

BUDGET MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, OCTOBER 23, 2013
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The **budget meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **October 23, 2013** at 6:00pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilman Mike Bell, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Rickard, F. Jashembowski, R. Bakker, E. VanLeuvan, R. Walters, M. Fox, T. Geiss, J. Musial.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Novak called the meeting to order at 8:00PM.

Chief Rickard addressed the board about his departments' budget. He stated that in the .1 part of his budget he went up \$26,000.00. The average hourly rate for new guys is \$22.35. He stated that his budget is based on the number of hours not the numbers of people. He went through his budget request line by line with the board members. He stated that Car 156 will be replaced and a radar unit needs to be replaced. He would like to get out of the NYCOMCO lease. Councilman Fairweather asked if the PD had blueprints for the new school. Chief stated yes.

At 8:30pm the highway guys addressed the board. They gave their proposal to the board members. They discussed the 3% cost of living and an additional 1%. They would like the #2 on their list in writing (which covers their health insurance). There was discussion about the amount in overtime that was quoted by the Superintendent at the prior budget meeting. Councilwoman Sutherland asked about the lost personal day. Mr. Jashembowski stated that that day was given up to help with the CAP in 2009. They guys also requested that whatever the town board decides they would like to have in writing. The board agreed that would happen. Supervisor Novak stated that there 2 slots open and 4 part time slots also. He also stated that Paul, Pat & Matt get their dental covered in lieu of pay raises. Mrs. Musial asked about the 10% retirement increase. Supervisor Novak stated that that figure comes from the state. We have no say over it. However, if they pay the bill in December for the February installment there is a 15% savings. Supervisor Novak stated that he should have the final figures by the next meeting.

RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION offered by Councilman Ketcham seconded by Councilman Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers, Town Clerk