

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
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The workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on September 24, 2012 at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Mike Bell, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

NOT PRESENT: Councilman Ed Fairweather

PUBLIC PRESENT: Highway Supt. Hassenmayer, T. Gilmore, M. Horzepa, B. Franck, P. Barth, D. Loeven, T. Coppola, Village Trustee W. Melton, B. Rebman, L. Fairweather, D. Loeven, Attorney Z. Kelson.

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

AT THIS TIME, Supervisor Novak called for a moment of silence in memory of past sewer plant employee Karlton Franck.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland that the minutes of the Sept. 10, 2012 meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk are approved. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Court Clerks re: request to attend conference 10-1 through 10-3-2012
2. Planning Board Minutes Sept. 17, 2012
3. Supervisor's report Aug. 2012
4. Letter from Envir. Fac. Corp. re: remaining balance being applied to debt service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT by Highway Supt. Hassenmayer:

H'way Supt. Hassenmayer stated that he needed to speak to Chief Rickard but will catch up with him tomorrow.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by Trustee Melton:

Trustee Melton reported that the Village board voted to retain Mr. Simeone for fire district formation. He reminded everyone of the BLUE MASS. The steering committee will meet this Thursday. The veteran's are still selling bricks for the Village Park. Anyone interested should see a veteran for information. Supervisor Novak stated that the Town Board received copies of the Letter to Ed Myslinski from the Mayor. Councilwoman Sutherland asked about items on the list (stated in the letter) being taken care of already. Trustee Melton stated that 3 are already done – basically.

HIDDEN VALLEY by Supervisor Novak::

Supervisor Novak stated that there is nothing new to report.

PLANNING BOARD by Chairman Gilmore:

Chairman Gilmore advised the meeting was last week. The 4H plan is preliminary and consensus of the board is that it is okay for them to proceed. The Dragon Springs public hearing will be in November.

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED FORWARD WITH JOINT FIRE DISTRICT FORMATION:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to proceed forward with a public information meeting and public hearing for the formation of a joint fire district between the Town of Mount Hope and the Village of Otisville. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

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JOINT FIRE DISTRICT (continued):

***Per Attorney Zack Kelson, the Town board needs to determine if there would be a conflict with Frank Simeone representing the fire district since he has represented the Town of Mount Hope in the past. Consensus of the board was that there was no conflict. Mr. Kelson will contact Mr. Simeone that both boards are ready to proceed. A 'RUMP' board needs to be established. Supervisor Novak has 3 possibilities: Mr. Zawasky, Joe Myers Sr., and Wayne Howell.

TOWING FEES:

Supervisor Novak stated that Chief Rickard spoke to him about the possibility of charging the tow companies a fee to come into the town to tow. Mr. Kelson stated that a local law would need to be established first. He will speak to Chief Rickard on this matter.

AT THIS TIME, Supervisor Novak asked Bryan Franck about the wake/funeral services for his dad, Karlton Franck. The services will be on Thursday 11-1 and they will go to fire house afterwards.

RESOLUTION FOR HALLOWEEN CURFEW:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham that anyone under the age of 18 must be off town roads after 9:00pm from October 26, 2012 through November 1, 2012 unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian 21 years of age or older or if they are coming to or from a work assignment or school activity. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to approve the Supervisor's report for August 2012 as presented. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION:

Supervisor Novak stated that he received a letter from EFC regarding \$7473.84 balance left on loan. They need to know whether or not we want to apply the remaining proceeds to the debt service principal. Board discussed this matter.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF REMAINING FUNDS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to authorize the transfer of \$7473.84 to go towards the debt principal of the loan with the Environmental Facilities Corporation for our financing and to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign off on this. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MOUNT HOPE COURT TO PROCEED WITH GRANT UNDER JCAP:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to authorize the Mount Hope Court to submit a grant application to the Office of Court Administration under JCAP. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

2013 TENTATIVE BUDGET

AT THIS TIME, Supervisor Novak stated that the 2013 Tentative Budget is complete. Town Clerk Kathleen Myers distributed the 2013 Tentative Budget packets to the board members.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE FIRST MEETING IN OCTOBER:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to change the first meeting in October to October 10, 2012 from October 8, 2012 at 7:30 due to the Columbus Day holiday and the way the budget calendar falls. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR POLICE OFFICER DEANNA SANTOSKY:

This will be tabled until Supervisor Novak has the opportunity to discuss this with Town Attorney Kelson.

RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL A:	#497-537	\$63,432.32
GENERAL B:	#96-101	\$ 3,870.99
HIGHWAY:	#134-146	\$77,033.44
SEWER:	#89-93	\$ 1,615.27
FINI ESCROW:	#2	\$ 225.00.

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

RESOLUTION FOR COURT CLERKS TO ATTEND NYS ASSOC. of MAGISTRATES COURT CLERKS CONFERENCE:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to grant permission for Court Clerks Lisa Bacigalupo and Francine Heppes to attend a NYS ASSOC. of MAGISTRATES COURT CLERKS conference in Albany, NY , October 1 through October 3, 2012. Hotel fee is \$208 and registration fee is \$50 each. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

R. Rebman spoke re: Hidden Valley sewer plant running good.

B. Franck spoke re: Karlton Franck services on Thursday; in lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Josh Decker fund.

D. Loeven spoke re: Hometown Helpers. They are always in need of volunteers no matter how little time you can donate to help.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Supervisor Novak stated that the floor renovations at the senior center are done. They look great.

Supervisor Novak stated that he received in the mail today information on disaster recovery. Possibly we would qualify. He needs more time to go through this information.

RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. All in favor –Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers, Town Clerk

