

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, MARCH 26, 2012
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The **workshop meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **March 26, 2012** at 7:30pm with the following present:

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: T. Gilmore, D. Hassenmayer/H'way Supt., D. Loeven, Chief Rickard, P.O. L. Fairweather, T. Cauchard, M. Horzepa, D. Tripken, C. Volpe, P. Barth, A. Hassenmayer and Zachary Kelson, Esq.

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 Councilman Ketcham that the minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Highway trash bid minutes 3-23-12
2. Assessment disclosure from Assessor Ketcham
3. Highway budget modification
4. Complaint re: 12 Thistle Lane
5. Occupations raffle request
6. Pine Hill bond reduction request
7. Copy of letter to County Waste from Z. Kelson re: fees increase
8. ZBA refund request from D. Ramos
9. Letter from Time Warner Cable re: internal restructuring
10. Park committee meeting minutes 3-24-12

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT (Chief Rickard):

Chief Rickard requested approval for Jason Beebe conditional offer of employment upon passing medical and physical – no cost to the town. He reported that the police website had been hacked by a group from Indonesia but they are back in service. The AED's are in service. Supervisor Novak asked where the spare one is. Chief stated at the station – he will bring it over tomorrow. Councilwoman Sutherland stated that the police, fire fighters and EMT's are an amazing group of people. She thanked them for everything they did for her and her family when they were in need this past weekend.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Supt. Hassenmayer recommended Middletown Carting for mixed metals at no charge/pull, will pay Town \$225/ton, 3-40yd cont.on site at all times - car tires at \$155/ton, lg. truck tires \$10 ea./extra loader and construction tires \$100 each/extra – Freon units delivered to Middletown Auto Wreckers for \$10/unit. He recommended Marangi Disposal for C&D - 30 yd.haul rate \$114.75 and \$78/ton. Supt. Hassenmayer informed the board that the truck which was on auction for surplus is at \$3750. The auction ends Friday at 6pm. He recommended hiring Robin Brennan as the parks mower man. He would be added to the drivers list, would be sent for drug test and he would like him to start on Wednesday. The parks committee meeting went well. A lot of good ideas. They would like a walking path within the existing park.

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RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TRASH BIDS:

MOTION by councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to accept the bids for the Spring & Fall town clean up as follows:

Middletown Carting for mixed metals at no charge/pull, will pay Town \$225/ton, 3-40yd cont. on site at all times - car tires at \$155/ton, lg. truck tires \$10 ea./extra loader and construction tires \$100 each/extra – Freon units delivered to Middletown Auto Wreckers for \$10/unit; AND Marangi Disposal for C&D - 30 yd. haul rate \$114.75 and \$78/ton. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO HIRE ROBIN BRENNAN AS PROVISIONAL HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham to hire Robin Brennan as a provisional highway employee at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HIGHWAY BUDGET MODIFICATION:

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

Increase Unclassified revenue D2770 in the amount of \$960.40 and

Increase Machinery Repairs D5130.4 in the amount of \$960.40.

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

AT THIS TIME, Supervisor Novak asked that Chief Rickard be excused as it is his son's birthday. And it is also Janet's birthday and Amy's birthday and it was Tom (Gilmore) birthday last week.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT FOR JASON

BEEBE:

MOTION by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to approve the conditional offer of employment of Jason Beebe upon passing medical and physical exams.

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

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE (T. Cauchard):

Mrs. Cauchard asked Mr. Kelson if he's talked to Mr. Dallow re: animal control. They have spoken and an agreement will be coming. She asked the status of the old school. Supervisor Novak stated that will be covered later on the agenda. She added that this will be her last meeting as Bob Bennett will be the new liaison for the village board. She thanked the town board for everything.

SUMMER RECREATION (Diane Loeven):

Ms. Loeven stated that Sue Marshall will not be returning as summer recreation director. The medical director will not be returning either. All applicants for jobs will be interviewed even if they are a returning employee. (At this time, she added - to Zack - that Howard is in the hospital.) Councilwoman Sutherland asked if there are any recommendations from Sue Marshall for the director position. Ms. Loeven stated that applications were given out but none have been returned yet.

HIDDEN VALLEY (Councilman Ketcham):

Councilman Ketcham stated no news is good news. Supervisor Novak added that some bids have been received for the scoping.

PLANNING BOARD (Chairman Gilmore):

Mr. Gilmore reported the meeting was cancelled last week. The next meeting is in April with a 3 lot subdivision on the agenda so far. Mr. Kelson added that he is looking at the conservation statute.

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OLD SCHOOL (Councilwoman Sutherland):

Councilwoman Sutherland stated that there may be an offer put in but unfortunately there was a death in the family and the person had to return to Israel for it. She hasn't heard anything further.

COMPUTEL (Attorney Kelson):

Mr. Kelson stated he was asked to review letter received from Computel. Basically if they are successful the town would get half and Computel would get half. He spoke of a situation that occurred in Ellenville. It can't hurt to have them look at it and he recommends they get approved to do so.

TIME WARNER CABLE (Supervisor Novak):

Supervisor Novak asked Mr. Kelson if he had time to look at the letter about restructuring. Mr. Kelson had not seen the letter.

COURT ROOM (Supervisor Novak/Attorney Kelson):

Supervisor Novak stated that materials have been ordered. Buddy's Glass recommends the safety glass.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (Attorney Kelson):

Mr. Kelson spoke re: getting a scanner for the Town Clerk's office. It would be best for a 3 in 1. You can get them usually under \$300. He strongly recommends this with the way the regulations have changed for information to be available for meetings. He will get quotes for next meeting.

APRIL 18TH MEETING (Supervisor Novak):

Supervisor Novak reminded everyone that the meetings next month were changed. There will be one meeting on the 18th at 7:30pm. The second (workshop) meeting is cancelled. Notification was made to the paper.

RESOLUTION FOR OCCUPATIONS INC. RAFFLE REQUEST:

(AT THIS TIME, Attorney Kelson disclosed that his brother sits on the board at Occupations Inc.)

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to allow Occupations Inc. to sell raffle tickets within the Town of Mount Hope. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION FOR ZBA APPLICATION REFUND REQUEST FROM D. RAMOS:

MOTION BY Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to approve the request from Diana Ramos for the application fee refund due to her husband requiring heart surgery. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION FOR DOT CALM DRIVE BOND REDUCTION:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to refund/reduce the road bond on Dot Calm Drive minus 10% retainage as per Mr. DeWinter's recommendation. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:

(AT THIS TIME, Councilman Fairweather questioned the inland marine equipment insurance bill. Supervisor Novak couldn't recall what department it is for but will look into it.)

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

GENERAL A:	#155-191	\$105,643.85
GENERAL B:	#27-32	\$ 5,060.43
HIGHWAY:	#46-51	\$ 47,589.75
SEWER:	#27-30	\$ 1,703.55.

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

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Cauchard stated as a resident she would like to thank Dean for how the park is. It is beautiful.

FIRE BUDGET (Supervisor Novak):

Supervisor Novak stated that the fire budget has been reviewed. There were a couple type-o's and an omission but it is moving along.

TEPLITZ PROPERTY (Supervisor Novak):

Supervisor Novak stated that someone from the Board of Health called Jim DeWinter's office and said they received a call from someone regarding the demolition at the Teplitz property up the street from here. He stated that there was illegal stuff buried there and that Town equipment was used. Per Supervisor Novak, that is not true. Mr. Teplitz hired a private company out of New Jersey for the demolition and haul away. Town equipment was NOT used.

RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk