

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, MARCH 12, 2012
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The **regular meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **March 12, 2012** at 7:30pm with the following present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: W. Rebman, T. Damiani, D. Loeven, L. Fairweather, T. Gilmore, Highway Supt. D. Hassenmayer, Chief P. Rickard, M. Horzepa, J. Litow, T. Cauchard, P. Chadwick, Attorney Z. Kelson.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland that the minutes of the 02-27-2012 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Building Inspectors Report Jan. 2012 & Feb. 2012
2. Supervisor's report Feb. 2012
3. Police Dept. Monthly Report Feb. 2012
4. Humane Society agreement
5. Police Officer R. Rebman resignation
6. Police Officer G. Haray resignation
7. Police 2011 Annual Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT (Chief Rickard):

Chief Rickard reported on the donations of the 3 AED's from the American Heart Association. Officer Decker was instrumental in getting this donation. The Chief would like to possibly mount one somewhere in the police/court building. Chief reported that National Police Week is in May and at the May 14th meeting he would like to do like last year and have cake and coffee after the meeting at which he would certain officers. He spoke of the resignations from Officers Haray and Rebman. He added that if anyone has questions on the 2011 Annual report, to call or email him.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE (T. Cauchard):

Mrs. Cauchard spoke re: the ACO and where do we stand. Mr. Kelson stated that he spoke with Mr. Dallow and will meet with him on this agreement.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (Superintendent Hassenmayer):

Supt. Hassenmayer reported the following:

- 1- He will be advertising for bids for the spring clean-up (Apr. 12, 13 14, 19, 20, 21) with bids due on March 23 at 10am. He verified with the Supervisor that he didn't have to ask permission to advertise because the last couple of years Supervisor Novak said he didn't have to. Supervisor Novak stated that he only needs approval to accept the bid.
- 2- He asked permission to send 2 men to 3 different highway school classes. They are \$40 per man per class. He will send Southway and Walters as they are the 2 newest guys on the crew. Classes are: Roadside drainage, Signs and Markings and Basics of Good Roads.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (continued):

- 3- He will be meeting with Kithcart, Higby and Novak tomorrow morning at 10am re: salt shed addition.
- 4- He would like the board's thoughts on buying an excavator. The past several years they have been renting one when needed. They've spent about \$4,500 per year for the past 6 years for rental. Price on a new one is under \$150,000.00. Councilman Fairweather asked if this will replace the old Grade-All. Supt. Hassenmayer stated yes; it's a 1971 and we would surplus it. There is \$50,000 in this year's budget and \$200,000.00 in Capital Reserve – so financially we are okay. He added that this is also a state bid item. Councilwoman Sutherland asked what is it used for? He answered for ditching and culverts and things like that. Discussion ensued re: insurance and maintenance. Supervisor Novak added that it is worth looking into.

RESOLUTION TO SEND M. SOUTHWAY AND R. WALTERS TO 3 HIGHWAY CLASSES:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to send Matt Southway and Bob Walters (\$40/man/class) to the following classes:

Roadside Drainage	April 19 th	in Kingston
Basics of Good Roads	April 24 th	in Rockland County
Signs & Markings	May 19 th	in Liberty.

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

HIDDEN VALLEY (Supervisor Novak):

Supervisor Novak reported that everything is working well out there. The letters went out last week. They've gotten the flow meter and a pump from OVIVO. Mike has received one bid so far for scoping and is working on another. The 1st quote includes cleaning, too. Jim DeWinter has been checking the manholes during rainstorms with Dean. Dean spoke re: receiving an email re: a company that can take care of the roots.

PLANNING BOARD (Chairman Gilmore):

Mr. Gilmore reported that there is only one on the agenda but there may not have a quorum since a couple of board members already stated they are unable to attend.

OLD SCHOOL (Supervisor Novak):

Supervisor Novak stated that we need executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to approve the Supervisor's report for the month of February 2012 as submitted. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM POLICE OFFICER R. REBMAN:

MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to accept the resignation from Police Officer Rich Rebman with regret effective March 31, 2012. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM POLICE OFFICER G. HARAY:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to accept the resignation from Police Officer George Haray effective March 20, 2012. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION FOR TOWN CLERK TO ATTEND TOWN CLERK CONFERENCE:

MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to authorize the Town Clerk to attend the New York State Town Clerk Assoc. Conference, April 22 through April 24 in Saratoga Springs, NY. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

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RESOLUTION FOR HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND HIGHWAY SCHOOL:
MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to authorize the Highway Superintendent to attend Highway School in Ithaca from June 11 through June 13. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE HUMANE SOCIETY AGREEMENT:
MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to accept the Humane Society Agreement as written (complete agreement on file in the Town Clerk's office) and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign same. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AED DONATIONS FROM AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION:
MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to accept the three AED donations from the American Heart Association and to send letters to Officer Decker and to Robert Collins at the American Heart Association. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

2011 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (Supervisor Novak):
Supervisor Novak reported that the 2011 Annual Financial Report was filed on February 17th with the State Comptroller's Office. Town Clerk will run ad in Times Herald Record.

RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS 1996 1-TON FORD F350 TRUCK:
MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to authorize the Highway Superintendent to surplus the 1996 (1ton) Ford F350 truck. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE APRIL BOARD MEETINGS:
MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to change the April 9th board meeting to April 18th due to the Easter holiday and cancel the April 23rd workshop meeting. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO RE-HIRE POLICE OFFICER G. HARAY:
MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to re-hire Police Officer George Haray - effective the day after he retires from the State. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:
MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to approve the following bills:

GENERAL A:	#133-154	\$40,209.92
GENERAL B:	#21-26	\$ 6,593.09
HIGHWAY:	#36-45	\$39,223.73
SEWER:	#22-26	\$ 3,776.68

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

**Mr. Chadwick spoke re: house on Tally Ho Road. Supervisor Novak stated that Dean is working on it with the County.

**Mr. Kelson reported that he sent a letter to Computel and is waiting on a response. Supervisor Novak stated that our franchise agreement ran out in 2002.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Sutherland asked if there was anything new on the County Waste issue yet. Mr. Kelson stated he would send letter once he gets okay from board.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO SEND A LETTER TO COUNTY WASTE:

MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to authorize the Town Attorney to send a letter to County Waste regarding their fees increase and lack of notification to the Town of Mount Hope. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to enter into executive session at 8:22PM to discuss contract negotiations for the old school. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to reconvene to regular meeting at 9:10pm. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION.** All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Ketcham to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Myers
Town Clerk