

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, JUNE 10, 2013

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The **regular meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **June 10, 2013** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Deputy Town Clerk Amy Hassenmayer.

NOT PRESENT: Kathleen A. Myers, Town Clerk

OFFICIALS PRESENT: T. Gilmore – Planning Board Chairperson, Chief P. Rickard, D. Hassenmayer- H'way Supt., J. Musial – Highway Clerk, W. Melton – Village Trustee, K. Coppola – Village Trustee, Town Atty. Z. Kelson.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Highway Summer Help**
2. **Servicemaster Clean Quote**
3. **Assessor Re-Appointed**
4. **Building Inspectors Report – May 2013**
5. **Police-Surplus Computers**
6. **Orange County DPW- Road Closing Notice re: New Vernon Road**
7. **2012 Assessment Disclosure**
8. **Certificate of Attendance Board of Assessment Review Training-Wayne Melton**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT by Chief Rickard:

Chief Rickard reported that Jonathyn Arlotta passed all his medical and requested to hire him. Chief Rickard requested approval to attend Records Management Training on September 16th to the 18th. Hotel cost is for 2 nights at \$324.00 includes food. Firearms training was last week May 30 from 4-11 at Otisville Elem. School. Councilwoman Sutherland attended and was very impressed with their actions. School District has been very supportive in this matter. He advised that from Graduation weekend thru Labor Day weekend there will be 12hr shifts on weekends. They did this for prom weekend and it was very helpful and safe.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT by Supt. Hassenmayer:

Supt. Hassenmayer reported that the last week in May roadwork was completed. They had help from the Town of Greenville and Town of Minisink. Old Stage road was reclaimed. First week in June Supt. Hassenmayer was away at Highway School and advised Town Board that the Cornell Local Roads program will possibly be cancelled after next year.

The benches are here and prep work is being done for where the 10 benches will go along the walking path in Town Park. Surveillance is working well at the park. There has been some mischief done and viewed on camera.

Weather permitting, Old Stage Road will be paved. He advised that on June 24 Finchville Tpke will be closed to put in culvert pipes. He also advised that New Vernon Road is now open.

SUMMER RECREATION:

Trustee Coppola advised the Summer Rec. registration is going well. Councilwoman Sutherland advised the persons running the program are excellent in what they are doing.

PLANNING BOARD by Chairman Gilmore:

Chairman Gilmore stated that the meeting is on next week and has 2 for agenda. One of the issues will be 4-H.

RESOLUTION TO HIRE JONATHYN ARLOTTA AS A PART-TIME PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER :

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to hire Jonathyn Arlotta as a Part-time Probationary Police Officer. Medical has been completed. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

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RESOLUTION FOR POLICE CHIEF TO ATTEND RECORDS MANAGEMENT TRAINING:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Ketcham to authorize the Police Chief, Paul Rickard, to attend Records Management Training from September 16th through the 18th, 2013. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

CLEANING QUOTE:

Supervisor Novak spoke of the cleaning quote from Service Master. Councilman Fairweather added that price quote is high considering it does not include Senior Center.

ASSESSOR RE-APPOINTMENT:

Supervisor Novak stated that per Dennis Ketcham we need to hold off on his re-appointment.

RESOLUTION TO HIRE SUMMER HELP IN THE HIGHWAY DEPT.

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to hire the following as summer help in the Highway Dept.: Kevin See at 12 wks \$9/hr; John Heppes at 10 wks \$8.50/hr; Ryan Reiser at 11 wks \$8/hr; Nicholas Truglio at 8 wks \$8/hr. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS COMPUTERS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham that per Chief Rickard the following items are declared surplus: Intel Server and Acer Desktop Computer model #P236H with HP Campag Processor Serial # 2uaz160ytd. They have no useable value. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION FOR UNIFORM NOTICE OF CLAIM ACT:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell to designate the Town Clerk to act as the receiving agent for Notices of Claim against the Town of Mount Hope or any officer, appointee or employee of the Town of Mount Hope and to forward such claims to NYS Secretary of State. (See Resolution at end of minutes.) All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to approve the following bills:

GENERAL A:	#310-335	\$ 49857.20
GENERAL B:	#58-62	\$ 4417.40
HIGHWAY:	#95-104	\$ 29409.38
SEWER:	#57-61	\$ 3235.52

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

E. Moeller (Grange Road) spoke re: complaint regarding his neighbor who has a landscaping and Heavy Equipment business. This area is R/A. Mr. Moeller spoke of quality of life, diesel fumes and the pole barn being built. He spoke with Code Enforcement Officer and was advised that it is ok to have his equipment on his property. Attorney Kelson advised that he cannot do this without a special use permit through the Planning Board: He will check to see if this is a permitted use under the code.

J. Cook (Ridge Drive) spoke re: Town Website. Spoke re: Agenda, minutes and lack of information on website. Attorney Kelson added that this information is available in the Town Clerk's office. J. Musial stated that Kathleen was showed 2 times how to post on website.

D. Loeven spoke re: Seniors trip on Thursday the 13th. Dean will have the guys park over by garage. She also advised that on the 18th there will be Hometown Helper Training from 10-12noon, walk-ins welcome.

M. Coppola inquired about the May minutes availability.

D. Cole T/O Wawayanda spoke re: Cornell Roads Program for Towns to come together to save this program.

J. Kowalczyk spoke re: Location of new Firehouse. He inquired if it will be sold or leased to them and if it will go through the Planning Board.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONTINUED:

D. Cambareri inquired if the new Firehouse building will become Town property. Supervisor Novak stated that if it is built on Town property then it would become Town property.

J. Doty informed the Board that to date the new Fire Company has been on 7 medical calls, 1- mutual aid, 2- MVA's, 1- public service and 1- odor investigation. Councilwoman Sutherland stated that her neighbor was very pleased with fire company's response to their call.

D. Loeven inquired if the property for the new firehouse is deeded as parkland. Supervisor Novak stated that this land is not deeded as parkland.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham to enter into executive session at 8:15pm to discuss Contract negotiation, personnel and potential litigation. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to close executive session at 8:40pm and reconvene the regular meeting. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN LEASE WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the lease with Cornell Cooperative Extension subject to comments from Attorneys and Planning Board. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION FOR LEAD AGENCY :

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Ketcham to declare the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope Lead Agency and to do an uncoordinated review of this project. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION FOR TYPE II AGRICULTURAL ACTION:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Ketcham to classify the action as a Type II agricultural action. Notwithstanding the same, the Mount Hope Town Board will review the project as if it was a Type I unlisted action. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION FOR NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Ketcham RESOLVED, that the Town of Mount Hope Town Board is making a "negative declaration" as defined by Part 617 of the New York Environmental Law and the SEQR review process and declares that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Fairweather to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2013 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hassenmayer, Deputy Town Clerk