

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, OCTOBER 28, 2013

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The workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at the Town Hall at 1706 Route 211 West, Otisville, NY on **October 28, 2013** 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.

PUBLIC PRESENT: M. Horzepa, D. Loeven, C. Volpe, M. Howell, R. Bakker, T. Geiss, Planning Board Chairperson T. Gilmore, Chief P. Rickard, E. Loeven, J. Cooke, Village Trustee K. Coppola, L. Fairweather, D. Cambareri.

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham that the minutes of the 10-16-2013, 10-21-2013 & 10-23-2013 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from County re: Tax Collector Bond
2. Highway fall TRASH report Oct. 2013
3. Letter from Boys & Girls Club re: Giving Tree
4. Certificate of Insurance from Mike Romano re: Pyrotechnic Artists, Inc.
5. Humane Society Contract 2014

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT by CHIEF RICKARD:

Chief Rickard reported that the Reality Based Training will be tomorrow and it is the last day. They will do the Active Shooter Training in the spring. He spoke about the social media and keeping the public aware as well as building up the audience. Karissa Maxwell (resident) will likely lend the PD some assistance with the social media and the marketing end of keeping residents 'in the loop'. He added that he will be attending the school district – district wide meeting this week. For emergency management he would like to meet with all 3 fire chiefs (Howells, Mount Hope, Otisville). He reported that the basement is done. Dean did a great job on that and so did the Village. He thanked everyone. He also spoke about the Chamber of Commerce holiday parade on December 8. He usually sends Norman. He would like permission to send him.

PLANNING BOARD by CHAIRMAN GILMORE:

Chairman Gilmore stated the meeting was last week and the Sweetman Tire Shop was approved. There were a few minor changes.

RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE DOG CONTROL POSITION:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Ketcham to authorize the Supervisor to advertise for the Dog Control position. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather; carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLIDAY PARADE:

MOTION offered by Councilman Bell seconded by Councilman Fairweather to approve the Chief's request to send Officer Mann to the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade on December 8, 2013.

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

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Bell to approve the contract with the Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deerpark for 2014 as presented. (complete copy on file in Town Clerk's office) All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather; carried.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to schedule the public hearing for the 2014 Preliminary Budget on November 7, 2013 at 7:15pm. The regular Town Board meeting will follow. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather; carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:

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

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| GENERAL A: | #584-610 | \$ 54,913.20 |
| GENERAL B: | #106-113 | \$ 26,455.67 |
| HIGHWAY: | #182-189 | \$ 19,650.19 |
| SEWER: | #112-115 | \$ 1,183.07. |

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

At this time, Town Clerk K. Myers spoke re: the Giving Tree (Boys & Girls Club) request. An email was sent to all board members (heard back from 2). It was requested to move forward with this. The Board agreed it was ok.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chief Rickard added that the twitter address for the PD is: @MountHopePolice.

Councilwoman Sutherland spoke re: the hot spots being announced on facebook. She has received a lot of positive comments. Chief Rickard stated that the object is to slow people down not to write tickets.

RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION offered by Councilman Ketcham seconded by Councilman Bell to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. All in favor: Bell, Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather; carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk