

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, MAY 14, 2012**  
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The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on May 14, 2012 at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** D. Loeven, L. Fairweather, T. Gilmore, Officer A. Vellake & family, Lt. P. Freeman, Deputy Chief M. Byrne, Officer T. Hoffman & family, Officer J. Santiago, Chief P. Rickard, J. Ebert, A. Hassenmayer, Officer S. Gau, B. Rebman, T. Damiani, M. Horzepa, J. Ketcham, H'way Supt. D. Hassenmayer, Officer J. Skoufis & family, Town Atty. Z. Kelson.

**PUBLIC HEARING 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

7:15pm Supervisor Novak opened the public hearing for 2013 Community Development. He noted that the public hearing notice was in the paper. It is available at the front desk for anyone wanting to read it – in English and Spanish. M. Horzepa asked to read it. There were no comments from the public.

**MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to close the public hearing at 7:30pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.**

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

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham that the minutes of the 04-18-2012 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Building Inspector's report 04-12
2. Letter from Paul Smith (NYS Dept. of Labor) re: Town Hall PESH inspection
3. Letter from Highway Supt. re: request to hire summer man
4. Highway Trash report April 2012
5. Police Dept. monthly report 04-12
6. Memo from Building Dept. re: DUL
7. Copies of the Public hearing notice for Community Development
8. Police Dept. budget modification
9. Letter from RAMM Envir. Svcs. Re: Indoor Air Quality Svcs.
10. Proclamation for National Police Week 2012.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT by Supt. Hassenmayer:**

Spring clean up went well; a total of 26 dumpsters were filled. We should get some money for metals. The roadwork is on schedule. We get a 5% discount from Gorman Brothers. The park project includes a walking trail. He requested permission to look into memorial benches to be placed at certain spots on the trail. He showed an advertisement for benches. He proposed an idea of getting people to donate to have their name engraved on the bench. The donations would help offset the price of the benches.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PROCEEDING WITH BENCHES:**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell to authorize the Highway Superintendent to look further into the benches from the Bench Factory. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.**

**HIDDEN VALLEY by Supervisor Novak:**

Supervisor Novak stated that there was another inspection and everything is fine.

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**PLANNING BOARD by Chairman Gilmore:**

Mr. Gilmore stated that the meeting is next week.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE POLICE BUDGET MODIFICATION:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to approve the following budget modification:

Increase A2620 Police Forfeiture by \$3851.58 and

Increase A3120.2 Police Equipment by \$3851.58. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE MOWING MAN:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to authorize the Highway Superintendent to hire his son, Matthew Hassenmayer, on a part time basis, to mow as needed at the Howells Cemetery. (At this time, it was disclosed that he is paralyzed.)

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

**RESOLUTION FOR 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATION AUTHORIZATION:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather that the Town of Mount Hope is hereby submitting its application for consideration under FY-13 the Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development Program and the Chief Elected official is hereby authorized to submit this application. They further certify that they have read and understood the Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development guidelines for the FY-13 program year, and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RIGHT TO FARM by Supervisor Novak:**

Supervisor Novak stated that the farm stand owner across the street wants to build a larger building/stand. As per Ag & Mkts. Law Article 25-AA Section 305–a sub (1) – Right To Farm, this is permitted. The Dept. of Agriculture further recommends local laws should be amended stating that nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit the Right To Farm as set forth in Article 25 –AA of the NYS Ag. & Mkts. Law. The Town Board should schedule a public hearing to amend our zoning law that the town attorney will draft.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RIGHT TO FARM:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland that in accordance with Ag & Mkts. Law Article 25-AA Section 305–a sub (1) – Right To Farm – the Town Board approves continuance of the seasonal farm market/produce stand (The Farmer's Daughter) and the construction of the replacement stand that meets requirements as defined by the law. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO GO TO SUMMER HOURS FOR TOWN HALL:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to change the Town Hall business hours for the summer months to Monday through Thursday 8:00am to 5:00pm and closed on Friday through September 28. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR SUMMER TOWN BOARD MEETINGS:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to approve having one town board meeting per month for the months of June, July and August (meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month); they will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting - subject to important business. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak. Carried.

**APPROVAL TO HIRE HIGHWAY SUMMER HELP:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to approve the hiring of Kevin See and John Heppes Jr. as the part time summer help. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to approve the following bills:

GENERAL A:	#242-284	\$ 87,029.49
GENERAL B:	#46-53	\$ 29,295.78
HIGHWAY:	#65-75	\$ 53,849.13
SEWER:	#43-48	\$ 4,043.43
OTISVILLE FIRE:	#1	\$312,029.00.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Damiani spoke re: "eyesore" homes around town due to foreclosures. Per Attorney, the NYS Property Maintenance code, the town can do some of the work ie: mow grass and charge back to owner but notice needs to be provided to owner and could get cut off by county with the foreclosure.

**POLICE DEPT. by Chief Rickard:**

Chief Rickard asked for someone to read the Proclamation. Town Clerk read the Proclamation. At this time, Supervisor Novak called for a moment of silence in honor of the fallen officers.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2012:**

**MOTION** by councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to approve the PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2012 as presented. (See complete proclamation at end of these minutes.) All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

AT THIS TIME, Chief Rickard spoke of the individual officers receiving awards this year. Although Officer Gaita is serving in Afghanistan, he will receive his award upon his return. In addition, the following 3 officers were recognized: Officer Tim Hoffman, Officer John Skoufis and Officer Angelo Vellake. Officer Hoffman also received Police Officer of the Year. Chief Rickard thanked everyone for coming and added that there is cake and coffee to celebrate this occasion.

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to enter into executive session at 8:08pm to discuss the proposed sales contract for the Old Otisville School. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to close executive session at 9:04pm and reconvene the regular meeting. All in favor - Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE GREEN TEAM REALTY:**


**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to enter into an agreement with the Green Team Realty for a six month contract for the exclusive right to sell the Old Otisville School; at a commission of 6% with a caveat that should the town find a buyer the Green Team commission will be reduced to 4%. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen A. Myers



## **Proclamation for National Police Week 2012**

To recognize National Police Week 2012 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Town of Mount Hope Police Department;

**WHEREAS**, some 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries;

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1791, over 19,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty;

**WHEREAS**, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.;

**WHEREAS**, 166 names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring for the year 2011;

**WHEREAS**, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 24th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of Sunday, May 13, 2012;

**WHEREAS**, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 13-19

**WHEREAS**, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope formally designates May 13-19, 2012, as Police Week in the Town of Mount Hope, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.