

BUDGET MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, OCTOBER 21, 2013
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The **budget meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **October 21, 2013** at 6:00pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilman Mike Bell, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

OTHERS PRESENT: Highway Supt. Hassenmayer.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Novak called the meeting to order at 6:10PM.

Supervisor Novak stated the following:

The A & B parts of the budget are down to a 1% increase.

He stated if a quarter million dollars is transferred from reserves, it would bring the highway portion of budget to 19%.

With A & B we are looking at a .8% increase; combine this with the highway budget and we need to cut \$50,000 or take more surplus which is dangerous.

Another problem is the \$15,000 we pay in unemployment. Robin has re-applied. He gets roughly \$200/week. Due to the Obama administration, once you are qualified – you can be on unemployment for 2 years.

Councilman Fairweather asked if he has a CDL. Supt. Hassenmayer stated yes but not a lot of experience.

Health insurance was discussed. Family plan is \$21,838.08 and single plan is \$9,925.32 – the difference is \$11,912.76.

The bridges portion of the budget was discussed. Every other year another bridge is inspected.

Supervisor Novak asked the Supt. if he could do it with 2 part timers. Supt. Hassenmayer stated that no one really wants to work 2 days/week. He added that he has worked on the salary bottom line dollar. He did an overtime history for the past 10 years which he explained to the board.

Councilwoman Sutherland asked about a chipper and a mower.

Supervisor Novak will see what the final numbers would be. Supt. Hassenmayer stated that if needed, the .4 (contractual) can be cut from the general repairs account.

RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Bell to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers, Town Clerk