

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, OCTOBER 24, 2011
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The workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at the Town Hall at 1706 Route 211 West, Otisville, NY on October 24, 2011 at 7:00pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Councilwoman Kathy Russo, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

PUBLIC PRESENT: L. Fairweather, W. Rebman, T. Gilmore, I. Stiles, S. Stiles, J. Sutherland, Highway Supt. D. Hassenmayer, G. Ketcham, B. Franck, M. Horzempa, A. Russo, T. Cauchard, K. Hosking, D. Loeven, C. Volpe, Dep. Police Chief M. Byrne and Attorney Zachary Kelson.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Fairweather that the minutes of the 10-05-2011 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Supervisor's report Sept. 2011
2. Highway fall TRASH report Oct. 2011
3. Big Brothers/Big Sisters clothing bin request
4. Police Officer Kevin Waldron resignation effect. 11-1-11
5. Notification of IRS mileage rate change
6. Police Dept. budget modification
7. Letter of recommendation from J. DeWinter re: sewer bids
8. Police Dept. computer usage policy resolution - addition

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. by Deputy Chief Byrne:

Dep. Chief Byrne requested the board to pass the computer usage policy to add section 15. Half the department has been trained already. The extra patrols for Halloween are set. Chief Rickard is at the conference in Chicago and doing well.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT by Supt. Hassenmayer:

Supt. Hassenmayer reported that as in the past winters he has hired 3-4 part time employees to assist with snow plowing. He has hired Robert Wickham to help this year with the snow plowing. He started today with hauling. He has a CDL license. The fall clean up went well. The 2nd week was very busy. The guys started on the culvert on Hill Road. The repairs on Carboy Road needing attention are due to the flooding. Councilman Fairweather asked if we are still within the FEMA time line? Supervisor Novak stated yes. Mr. Schlenger called today and we need to have our opening meeting.

RESOLUTION TO HIRE ROBERT WICKHAM AS PART TIME/ON CALL/SEASONAL HELP FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Stiles to approve the hiring of Robert Wickham for the highway department as a part time/on call/ seasonal worker. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by T. Cauchard:

Mrs. Cauchard reported that the Village park is still closed. The Village Board is waiting on the letter about the Berger field annexation. Also, they are waiting on dates for the fire budget. Councilman Bell stated he emailed Janine today.

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AT THIS TIME, Highway Supt. Hassenmayer added that Sammy Rogers did a lot of planting out at the park by the football field and by the new playground by the football field. This is what he went to college for and he did a really good job out there. Councilman Fairweather added that Otisville Presbyterian Church is having their community day and they will also be planting flower bulbs for the community. H'way Supt. Hassenmayer stated that some will be planted out by the plow out front as well as the park.

HIDDEN VALLEY by Councilman Stiles:

No report.

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Gilmore stated the meeting was last week re: the tower on the mountain.

BERGER FIELD ANNEXATION:

Supervisor Novak stated that although it was discussed at a prior meeting about the Berger Field annexation request from the Village Board, no formal action was taken.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANNEXATION OF BERGER FIELD FROM THE VILLAGE INTO THE TOWN:

MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilwoman Russo to annex the portion of Berger Field that lies within the Village of Otisville in to the Town of Mount Hope. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

HIDDEN VALLEY REPLACEMENT OF GRAVITY SEWER MAIN BID RESULTS:

Supervisor Novak stated that the bid results for the HV replacement of gravity sewer main on Oct. 19th were as follows: 5 bids were received. A letter of recommendation from Jim DeWinter was received on 10-21. His recommendation is Stoneykill Contracting for \$27,700.00.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BID FROM STONEYKILL CONTRACTING FOR THE HV REPLACEMENT OF GRAVITY SEWER MAIN:

MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to accept the bid from Stoneykill Cont. for the replacement of gravity sewer main in the amount of \$27,000.00. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

DOT CALM DRIVE:

Supervisor Novak stated that in regards to the Garry Boyce subdivision (Dot Calm Drive), we need to accept the road dedication subject to receiving the title insurance. H'way Supt. Hassenmayer stated that he checked everything last week and there are still a lot of things that are incomplete. The aprons are not done. Every driveway out there has a swail in it and that will be a problem in the long run. His recommendation is that the aprons are completed first. Councilman Fairweather would like to see what is on Dean's list and would like to table this until next time.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET:

MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to schedule the Public Hearing for the 2012 Preliminary Budget at on Nov. 10, 2011 at 7:15pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT POLICE OFFICER KEVIN WALDRON'S RESIGNATION:

MOTION by Councilman Stiles seconded by Councilwoman Russo to accept the resignation from Police Officer Kevin Waldron effective November 1, 2011, with regret. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR POLICE DEPT.:

MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to approve the following budget modification:

From Revenue to A3120.2 Police Equip. \$3,705.00.

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

RESOLUTION FOR POLICE COMPUTER USAGE POLICY CHANGE:

MOTION by Councilman Stiles seconded by Councilwoman Russo to amend General Order 10-095 Department Computer Usage by adding a new section:

15. Utilizing the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services portal is for official department business only. Information obtained via the portal, including FBI CHS data or CHRI, shall not be shared with friends, relatives or used for the personal benefit of any department member. All FBI CHS data/CHRI is sensitive and shall be treated as such. Improper dissemination, in addition to being a violation of this policy, may constitute a criminal offense.

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

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS:

Councilwoman Russo will make call and report at next meeting. This matter tabled until next meeting.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SEPT. 2011 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

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

RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL A:	#604-644	\$ 53,476.58
GENERAL B :	#121-126	\$ 11,961.54
HIGHWAY:	#167-183	\$ 37,300.51
SEWER:	#116-123	\$ 1,720.90

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Loeven stated that the Hometown Helpers need drivers. They serve ½ the residents in Devan's Gate. Please pass the word.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilman Fairweather stated that everyone did a great job with the clean up after the storms. Also, the Historical Society had a great day yesterday for their Open House. The bluestone patio is finished. He added that the loss of Lloyd Goldsmith was certainly felt.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mrs. Russo to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen A. Myers, Town Clerk