

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, NOVEMBER 22, 2010

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The **WORKSHOP MEETING** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at the Town Hall on 1706 Route 211 West, Otisville, NY, **November 22, 2010** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak Jr., Councilman Mike Bell, Councilman Greg Stiles, Councilwoman Kathy Russo, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Highway Supt. D. Hassenmayer, B. Rebman, A. Russo, L. Fairweather, M/M Wells, D. Loeven, T. Cauchard, J. Litow, Chief Rickard, Lt. Freeman, T. Gilmore, Attorney Z. Kelson.

Supervisor Novak called the monthly meeting to order at 7:30pm following the Pledge of Allegiance. He would like for everyone to observe a moment of silence for the passing of retired highway employee Nelson Renner - may he rest in peace.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Stiles seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2010 as presented. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notification from Pizza Mania re: renewal of liquor license
2. Supervisor's report Oct. 2010
3. Building Dept. report Oct. 2010
4. Complaint re: resident on Mount Hope Road
5. Police Dept. monthly report Oct. 2010
6. Letter from DEC re: Lake Guymard dam.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT:

Lt. Freeman reported on the copy of the vehicle policy re: day to day use of the vehicles. He requested the board members to review.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

Mr. Hassenmayer reported they are 100% ready for winter; the trucks are ready and the salt shed is filled. The next project is trimming the trees.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE:

Ms. Loeven reported the Patriot Tree lighting will be 12-7 at 6:30pm at the corner of Main Street and Highland Avenue. The zoning review has been meeting for a few years and will she will send it in PDF form to Kathleen. If any board members would like to see, she will email it to them as well.

HIDDEN VALLEY:

Mr. Stiles stated that the building at the HV sewer plant needs to be closed in. He is requesting permission from the board to purchase the materials; should be between \$3-4,000.00. Per Attorney Kelson, he needs to get 3 quotes. The procurement policy was discussed.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE MATERIALS NEEDED TO CLOSE IN
HIDDEN VALLEY SEWER PLANT BUILDING:**

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Bell to authorize Mr. Stiles to purchase the materials needed to close in the plant subject to quotes received per the procurement policy. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

Supervisor Novak stated he spoke with Chuck Lee's office (OCDPW) regarding scoping the sewer lines in Hidden Valley. He will discuss this with his personnel and get back to Supervisor Novak.

PLANNING BOARD:

The planning board is reviewing the zoning law with regard to the domestic animals section.

BILINSKI PROPERTY:

Supervisor Novak stated that the contracts have been signed by all parties. The next step is the environmental study. Mr. Goings will do this study for \$1800.00 per his contract. Supervisor Novak informed the board that Jim DeWinter sent letters to 6 surveyors - only 5 responded: Dan O'Brien \$4700/includes rods, Lanc & Tully \$7200/rods are extra, Eustance & Horowitz \$6500/rods are extra, James Dillon \$11750/extra for rods, Dan Yanosh \$10780/extra for rods. Mr. DeWinter recommends we go with Dan O'Brien.

DECEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mrs. Russo to change the 2nd meeting in December from Dec. 27th to Dec. 29th at 7:30pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

PROPOSED DOG LAW:

Supervisor Novak stated the board received copies of the proposed dog law. We need to set a public hearing on this.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED DOG LAW:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Stiles to set the date for the public hearing on the proposed dog law for December 29, 2010 at 7:15pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

ORANGE & ROCKLAND:

Supervisor Novak informed the board that they are proposing rate hikes. There is a meeting scheduled for 11-29 at the Blooming Grove O&R building with the town supervisors. There was an article in the paper re: 10 towns in litigation for this reason. As information is received, he will forward it to the board.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

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

SURVEY ESTIMATES:

Supervisor Novak went over the survey estimates for the Bilinski property (as previously stated).

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM DAN O'BRIEN, PLS:

MOTION by Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Bell to accept the proposal from Dan O'Brien, PLS for \$1800.00 and authorize him to proceed with the survey for the Bilinski property. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

Mr. Stiles asked Supervisor Novak how this will be financed. Supervisor Novak answered that it would be finance through the sale of the school, money in park land reserve and a pending grant.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AT THE BILINSKI PROPERTY:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Fairweather to authorize Supervisor Novak to sign the contract with William L. Going & Associates, Inc. and to authorize Mr. Going to proceed with the Environmental study at the Bilinski property (SBL 13-1-5). All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL A:	#582-630	\$114,642.29
GENERAL B:	#131-138	\$ 10,190.84
HIGHWAY:	#214-230	\$ 69,408.60
SEWER:	#121-124	\$ 1,872.03.

All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried. (Councilman Fairweather questioned the generator bill for the sewer plant. He would like to see more detail.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

**Chief Rickard informed the board that the generator was still not working as of Friday. Supervisor Novak stated it is still under warranty. Mr. Hassenmayer stated he thinks it has something to do with the fuel.

**Mr. Rebman asked about the status of the old school. Per Mr. Fairweather the original offer was withdrawn. There is someone else interested. He will keep the board informed.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONTINUED:

****Mr. Gilmore** asked about the hauling rates. He received a letter from his hauling company that their rates will be going up. He thought there was a law that they can't raise the rates without informing the town and we have to have a public hearing. Supervisor Novak will look into this with Kathleen.

****Mr. Wells** spoke re: trucking business on Spruce Road. He received notification from the planning board on this back a few months ago. He tried to look up the board minutes on line but they have not been updated since January 2010. He also tried the planning board minutes and they are not there either. Supervisor Novak stated the website is in its infancy stage but we are working on it. Mr. Gilmore added that they applied for a permit for storage of earth moving equipment. Mr. Wells wanted to know how they got approval of the shed that is there now. Mr. Kelson stated that this matter is in the courts now as the town board resolved for the town attorney to prosecute. Mrs. Wells stated that this is a bad situation and it should be allowed in this neighborhood.

****Chief Rickard** spoke re: town tow list. They currently have 10 companies on the list and there is an 11th interested. He was informed that last year the board agreed not to add another company. Mr. Hassenmayer added that some of the companies were overcharging and that was the problem last year. There was discussion re: charging a fee to be on the tow list. Chief will review with the attorney.

****Ms. Loeven** spoke re: Hometown Helpers. She thanked the Chief and the Lt. for attending the meeting. She requested to meet with Supervisor Novak and the town insurance representative to see if the "HH" could add a rider to the town ins. Policy to cover them as they will become independent from the Jewish Family Services. Supervisor Novak will speak with the insurance company and get back to her.

****Mrs. Cauchard** thanked the board for all their help and support for the Hometown Helpers.

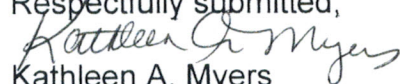
****Mr. Litow** reported that he received a letter from Jim DeWinter regarding the property on Baker Street. He is addressing each item and will get back to the board.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Fairweather to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. All in favor – Bell, Stiles, Novak, Russo, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is December 13, 2010 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk