

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, OCTOBER 16, 2013
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The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **October 16, 2013** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Highway Supt. D. Hassenmayer, M. Horzepa, Village Trustee K. Coppola, Town Attorney Z. Kelson, D. Loeven, Chief P. Rickard, L. Fairweather, R. Rebman, K. Rebman, J. Myers, C. Volpe, D. Cambareri, M. Howell, L. Dodd, M. Horzepa, Planning Board Chairman T. Gimore.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Novak called for a moment of silence for the passing of Fr. Patrick McGuigan. He called the meeting to order at 7:30pm noting also that it is the US Navy's birthday.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell that the minutes of the 9-20-2013 and 9-30-2013 meetings as submitted are approved. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. PESH pavilion inspection notice from Paul Smith
2. Building Inspector's report 9-2013
3. Memo read into record from S. Liebert @ CLG Insurance
4. Supervisor's report 9-2013
5. Letter from HV Water re: flushing the mains on Oct. 22, 2013
6. Fireworks permit re: Mike Romano training shoot on 10-19, 2013
7. Memo from Chief Rickard re: resolutions for discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. by Chief Rickard:

Chief Rickard requested approval for Officer Anna Briceno to attend Emergency Vehicle Defensive Driving, Nov. 13-15 in Oriskany NY. There is no cost to attend. Lodging is free as well as lunch. He stated that the new car is in and the lettering is done and will be placed in service. Tony Coppola pulled everything out of Car 155 and requested that Car 155 be declared surplus and put out to auction. The site that Dean deals with seems to work very well. He also requested the approval to hire Robert Loughman as a part time competitive police officer, effective November 1, 2013. He added that the Reality based training is going on now at the Old School. Bob Loughman has been helping out with that. Officers Briceno and Skoufis will go to teach Stranger Danger at Otisville School on Oct. 25. He reminded the board that the animal control position still needs to be filled. He requested to meet with the board to discuss his budget. Chief Rickard informed the board that there was a local burglary in which Officer McGrath followed through with and an arrest has been made. Mr. Rebman asked if Officer Briceno will get paid to attend this training. Chief stated yes, by law she has to get paid for 8 hours/day. Supervisor Novak asked how many slots were still open. Chief stated 3.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HIRING ROBERT LOUGHMAN AS PART TIME COMPETITIVE POLICE OFFICER:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Fairweather to approve the hiring of Robert Loughman as a part time competitive police officer, effective November 1, 2013. His background check is complete. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CAR 155 SURPLUS AND PUT TO AUCTION:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell to declare Car 155 as surplus and put up for auction. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OFFICE ANNA BRICENO TO ATTEND EMERGENCY VEHICLE DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Fairweather to approve Officer Anna Briceno to attend Emergency Vehicle Defensive Driving from November 13-15 in Oriskany, NY. No cost to attend. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE HALLOWEEN CURFEW:

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Ketcham that anyone under the age of 18 must be off town roads after 9:00pm from Oct. 29, 2013 through Nov. 3, 2013 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, Fairweather, carried.

AT THIS TIME, Chief asked to address the board. As far as going to classes The Chief picks the classes for the officers to go to. They also do online training which saves a lot of money. He added that time during training is paid per the law.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT by Highway Supt. Hassenmayer:

Highway Supt. Hassenmayer stated that the inspection report from Mr. Smith has been addressed already. Supervisor Novak stated that he received a letter about the Hazard Communication Program, but he also noted that this has been fixed. Supt. Hassenmayer added that the lighting on this side of the building has been changed. Hopefully everyone noticed. Supervisor Novak stated – yes it is noticed. Supt. Hassenmayer reported that the fall trash days started last week. They have been pretty busy so far. He added that he borrowed tractors from the Town of Greenville and Town of Deerpark to mow for the 4H. He met with their engineer today. Two pipes have been installed there as well. Supervisor Novak spoke to Dean about the storage unit. An area was suggested. Stone needs to be laid as the unit is ready for delivery. Dean added that this can be discussed to finalize. Supervisor Novak reported that there have been complaints of possibly some of the residents from Fini's development walking their dogs in the Howells Cemetery and allowing them to defecate on the stones. Supervisor asked Dean if he could put up 'CURB YOUR DOG' signs and the police have been told to ride through there as well. Dean will take care of the signs.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by Trustee K. Coppola:

Trustee Coppola stated that with regard to the water line the Village Board did not vote on this at their last meeting. But they will have it in their minutes that with Health Department approval they agree. He asked Councilwoman Sutherland if she heard anything from Wayne? She did not. Trustee Coppola addressed the board about the letter from Attorney Kelson to Village Attorney Dallow with regard to the Summer Recreation contract. He stated that there was no representation from the Town during registration and that this could have probably been handled differently if there was. Councilwoman Sutherland stated that proof of residency needs to be a necessity during registration. She reminded Trustee Coppola that she was not present due to prior commitments and that Trustee Coppola was aware of them at that time. Attorney Kelson stated to Trustee Coppola to have Howard correspond with him and this should not be aired publicly. The budget figures in there were only tentative figures. The Town did not receive a final draft of the contract with changes noted. Trustee Coppola added that there are accusations made. Attorney Kelson stated that the board is asking for proof to clarify the issues. Trustee Coppola asked if a meeting could be set up to settle this issue. Supervisor Novak stated yes. Attorney Kelson will communicate with Mr. Dallow on this issue.

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HIDDEN VALLEY by Supervisor Novak:

Supervisor Novak stated that he had good news for the residents of the Hidden Valley development. Their rate will go down by approx. \$200 this year due to savings from having the scoping work done. Along with the savings, there is enough money in the budget to do the 2nd portion of the scoping work. Councilwoman Sutherland asked about the area with the sign at the entrance. Councilman Bell met with someone to address this area but the person is unable to do to the work. Supt. Hassenmayer stated he could get the stumps buried and topsoil put in but he needs permission to expend the funds.

PLANNING BOARD by Chairman Gilmore:

Chairman Gilmore stated that there is one on the agenda this month and it's a public hearing for the Sweetman Tire Shop.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FIREWORKS TRAINING SESSION AT THE PARK:

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland that Mike Romano FireWorks training session at the Mount Hope Town Park on October 19, 2013 from 4:00-9:00pm. Insurance Certificate has been provided and residents are to be notified. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham to approve the Supervisor's report for September 2013. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

MOUNT HOPE FIRE REPORT by Pres. L. Dodd:

Pres. Dodd gave the report for September. There were 22 calls with a year to date total of 96 calls. Report will be on file in the Town Clerk's office. They will be going to Devan's Gate on the 20th to speak with the seniors at 1:30pm.

Supervisor Novak asked Mr. Coppola if he had a report he would like to give for the Otisville Fire Company. Mr. Coppola did not have a report.

TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE WITH THE CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION:

NOTICE OF ADOPTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE JUNE 10, 2013 MINUTES:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell to amend the June 10, 2013 Town Board meeting minutes to correct a typographical error so as to reflect that the last action taken by the Town Board before the adjournment of the meeting was the resolution to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the lease agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County as per the last page of the June 10, 2013 meeting minutes annexed hereto. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Fairweather to rescind the resolution made by the Town Board on June 10, 2013 to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Lease agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE LEAD AGENCY:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Fairweather to declare the Town of Mount Hope as Lead Agency in connection with the proposed lease agreement between the Town of Mount Hope and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County and that the Town Board conduct an uncoordinated review of the project. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

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RESOLUTION TO RE-AFFIRM TYPE II AGRICULTURAL ACTION:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Fairweather to re-affirm that the lease agreement between the Town of Mount Hope and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County is classified as a Type II Agricultural Action but that the Town Board has and will review this project as if the same were an unlisted action. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION FOR NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Fairweather that the Town Board declare that it makes a "negative declaration" as defined by SEQRA part 617, and further declaring that the proposed project will not have a significant environmental impact. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE LEASE AGREEMENT:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to authorize the Town Supervisor to execute the Lease agreement between the Town of Mount Hope and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County, subject to permissive referendum. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

BUDGET MEETING DATES for the 2014 TENTATIVE BUDGET:

Supervisor Novak stated that the town board needs some meeting dates for the 2014 tentative budget. After discussion, the board agreed on October 21 at 6:00pm to meet with Dean and October 23 at 8:00pm to meet with the Police Chief.

RESOLUTION TO SET BUDGET MEETING DATES FOR THE 2014 TENTATIVE BUDGET:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to schedule Oct. 21, 2013 at 6:00pm and Oct. 23 at 8:00pm for budget meeting dates. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION TO THE AUDIT THE CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL A:	#546-583	\$ 67,477.56
GENERAL B:	#101-105	\$ 1,450.85
HIGHWAY:	#175-181	\$ 15,206.79
SEWER:	#105-111	\$ 19,096.34

All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather; carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Joyce (Executive Director of Cornell Coop. Extension) announced the ground breaking for the 4H at the Bilinski property on October 24, 2013 @ 3:00pm. Supt. Hassenmayer added that he was at the Parks Committee meeting and the 4H was present also. He stated that it was a very productive meeting.

Mr. Cambareri questioned the actual number of acres being used. The lease says 54 acres but he keeps hearing 14 or 15 acres. Supervisor Novak stated that 14/15 acres is for the actual buildings.

Highway Supt. spoke to Mr. Kelson stating that the dog park plan has been modified. He was approached for an Eagle Scout Project and suggested a possible structure over the well for running water for the dogs.

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BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilman Fairweather noted that the Blue Mass was very nicely done by Rev. Farley; it was an excellent service.

Ms. Joyce added that she was at a prior Town Board meeting where Dean brought up about the Cornell Local Roads Program possibly moving. She was happy to report that they will stay at Cornell.

RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2013 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk