

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, OCTOBER 25, 2010
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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 25, 2010** at 7:00pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak, Councilman Michael Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Councilwoman Kathy Russo, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Fairweather, D. Tripkin, W. Rebman, T. Gilmore, I. Stiles, Lt. Freeman, J. Litow, J. Musial and Attorney Zachary Kelson.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Fairweather that the minutes of the 10-04-2010 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Copy of last years Halloween curfew
2. Highway report Oct. 2010
3. Insurance Cert. for fireworks display on 10-16-10
4. Supervisor's Report 09-2010
5. Planning Board meeting minutes 9-20-10
6. Police Dept. & Highway Dept. budget modifications
7. Building Inspector report 8-10 and 9-10
8. Complaint from resident re: Whitlock Road
9. Certificate of Appreciation from Hometown Helpers
10. ZBA minutes 9-16-10
11. Letter from NYS Dept. of Public Svc. Re: O&R resolution
12. Letter from Village re: village zoning law
13. Police Dept. report 9-10
14. Letter from Toski, Schaefer & Co, PC re: accounting services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE:

Lt. Freeman requested the board to pass the Halloween curfew. Supervisor Novak thanked Lt. Freeman and Chief Rickard for attending the retirement dinner for Warden Killian.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Supervisor Novak stated that Dean is on his way back from Martinsville.

HIDDEN VALLEY:

Mr. Stiles stated that he met with Matt Sang and the DEC. He requested to go into executive session to discuss a settlement. He stated that the DEC needed to make sure that what happened last year doesn't happen again this winter.

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Gilmore stated the meeting was last week and went well.

HISTORIC HOUSE OPEN HOUSE:

Mr. Gilmore reported that the open house was a successful day. They were able to work around the digging that's been done out there. The 4H was there. The highway department did a great job out there. Brief discussion ensued regarding the now open historian position.

MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR FIRST MEETING IN NOVEMBER:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to change the first meeting of the month in November to November 4, 2010 at 7:30pm from November 8, 2010. Meeting to be held at Town Hall. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried. (At this time, Mr. Fairweather stated that he will be on his way back from Boston that day so he may not be here AND Mrs. Russo stated that she has a meeting at 3pm that day and may be late.)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Mrs. Musial stated that the highway guys are working on the handicap access grant regarding sidewalks at the park. The viewing pad by the town field should be completed by the end of this week. They will start on the viewing pad by the pond next week.

Mr. Novak stated that we also need to meet with the residents of Hidden Valley before the preliminary budget public hearing to decide whether to pay the interest only or principal and interest on the BAN. Notices will go out to all residents.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2011 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR HIDDEN VALLEY RESIDENTS:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to schedule the information meeting for the residents of Hidden Valley on November 4, 2010 at 7:00pm AND schedule the Public Hearing for the 2011 Preliminary Budget at on Nov. 4, 2010 at 7:20pm. Regular meeting to follow after public hearing. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

HALLOWEEN CURFEW:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Fairweather that anyone under the age of 18 must be off town roads after 9:00pm from October 28, 2010 through November 1, 2010 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, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS FOR POLICE DEPT. & HIGHWAY DEPT.:

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

From A3120.4 Police C/E to A3120.2 Police Equip. \$169.70 and
Increase revenue D2655.3 by \$7,380.00 and increase D5130.4 by \$7380.00.
All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS REPORT:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mrs. Russo to approve the Supervisor's report for September 2010 as presented. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

MOTION by Mrs. Russo seconded by Mr. Fairweather to approve the following bills:

GENERAL A:	#510-555	\$ 50,732.53
GENERAL B:	#113-122	\$ 28,292.81
HIGHWAY:	#197-206	\$ 59,225.22
SEWER:	#107-114	\$ 4,789.58
POLICE CAP RES	#1	\$ 3,000.00
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	#1	\$ 5,638.17.

All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilman Fairweather would like to have the planning board work on a small animal law as right now you can have 6 dogs but not 10 chickens.

NOISE ORDINANCE:

Councilman Fairweather would like to re-visit the noise ordinance. It needs translation and revision.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Musial inquired about the status of the Bilinski/Mettelman property purchase.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Fairweather to enter into executive session at 8:03pm to discuss contract negotiations and a particular personnel member. Action may be taken after this session. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Fairweather to reconvene the regular meeting at 9:53pm from executive session. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION.** All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mrs. Russo to adjourn the meeting at 9:54pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2010.

Respectfully submitted, 
Kathleen A. Myers, Town Clerk