

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET  
AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, NOVEMBER 8, 2012  
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The **PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall, 1706 Route 211 West, Otisville, NY, **November 8, 2012** at 7:00pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak Jr., Councilman Mike Bell, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Highway Supt. D. Hassenmayer, B. Rebman, L. Fairweather, Chief Rickard, R. Bakker, Deputy Town Clerk A. Hassenmayer, P. Barth, John Doty, W. Melton, M. Horzepa, E. Myslinski, L. Dodd, H. Willis, T. Willis, Highway Dept. Clerk J. Musial, J. Musial, S. Carver, Attorney Z. Kelson.

Supervisor Novak called the Public Hearing to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET at 7:00PM:**

Supervisor Novak called the Public Hearing to order for the 2013 Preliminary Budget at 7:00PM. The public hearing notice was available at the front desk with Kathleen. Copy of the budget is in circulation. Overall there is less than a 1.7% budget increase. Supervisor Novak asked if anyone had any questions. There were no comments from the audience. Supervisor Novak added that the bond for the Hosking property was finally paid off this year.

**RESOLUTION TO RECESS PUBLIC HEARING:**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham to recess the public hearing at 7:10pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.**

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

**MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to approve the minutes from the 10-24-12 meeting as printed. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Police Dept. report Oct. 2012
2. Howells Fire Dept. Annual Election notice 12-11-2012 between 6-9pm
3. Building Dept. monthly report Oct. 2012
4. Police Department Social Media Policy
5. Correspondence from Nugent & Haeussler re: financial practices seminar 11-20-12

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICE DEPT. by Chief Rickard:**

Chief Rickard requested approval for the Social Media policy. Everyone received copies via email. He spoke about the Humvee being used for the storm and Ed Diana vs. the Governor. Nixie worked pretty well for the storm. There are now 26 people signed up. The phone company will be coming back tomorrow to finish up at the station. He also spoke of the court of appeals with regard to the Town board being involved in police discipline and contractual language. Zack will help drafting a local law.

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

Supt. Hassenmayer spoke of the radio system failure. He couldn't get in touch with his guys. There were multiple road closures. All but one road was re-opened within 2 days. Hill Road just re-opened this past Saturday. Supervisor Novak added that everyone did a terrific job!

**VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE:**

Councilman Bell stated that Trustee Melton would be here in a few minutes.

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**HIDDEN VALLEY by Supervisor Novak:**

Supervisor Novak stated that the plant weathered the storm pretty well. Mike Brock was on top of things.

**PLANNING BOARD by Attorney Kelson:**

Mr. Kelson stated that there may be a public hearing re: Dragon Springs for pavilions and a storage shed.

**OLD SCHOOL:**

Mr. Kelson stated that he sent an email to Mr. Green tonight. There are 2 things they put in the contract that won't work. He needs to know what the units would be.

Supervisor Novak spoke about the seminar on financing. He needed to know if anyone would be going. He did not receive a response for anyone wishing to go.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to approve the Police Department Social Media Policy as presented. Complete copy on file in Town Clerk's office. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Chief Rickard stated that the generator at the station works now thanks to Ed showing him how. The cable for the trickle charge was run by Mike Romano. Chief thanked Dean for changing the battery in the 'driving rain'. He agrees that there are still radio issues. The phone issue will be resolved. The emergency lights will be replaced when Mike Romano gets back. He also spoke of the Long Beach PD trying to borrow vehicles due to their lack of fleet due to the storm.

**VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by Trustee Melton:**

Trustee Melton stated that at the last village board meeting a motion was made by Ken Coppola and seconded by Bob Bennett to rescind the resolution to move forward with the public hearing for the fire district. The vote was 4 to 1. The village will not be proceeding. AT this time, Supervisor Novak stated that there is a rumor going around that he was overheard to say that 'we got the village board, next the fire department then next the whole village'. The town is not trying to take over the village. Councilwoman Sutherland added that she was completely offended and disappointed that the village rescinded. All the time and energy put in by all – it's very disappointing. Supervisor Novak stated he supports the people having a right to say what they want. The town will proceed.

**RESOLUTION FOR THE AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

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

GENERAL A:	#606-632	\$46,040.16
GENERAL B:	#115-116	\$ 1,323.98
HIGHWAY:	#165-173	\$26,216.86
SEWER:	#107-114	\$ 4,977.67.

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

Supervisor Novak asked if there were any further comments on the 2013 Budget. There were no further comments.

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to close the public hearing at 7:31pm for the 2013 Preliminary Budget. All in favor - Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Myslinski stated that the Steering Committee met and there will be a press release going out. Mr. Kelson wanted it on record with clarification and he asked the firemen in the audience that no matter what the outcome is Otisville will have fire protection? The answer was yes, no matter what.

Mr. Myslinski was offended, too.

Councilman Fairweather stated that the peoples' rights were taken away.

Mr. Dodd stated that he came to show support to the Town Board. The Village made a decision to deny the village residents a right to say their opinion. The building is a disgrace. We need to make change and we are here to support you.

Councilman Fairweather stated that we'll give the Village every opportunity to see the light and bring a peaceful resolve.

Supervisor Novak stated that he is offended. But, the people don't know enough about it. That's what the Village board took away. He spoke about a referendum. If the people want a referendum, we will do one; without requiring a petition to be signed. The Village board completely ignored the people. He then asked if there were any further comments.

Councilwoman Sutherland stated that we need to get everyone there that you can to the public hearing.

Councilman Fairweather stated that the citizens in Mount Hope were well served. The highway department, police department and fire department came together. We have to be self-sufficient. He thanked everyone: both fire departments and both highway departments.

Councilman Fairweather stated to Councilwoman Sutherland – kudos to you for trying to get the dry ice at the Town of Mamakating. (APPLAUSE)

Supervisor Novak stated that Sam Sweetman took food and supplies to the Hurricane Sandy victims.

Councilwoman Sutherland spoke of the collection from the school. There are extra items from the collection – is there somewhere to keep them? Discussion ensued with the town providing fuel and/or box truck. Janet, Ed and Stu can coordinate.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2013 TOWN BUDGET:**

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell to adopt the 2013 Town Budget as presented. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN:**

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Fairweather to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is November 27, 2012 at 7:30pm at the Otisville Fire House.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers  
Town Clerk

