

**WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, NOVEMBER 28, 2011**  
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The **WORKSHOP MEETING** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at the Town Hall on 1706 Route 211 West, Otisville, NY., **November 28, 2011** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak Jr., Councilman Mike Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Councilwoman Kathy Russo, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Highway Supt. D. Hassenmayer, B. Rebman, L. Fairweather, D. Loeven, T. Cauchard, Chief Rickard, G. Ketcham, C. Bell, P. Chadwick, M. Horzempa, I. Stiles, S. Stiles, T. Gilmore, Attorney Z. Kelson.

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2011 as presented. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Notification from Pizza Mania re: renewal of liquor license
2. Supervisor's report Oct. 2011
3. Letter from ORPS re: BAR re-appointment and training requirement
4. Letter from Dr. Roeder re: T. Yonskie

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPT. by Chief Rickard:**

Chief Rickard reported that PESC had a surprise inspection and there were a few violations; some major - some minor. We have 90 days to comply. He reported that Officer Gaita has been deployed to Afghanistan from the end of January until next fall. This would be considered military leave. He asked for permission for Mount Hope Police to attend the Tri-State parade. He spoke re: Officer Skoufis and Officer Hoffman having a nice write up in the paper. He added that Officer Skoufis made arrangements for the inmates to come and do the floors at the station. A thank you will be sent afterwards.

**HIGHWAY DEPT. by Supt. Hassenmayer:**

Supt. Hassenmayer reported on the salt shed. He is waiting on stabilization quotes and waiting on structural repair quotes. He met with FEMA today. They looked at the road problems that occurred due to the storms. Everything else should pass with no problems. Hill Road should be covered as well. FEMA will be back on Friday. Supt. Hassenmayer reported that he did a cremation burial but he requested that the board bid out regular burial digging. He does not want the highway guys doing this; he noted that Lowell Reagan used to do it but has since sold his house and moved. He can have the guys do the mowing; that wasn't too bad. He had 3 summer helpers do it in one day at 8 hours apiece. He would like to replace the Superintendent's truck and turn over the old one to the park. He would like to go to bid locally as he should be able to get a better price than if he was to go off state bid. He would like approval to move forward with this before the end of the year.

He added that at the Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> meeting he put through a voucher for reimbursement for family medical and the check has been held. He is asking that this matter be settled.

**VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by T. Cauchard:**

Mrs. Cauchard reported the Patriot Tree lighting will be 12-7 at 6:00pm at the monument by Village Hall. She thanked Paul for sending police reports to her. On Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> there will be tree lighting in the Village at corner of Main ST. and Highland Avenue. Small refreshments will be served after at Fire House. She asked if everyone was still on board for the debriefing from the hurricane on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The village needs a place to store some playground equipment. She asked if they could use the barn at the park. Dean stated it would be fine with him if the town board agreed. Mr. Kelson asked if it could be secured. Dean stated yes. Rick Baker will call to make arrangements with Dean for transport. Supervisor Novak thanked the village for their help with the treatment plant.

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**HIDDEN VALLEY by Supervisor Novak:**

Supervisor Novak stated that the repairs have been started. Stoneykill is there and should be done in a week.

**PLANNING BOARD by T. Gilmore:**

The meeting was last week and had 2 on agenda. The new tower was approved. There is a lot to be reconfigured on Mountain Road.

**HOWELLS CEMETERY:**

Discussion ensued re: digging for burials. Councilman Fairweather stated we should go to bid for this. Mr. Kelson added to call around to other cemetery associations for pricing. Councilman Stiles added that Al Mydosh does the Plains Cemetery. Supervisor Novak stated that he would call Anthony Ingrassia and Lou Morse.

**AUDIT OF RECEIPT BOOKS:**

Councilman Fairweather and Councilman Bell will have a date for the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to approve the Supervisor's report for October 2011 as presented. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**SALT SHED:**

Supervisor Novak stated that Kithcart did the original plans for the salt shed.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SALT SHED REPAIRS:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to authorize the repairs of the salt shed under emergency conditions. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ATENDANCE TO TRI-STATE PARADE:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Stiles seconded by Councilwoman Russo to authorize Chief Rickard to provide a police detail (Officer Mann) under the shared municipal services agreement for the Tri-State holiday parade in December in City of Port Jervis and Matamoras, PA. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPT. TO GO TO BID FOR A NEW HIGHWAY TRUCK:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Stiles seconded by Councilman Fairweather to authorize the Highway Supt. to go to bid locally for a new Highway Supt. truck – to be paid for out of capital reserve. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

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

GENERAL A:	#692-725	\$106,981.52
GENERAL B:	#134-141	\$ 19,421.43
HIGHWAY:	#196-202	\$ 74,046.77
SEWER:	#133-135	\$ 989.47.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

\*\*Mr. Chadwick spoke re: Tally Ho Road being closed and when it would be repaired; and abandoned properties clean up re: 492 Tally Ho Road and Dietz house on Rte. 211.

\*\*Mrs. Stiles spoke re: status of old school. Supervisor Novak people are still looking at it.

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**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Russo asked Dean if he heard from Big Brothers/Big Sisters. He is waiting on a delivery date. A spot has been designated.

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Stiles seconded by Councilman Bell to enter into executive session at 8:05pm to discuss a particular highway employee and the dog control officer. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Russo seconded by Councilman Fairweather to reconvene the regular meeting from executive session at 8:30pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO NOT PURSUE THE INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF DEERPARK FOR DOG CONTROL:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Russo to not pursue the inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Deerpark for dog control and to just proceed with using the Mount Hope Police. All in favor - Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO RELEASE CHECK TO HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Stiles seconded by Councilwoman Russo to authorize the release of the family medical reimbursement check to the Highway Superintendent. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Russo seconded by Councilman Fairweather to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

**The next meeting is December 12, 2011 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers  
Town Clerk