

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, JULY 7, 2014
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The **regular meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **July 7, 2014** at 7:30pm with the following present: Supervisor Chad Volpe, Councilman Matt Howell, Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland, Councilman Dominick Cambareri and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: D. Bavoso-Attorney, D. Hassenmayer-Highway Supt.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Volpe called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. He asked for audience to silence their cell phones.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION offered by Councilman Ketcham seconded by Councilman Cambareri that the minutes of the June 16, 2014 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Memo from H'way Supt. office re: Gradall
2. Police memo re: surplus of equipment
3. Request from K. Walsh, Accountant: need resolution to create budget line
4. Highway Dept. budget modification
5. Proposed dog park guidelines
6. Public hearing notice from Orange County re: 7-2-14 @6:45pm
7. Letter from OCDPW re: New Vernon Road closing
8. Roof repair quote for Old School

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE REPORT: No report other than surplus request.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT by Supt. Hassenmayer:

Supt. Hassenmayer reported that the mining permit was renewed and it is good for the next 5 years. He has an application for a summer worker. He would be a good candidate for painting and cleaning. If you approve it, I can have him start Wednesday. His name is Logan Crance. He lives on Robbins Road. He's 16; seems like a good kid. He would like to get the Gradall passed tonight.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE by Trustee Loeven:

Supervisor Volpe stated that there is a picture on the podium showing Devan's Gate. He thanked the village and the DPW for everyone's response. Kathleen & I and everyone here have received complaints about Devan's Gate. He contacted Village and a truck was allowed to go there to remove hundreds of bags of garbage. Residents were actually bringing garbage bags out of their houses. Thank you to everyone at the village. Trustee Loeven: speaking for the whole board – that's why we are here – for the community. The community yard sale is coming up August 2. Fliers will be out on the shelf. Any questions, please call 386-1022.

SUMMER RECREATION by Trustee Loeven:

It's off to a resounding start. She spoke with Janet today. Monday was training; the medical director had a new training for the staff on blood borne pathogens which is an OSHA requirement. Hepatitis B vaccines were offered to those who need it. Tuesday was 1st day. Wednesday was beastly – thank Janet and Fire Department for coming down and wetting the kids down. Thursday was a bouncing house and BBQ. Friday was a holiday. Councilwoman Sutherland added that it went beautifully.

HIDDEN VALLEY: - no report.

PLANNING BOARD:

Supervisor Volpe reported they will not have a meeting this month.

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MOUNT HOPE FIRE:

Ms. Horzempa reported that Chief Doty is busy with fireworks season. Councilwoman Sutherland added that they saved a person's life on her street this week. Ms. Horzempa added that they are on a work detail at the site where the trucks are stored.

OLD SCHOOL:

Supervisor Volpe asked Dean to put notice on board about the tours on Saturday. Time is 9-12 on July 12. F. Ketcham added the Orange County Planning Dept. will have someone come out to speak with the committee. He spoke re: having a clean up day at the old school on July 19th.

SUMMER RECREATION CONTRACT:

Supervisor Volpe stated that we have our copy of the summer recreation contract to be approved by our board tonight.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2014 SUMMER RECREATION CONTRACT:

MOTION offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2014 Summer Recreation Contract as presented (copy attached). All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

GRADALL:

Councilwoman Sutherland spoke of letter from Supt. She asked that before he puts anything in any mailboxes please proof-read and spell check. Everything highlighted on here is grammatically incorrect. She is disgusted that he insinuated even though it is in the minutes, that you were recognizing at the last meeting that I had made a mistake. That I was thinking along the lines of the excavator that you have been bothering us to buy for years. We kept suggesting that you – you were persistent that we spend a ridiculous amount of money on an excavator which was not needed. When you brought the Gradall up, I made the mistake in saying can we rent it. In the minutes it shows where you say, Janet I think you're thinking of the wrong piece of equipment. I said I may be but I will go back and look in my notes. You knew off the bat that I had the wrong piece of equipment in my head. I have to ask, why did you feel that you needed to send this letter to us stating – I don't know if Kathleen wants to read it; I don't know if you want me to read it – the reason I was suggesting that we rent a Gradall was because my family's business is the only one in the tri-state area that rents these. If you knew already that I had made the mistake, why did you feel it necessary to send this to everybody on the board? Supt. Hassenmayer: I did what you wanted me to. I checked into rental fees and there you have it. Councilwoman Sutherland: so, having said that, good for you. You did what you were supposed to do. That being said, coincidentally, 1st off the entire thing here is one big run-on paragraph. Then you say, 'coincidentally, the only company in the area who rents Gradalls is owned and operated by Council women Sutherland's extended family, full discloser always being best known', when you know very well that 2 years ago when I had taken office there was a bidding thing. Hoffman put in for the bids and I excused myself from that. Why did you feel you needed to do this? Does it make you feel better? Honestly, you just made yourself look foolish. That's all. You gave the CEO of the company (who is my 2nd cousin) and my other cousin who runs the warehouse a really good laugh thinking that I even knew that they rented Gradalls. Why did you feel you needed to do that? Knowing that I excused myself from the other thing. The guys have said to me when they were doing the road, 'you know what we need the Gradall'. That's fine. I was thinking excavator – made a mistake. Let me ask this, we contract with other municipalities to borrow pieces of equipment, trade off. That's how the road got done on Charlotte Lane and Dulcie Court, right? We had equipment from....I think I saw Walkkill, right? Is it possible to something like that with a Gradall? Why is that? Supt. Hassenmayer: because everybody needs them at the same time. Councilwoman Sutherland: and you think we would use them everyday? Supt. Hassenmayer: when you need 'em, you need 'em. In a disaster, everybody needs them. Supervisor Volpe: on the old information we were given here for the used Gradall, I need a motion to approve or not approve the Gradall.

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A GRADALL:

MOTION offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell to approve the contract for Dean to sign to buy the Gradall for \$60,000.00 from Yacanos. All in favor: Howell, Volpe, Cambareri. Opposed: Ketcham, Sutherland. Carried.

OLD SCHOOL:

Supervisor Volpe spoke re: walk through on July 12. He asked for available board members to show on that day.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT RE: DOG CONTROL:

Supervisor Volpe spoke re: amendments made to the dog control officer agreement with the Village. Everyone should have received the information on that. He asked Town Clerk for clarification on what was amended. Town Clerk stated she believed that paragraph #6 was added about who the fees get paid to. Supervisor Volpe: basically, if the dog is collected in the town, we get the money. Or if it's in the Village, they get the money. Atty. Bavoso: added, at whatever those municipal rates are.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS MADE TO DOG CONTROL AGREEMENT:

MOTION offered by Councilman Howell seconded by Councilman Cambareri to approve the amendment made to the contract. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS CAMERA SYSTEM AND DVR FROM POLICE DEPT.:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham to declare the following as surplus and destroy as they are not repairable: Kustom Signals camera system w/DVD serial #DV06174 and Nuvico DVR Model #8000/Serial #0212090030. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

RESOLUTION TO CREATE A NEW BUDGET LINE:

MOTION offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Ketcham to create the new budget line as follows: A1610.4 Central Services Administration, per accountant Kelli Walsh. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

JOINT MUNICIPAL FIRE MEETING:

Supervisor Volpe spoke with the Mayor today. Their board is in agreement to move forward with additional talks on the joint municipal fire district. He would like to set a meeting date for August 18, tentatively. (Councilwoman Sutherland will be away.) Different dates were discussed.

RESOLUTION TO SET JOINT MUNICIPAL FIRE MEETING:

MOTION offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell to set a tentative meeting date to discuss a joint municipal fire district for August 18 at 8:30pm; immediately following the regular town board meeting. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

SIGN GRANT – 2009:

Supervisor Volpe spoke re: sign grant that Bill (Novak) applied for several years ago (2009). The grant money came through. It's \$5,400.00 grant money. Julie was getting pricing. We can get a new sign for out front. Dimensions are 2'2" X 7'4" and our cost is absolutely nothing. It came in \$100 less than the grant we were awarded. It will not have 'Welcome to the Town of Mount Hope' or anything added to it – that is additional. Recommend we buy the sign and budget next year to enclose it and make look nice. The grant has a time restraint and that's the end of the month.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SIGN PURCHASE:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham to approve buying a new sign with the grant money received. Our cost is nothing. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HIGHWAY BUDGET MODIFICATION:

MOTION offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell to approve the budget modification as follows:

Increase revenue budget from State Aid/CHIPS DB5301 by \$9,796.96 and increase CHIP DB5112.2 by \$9,796.96. This is for CHIPS allocation for NYS budget year 2014-2015. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

RESOLUTION TO HIRE SEASONAL HELP FOR HIGHWAY DEPT.:

MOTION offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell to hire Logan Crance as seasonal help for 6 weeks. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL A:	#365-406	\$108,951.14
GENERAL B:	#55-62	\$ 16,776.55
HIGHWAY:	#97-110	\$113,469.79
SEWER:	#58-64	\$ 4,413.99.

All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT AIR CONDITIONER:

Supervisor Volpe spoke re: the air conditioner went at the police department. It was 1989 unit. It could not be repaired. It has been replaced.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Iris Stiles: congratulated board on pool building grant and asked what its use will be. Supervisor Volpe: would like to see it used as a senior/youth center. Maybe exercise equipment on one side and activities like pool table, air hockey, walking track, ping pong tables. Just a vision now.

Phil Higby: asked when joint meeting is scheduled. Councilman Cambareri: August 18. Mr. Higby asked for a date when board will meet with the MH fire company. Supervisor Volpe: a week from today per Mr. Doty.

Jerry Cook: spoke re: Bluegrass/Folk Fest at D&H Canal July 12 from 1-5; \$15.00/person. It's a fundraiser to help out the museum. Bring your own chairs. Mr. Cook added: rumor about fire department that we won't have fire protection & asked for clarification. Who is the person spreading this? Supervisor Volpe stated the vote is whether or not we want a Mount Hope Fire District. We have a 3 year contract with Mount Hope Fire Company. Mr. Cook: the rumor is ridiculous. Supervisor Volpe: we still have coverage for another year and 9 months – contracted coverage. My understanding is it will still be the same firemen, same equipment, same everything. Nothing will change other than it will be MH Fire Company not MH Fire District. Our fire protection doesn't change whatsoever. Supervisor Volpe (to Dean): after the 12th, on that Monday can you change the sign out front to read about the vote? From 6pm to 9pm. Per Mr. Higby: that's a typical time frame for a fire vote.

Diane Loeven: Hometown Helpers will be having a training session within the month for new volunteers. She completed a 6 month statistical report. Volunteers put in 290 contact hours. We need volunteers. The seniors have 2 trips coming up. July 27 – going to Woodlock Pines, Poconos Approx. \$50. August 10th is boat ride on the Hudson approx. \$70 for non- members. Contact Diane at 386-1251 for information.

Frank Ketcham: 4H needs storage space possibly at old school. He asked about the quote for the emergency repairs on the roof at old school. Asked about the status of that. Councilman Howell: what do they want to store? Mr. Ketcham: he doesn't know. Supervisor Volpe: Doesn't know about storing anything in it. He will be sending football league a letter to remove their stuff after this season. As far as roof repairs, we need more quotes.

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Frank Ketcham continued: spoke re: story in local papers about 7 peaks. They quoted it as 59 houses. All along it's been 49 houses. Atty. Bavoso: will double check.

MOUNT HOPE FIRE:

Mike Osborne reported there were 22 calls for the month. We're in process of buying new gear and radios. Annual fireworks were last night. Thanks to those that attended for supporting us. Councilman Howell: asked if the water they sprayed on the kids at the summer camp was drinkable water? Or was it from the pond? Mr. Osborne: get it from the federal prison.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONTINUED:

Mary Maurizzio: Is fire vote for the company to become a district? Is that correct? Supervisor Volpe: No, that's not correct. It's already a fire district. This is to dissolve the fire district or not to dissolve the fire district.

David Cantor: bothered by interaction between Janet and Dean. He doesn't come often to meetings. There has to be an avenue for this. Dean sent it privately to all board members. He didn't put it out in public. He's disappointed. Highway department does a great job. Councilwoman Sutherland: I had someone from outside of here say something to me. So if it was put in our mailboxes, I don't know how this person got it. I am not saying I want him to rent from my family's company. Mrs. Maurizzio added: it was rude and uncalled for. Councilwoman Sutherland: when you are continually lied about and doubted, you tend to get your feathers ruffled occasionally.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Sutherland: re: dog park. She shared with Chad that she went to T/O Wallkill for baseball and T/O Monroe for baseball. She saw their dog parks. They suggested that one way to be sure the people were town members was to have someone spot check occasionally. I don't know if this is something the dog control officer can do. Anybody who wants to use the park could come in to Kathleen with copies of rabies and licenses and they'd be given a card (to prove they live in the town). Supervisor Volpe: has a few concerns. (to Dean) when is next park meeting? Supt. Hassenmayer: don't have one yet. He will try to put one together. Supervisor Volpe: after you & I talked I did not realize there were so many people on it. There's been talks on separating it, changing things around. We only voted to go with where the old board was with it. Supt. Hassenmayer: after the response at the last meeting, I kinda put everything on hold. Supervisor Volpe: Everyone on the committee has done a great job. If we have to make amendments to it then I'd rather do it from the get go. I don't know what the vision was. Supt. Hassenmayer: it's kind of we're limited to what we can do in one year because of the budget. Councilwoman Sutherland: can we get a quote on dividing it before? Supt. Hassenmayer: remembered they forgot a maintenance gate to get in to mow. They will revisit and get new quotes. Councilwoman Sutherland: when she spoke with the man from T/O Wallkill, he said how much better it is with 2 separate areas. Supervisor Volpe: Kathleen had someone bring her little scented doggie bags. Town Clerk: with nothing in it! Supt. Hassenmayer: I don't want to rush into it. Rather take our time and do it right the 1st time. Jim Kowalczyk: how do you separate size from small to large dog? Councilwoman Sutherland: in Wallkill, they had equipment for dogs to play with ie: tires were smaller, steps were bigger. The small ones were like miniature to 20-25 lbs. Mr. Kowalczyk: were they concerned with big dogs hurting little dogs? Councilwoman Sutherland: yes. She gave example of Rottweiler.

Mr. Higby: has engineer given any idea as to cost of school building and pool building? Supervisor Volpe: not yet.

Mary Maurizzio: spoke re: Mr. Stack being in the audience. Earlier in meeting, it was discussed that there's a lot of garbage at Devan's Gate and it was handled by the village and the town. Since he happens to be here, is there any plan in the future for taking care of the garbage for seniors? Supervisor Volpe: a different Mr. Stack. We already went over this in a private meeting.

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RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell to enter into executive session at 8:23pm to discuss contractual issues. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Howell to close executive session at 9:07pm and reconvene the regular meeting. (NO ACTION TAKEN IN THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION) All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Howell to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall in the meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk

**Village of Otisville
Town of Mount Hope
2014 Summer Youth Recreation Program
Updated June 30, 2014**

The Village of Otisville and the Town of Mount Hope hereby agree to enter into a cooperative agreement for the operation of the **2014 Summer Youth Recreation Program**.

It was previously agreed that the 2014 registration fees would be as follows:

	<u>Residents</u>	<u>Non-Residents</u>
1 child	\$400	\$700
2 children	\$500	\$900
3 children	\$600	\$1000
each additional child	\$100	\$100

Non-residents are those children who live outside of the Town of Mount Hope or Village of Otisville. Only those non-residents residing within the area of the Minisink Valley School District served by the Otisville Elementary School are eligible to attend this program.

All registration fees collected for 2014 will be

- used for salaries and administration of the 2014 Summer Recreation budget
- used for supplies, equipment and special programs to support the program
- and used prior to any appropriated funds being expended.

The Village of Otisville agrees to pay all expenses incurred for 2014 Summer Youth Recreation Program. Payroll and accounts payable will be processed by the Village's Accounting Clerk. All secretarial duties are to be performed by the Program Director.

Expenditures will be shared on a percentage basis, calculated according to actual program enrollment. The **Town of Mount Hope** will be responsible for 80% of the operating budget and the **Village of Otisville** will be responsible for 20% of the operating budget. The Village of Otisville will voucher the Town of Mount Hope for their share of the operating budget prior to the start of the program so that funds are available for the purchase of supplies for the program.

All purchases to be made for the program, including replenishing expended supplies and equipment, will be completed by **December 1, 2014**.

At the conclusion of the program, the Village Clerk/Treasurer will balance the program budget. If the program has operated with a deficit, the Village of Otisville will voucher the Town of Mount Hope for their share (at the established ratio) of the amount required

to balance the budget. If the program has operated with a surplus, surplus will be returned to the Town and Village general funds at the established ratios.

2014 Resident enrollments: 119

Town of Mount Hope Residents: 95 = 80% (94/117 = 80%)

Village Residents: 24 = 20% (23/117 = 20%)

Additionally, there are 15 non-resident enrollments bringing the total program enrollment for 2014 to 134. These non-resident enrollments are not calculated into the percentages quoted above, as non-resident enrollments are totally supported by the higher non-resident registration fees.

Based upon these enrollment figures and the Program Planning Budget Summary attached, the anticipated Town/Village share of the **2014 Summer Youth Recreation Program** will be as follows:

Town of Mount Hope - \$ 11,240

Village of Otisville - \$ 2,810

Signed Brian W. Wona date 9 July 2014
Brian Wona, Mayor
Village of Otisville

Signed Chad Volpe date 7/7/2014.
Chad Volpe, Supervisor
Town of Mount Hope