.

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Gilmore, D. Hassenmayer/H'way Supt., J. Musial, D. Loeven, J. Myers, Chief Rickard, P.O. A. Briceno, Deputy Chief M. Byrne, L. Fairweather, B. Rebman, T. Damiani, I. Stiles, S. Stiles, J. Litow, T. Cauchard, B. Franck, M. Horzepa, and Zachary Kelson, Esq.

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

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES ACCEPTANCE:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Bell that the minutes of the March 14, 2011 meeting as submitted and approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Fairweather. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. ZBA minutes from 3-17-2011
2. Building dept. fee increase request
3. Otisville Fire Co. monthly report 2-2011
4. Specs. for John Deere mower

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Rickard introduced Anna Briceno and Matthew Byrne as the newest members to the police department. Chief Rickard reported that the department received a grant for two car computers. He stated that the proposed Use of Force policy was given to all board members for your review. He requested using funds from capital reserve to purchase bullet proof vests as the current vests are expiring. He would need \$6,000.00 for replacing but will get \$3,000.00 from the federal government once they pass their budget. He informed the board that National Police Week is May 15 through 20 and he would like to give some awards to certain police personnel – thought about doing this at a board meeting in May – possibly the first meeting in May. Councilman Fairweather asked Chief Rickard if all officers would receive a copy of the Use of Force policy. Chief replied yes with a receipt given. Chief Rickard also noted that the union is no longer affiliated with Eugene Suarez and will be with the teamsters local 445 union.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TRACS GRANT:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to accept the Tracs Grant for 2 complete car computer set-ups (value \$14,180.00). All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Fairweather. Carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Supt. Hassenmayer asked for permission to attend Highway School in Ithaca from June 6 through June 8.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ATTENDANCE TO HIGHWAY SCHOOL:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Fairweather to authorize the highway Supt. to attend highway school in Ithaca, NY from June 6, 2011 to June 8, 2011. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Fairweather. Carried.

Supt. Hassenmayer stated that bids are due for the Spring & Fall town clean-up. He will recommend the lowest bidder at the next board meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF TRASH BIDS:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Fairweather to accept the bids for the Spring & Fall town clean up subject to the lowest bid. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Fairweather. Carried.

Supt. Hassenmayer stated that they have started cleaning up the Bilinski barn. A lot of old stuff has been brought back to the highway barn. There are also 4 wagons and a corn chopper still at the barn believed to be Mr. Hosking's equipment. He received 3 proposals for the demo of the buildings around the barn: Hoffman Equip. for \$7150/month; EHRBAR for \$7500/month and Pine Bush Equip. \$5300/month. He recommends Pine Bush Equipment. Supervisor Novak stated that the house can be burned by the fire dept. as a drill – just need permission from the DEC. The Otisville Fire Co. would like to drill and burn the house; Supervisor Novak would like for it to be a joint effort with the Howells Fire Dept. Orange & Rockland received the request to cut power. The attorney sent a letter to Mike Hosking. Supt. Hassenmayer would like to purchase a new mower off state bid. He gave a set of specs to board members. It would come out of the equipment budget. He would keep the old one here to mow town hall property.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE FOR NEW JOHN DEERE MOWER:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the purchase of a John Deere 997MID ZTRAK 60"SD off state bid for \$13,082.29. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Fairweather. Carried.

SUMMER RECREATION:

Ms. Loeven stated there will be a summer recreation meeting on March 31 at 2:30pm at the village hall.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE:

Ms. Loeven complimented Officer Briceno for a great job. She would like for Officer Briceno and Deputy Chief Byrne to attend a village meeting so they may be introduced to the village board.

HIDDEN VALLEY:

Councilman Stiles stated that he spoke with Jim DeWinter who spoke with the City of Newburgh re: scoping equipment. He stated that it would be a legitimate expense for the new contractors coming in to absorb.

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Gilmore reported the meeting was last week. They saw preliminary plans from the 4H. The consensus of the planning board would be that it's desirable for them to proceed.

OLD SCHOOL:

Mr. Fairweather stated that they need executive session for contract negotiations. Mr. Bell also added that he has someone interested in purchasing the old school as well.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FEE INCREASE FOR BUILDING

DEPARTMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the request from the building department to increase the following fees:

PERMIT EXTENSIONS: 1st 6 months from \$25.00 to \$35.00

2nd 6 months from \$35.00 to \$50.00

AMENDED BUILDING PERMIT: from \$35.00 to \$50.00

STOVE/CHIMNEY INSPECTION (Fire): from \$25.00 to \$50.00

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION: from \$35.00 to \$50.00.

ALL IN FAVOR – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Fairweather. Carried.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL A: #179-201 \$ 88606.14

GENERAL B: #32-37 \$ 7273.83

HIGHWAY: #50-53 \$ 41412.55

SEWER: #27-34 \$ 2477.93

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Loeven spoke re: getting a variance for the old school for certain venues.

Mr. Damiani spoke re: Mr. Hosking farming the Bilinski property. Mr. Fairweather stated for that to happen it would need to go to bid. Mr. Novak stated we are waiting for a reply from Mr. Hosking.

Mrs. Musial spoke re: committee members for the park.

Mrs. Stiles asked how many would be on the park committee. Supervisor suggested 7.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to enter into executive session at 8:04 pm to discuss contract negotiations. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Fairweather. Carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Fairweather to reconvene regular session at 8:17pm from executive session. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS SESSION. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Fairweather. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2011 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk

BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMIT FEES:

Building Permits: \$0.50 per square foot for new construction
\$0.35 per square foot for all others

(Permits are good for one year if work is begun within 6 months)

Permit Extensions: 1st -6 months \$35.00
2nd -6 months \$50.00
Additional Year \$125.00

**Maximum permit time is 3 years. New Permit conforming to current codes of that date must be obtained. Paperwork required, to be determined by Building Department.

Amended Building Permit: \$50.00

Stove/Chimney Inspection (Fire): \$50.00

Fire Safety Inspections: \$50.00

Well Permit: \$50.00

Demolition Permit: \$100.00

Swimming Pool Permit: \$50.00 (includes COU)

Septic System: Residential/New or Replacement: \$50.00

Residential/Tank Only \$35.00

Commercial (all) \$100.00

** All systems require licensed NYS engineer inspection and submission to building department, a letter with stamp and seal stating system was installed as per drawings and in compliance with NYS laws.

Misc. Permit Fee: (framing, windows, etc.) Minimum permit \$50.00 (includes COU)

Certificate of Occupancy: Residential \$50.00
Commercial \$100.00/under 10,000 square feet
Commercial \$200.00/over 10,000 square feet
CO Searches \$60.00

Certificate of Use \$50.00 (detached garage, sheds, pools, decks, etc.)