

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, FEBRUARY 27, 2012
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The **workshop meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **February 27, 2012** at 7:30pm with the following present:

Deputy Supervisor Ed Fairweather
Councilman Michael Bell
Councilman Gary Ketcham
Councilwoman Janet Sutherland
Town Clerk Kathleen Myers

NOT PRESENT: Supervisor Novak

PUBLIC PRESENT: D. Hassenmayer/Highway Supt., Chief Rickard, D. Loeven, L. Fairweather, T. Gilmore, P. Chadwick, M. Horzepa, D. Tripken, T. Damiani, B. Rebman, J. Musial, Attorney – Z. Kelson.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham that the minutes of the 2-13-12 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Fairweather, Sutherland. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Listing Agreement re: Distelberger
2. Supervisor report January 2012
3. Letter from Computel re: Cable TV.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMPUTEL:

Deputy Supervisor Fairweather asked Mr. Kelson if he had seen the letter re: Computel. Mr. Kelson stated no that he had not; but we've had people come do this before. He would like time to review and will report back at the next meeting. Mr. Gilmore added that Time Warner Cable should come to another meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT (Deputy Supervisor Fairweather):

Dep. Sup'r Fairweather read an email from Chief Rickard explaining his absence from the meeting tonight and that Officer Gaita was deployed to Afghanistan. Everyone wished him well and a safe return.

PLANNING BOARD (Chairman Gilmore):

Mr. Gilmore spoke re: Fini sub-division. The monuments will be put in with no bonding. Parkland fees will be paid at the first sale/closing of the 1st home. The top coat for the road is bonded. The road should be accepted before the closing of the house.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (Highway Clerk Musial):

Mrs. Musial (Highway Clerk) reported that the guys are cutting brush. The new mower will be delivered tomorrow. They will get the 3rd quote for the brickface tomorrow. She also reported that they have heard about the merry go round grant and the Community Development grant for the small pavilion by the football field monies should be on the way soon.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE (Trustee Loeven):

Ms. Loeven stated that Bill and Brian met re: DCO – Ben Diaz; and if he is interested then the Village would honor their previous agreement.

HIDDEN VALLEY:

No report.

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OLD SCHOOL:

Dep. Sup'r Fairweather reported that they need to enter into executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland - to accept the Supervisor's report for January 2012, as submitted. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Fairweather, Sutherland. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL A:	#102-132	\$51,798.08
GENERAL B:	#16-20	\$ 3,313.00
HIGHWAY:	#28-35	\$32,392.84
SEWER:	#16-21	\$ 1,580.75

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

**Mr. Damiani spoke re: old school and treatment plant in Hidden Valley.

**Mr. Tripken spoke re: Hidden Valley letter & liaison for Hidden Valley. Dep. Sup'r Fairweather will find out about letter that should be going out to HV residents.

**Mr. Gilmore spoke re: increase in hauling fees. Attorney Kelson will draft letter to company.

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham - to enter into executive session at 7:56pm to discuss old school contract negotiations. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Fairweather, Sutherland. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham - to reconvene regular session at 8:20pm from executive session. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION.** All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Fairweather, Sutherland. Carried.

RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Fairweather, Sutherland. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk