

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, MAY 5, 2014
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The **regular meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall on **May 5, 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: Deputy Chief M. Byrne, Lt. P. Freeman, Chief P. Rickard, H'way Supt. D. Hassenmayer, Police officers: A. Vellake, J. Skoufis, J. Beebe, K. McGrath, J. Corcoran, N. Mann, J. Guarnieri, J. Santiago, Police Clerk S. Clarke.

Supervisor Volpe called the regular meeting to order at 7:30PM, following the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for cell phones to be silenced.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell that the minutes of the 04-21-2014 meeting as submitted are approved. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Building Inspector's report 04-14
2. Orange County Farmers flier for funding
3. Mount Hope Fire report 1-1-14 through 4-30-14
4. Complaint from resident re: 413 Guymard Turnpike
5. Complaint from resident re: 11 Sagamore Road
6. Certificate of Training from Town Clerk Conference re: Kathleen Myers, Town Clerk
7. 3 proposals for security system upgrades (Prime Security, NAS Security & Pulse Sys.)
8. Proclamation for Police Week 2014

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT by Chief Rickard:

Chief Rickard reported that this coming week is National Police Week and we will be honoring some officers tonight later in the meeting. He spoke re: terrorism grant which was submitted by May 1st deadline. They are looking to replace the ATV with an enclosed type of 4WD access vehicle. It is usually a year long process. He also asked for permission to attend the Chiefs Training Conference in Orlando in October 25-28. It is in my budget.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT by Supt. Hassenmayer:

Supt. Hassenmayer reported that they are still working on Kohler Road as it is one of the worst roads.

VILLAGE OF OTISVILLE: No report.

SUMMER RECREATION:

Trustee Loeven stated tomorrow night is last registration night from 5-8 at village hall. Please get the word out.

HIDDEN VALLEY:

Councilman Ketcham stated everything is fine; the numbers look good.

PLANNING BOARD: No report.

MOUNT HOPE FIRE:

Chief Doty stated they had a busy day. They had 2 units in C/O Middletown for about 7 hours at Genpak. They also had a fall victim off County Rte 61 that Mount Hope, Otisville and Westbrookville responded to. He read report into record. (report will be on file in town clerk's office) He asked the board about a Good Samaritan award re: Michael Collins from 94 Bull Road. He would for him to get this award because if it wasn't for him, carrying her down, she probably wouldn't be around today.

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MOUNT HOPE FIRE: continued:

Chief Doty also thanked Officer Santiago for taking her into Middletown to meet Mobile Life because there was a little delay with Mobile Life getting out here. Councilwoman asked what the FAST team is. Chief stated it is a group of guys that are trained in rescue firefighters and throughout the county at any structure fire you need to have a FAST team. They are one of about 10 in the county. They are the 1st due FAST team for C/O Port Jervis, Bloomingburg, Cuddebackville & a couple other departments. We are secondary FAST team for C/O Middletown. We got called for Genpak fire.

OLD SCHOOL:

Supervisor Volpe stated there was an open house there from 9-12 this past Saturday. There were shy of 100 visitors. Feed back was all over the board. It was good for everyone to see the condition of the school. He will see if the board wants to do another one. Councilwoman Sutherland asked about the engineers. Supervisor Volpe stated they went through, lifted some tiles, took pictures. He hopes for a detailed report soon.

SECURITY SYSTEM QUOTES:

Supervisor Volpe stated that board members should have gotten the 3 quotes for the security system upgrade. We've dealt with Primes Security for 28 years. He thinks that's why their numbers came in so much lower than everyone else. He would like to re-contract with Prime Security to upgrade our alarm system. It has a few new features that would be much better for us. It was asked for which building. Supervisor said town hall. They don't make parts for our system anymore. Councilman Ketcham asked if this was a capital improvement. Supervisor stated there is money in buildings. Councilwoman Sutherland stated when she was going through the quotes she saw quotes for panic buttons, cameras. One doesn't give as much detail so are we getting as much with this? She asked why it could be so much cheaper. It doesn't seem apples to apples. Supervisor added that we've paid them for 25 years to do nothing. Councilwoman Sutherland asked where's the cameras? Supervisor stated there are no cameras. Supt. Hassenmayer asked if this included the fire system? Supervisor stated yes, it is all of the upgrades needed for the town hall and entire DPW.

RESOLUTION TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH PRIME SECURITY:

MOTION offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell to allow the Supervisor to sign the contract with the lowest bidder, Prime Security. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT BAVOSO AS PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY:

MOTION offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell to appoint Bavoso & Bavoso as the planning board attorney. All in favor: Howell, Volpe, Cambareri. Opposed: Ketcham, Sutherland. Carried.

SUMMER MEETINGS / SUMMER HOURS FOR TOWN HALL:

Supervisor asked everyone's thoughts on summer meetings. Town Clerk added it used to be one meeting per month for June, July, August. Also added that a copy of the resolutions from last year were given to Supervisor. Supervisor asked to discuss this. He stated read the hours from last years resolution for town hall. 8-5 Monday through Thursday. Closed Fridays. Councilman Cambareri asked for this to be tables until next meeting. Councilman Ketcham added that if this is what we did last year, he is fine with it for this year. Councilwoman Sutherland stated is fine with it. Councilman Ketcham added that the right dates need to be figured out.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

MOTION offered by Councilman Howell seconded by Councilman Cambareri to schedule a public hearing on May 19, 2014 at 7:15pm for the FY-15 Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development Program. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

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RESOLUTION FOR POLICE CHIEF TO ATTEND POLICE CHIEF'S CONFERENCE:

MOTION offered by Councilman Ketcham seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to authorize the Police Chief, Paul Rickard, to attend the Police Chief's Training Conference in Orlando, FL from October 24 through 28th, 2014. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUDIT THE CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL A:	#256-274	\$ 42,180.54
GENERAL B:	#36-40	\$ 12,567.29
HIGHWAY:	#60-64	\$ 8,909.60
SEWER:	#42-46	\$ 3,879.81.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Supervisor Volpe stated that before public participation is started he needs to say a few things. He stated he is new and trying to get things under control. If anyone has any questions, they need to be addressed to the board. If anyone has any questions for anyone else in the audience, please step outside and talk about it. A lot of times it becomes too much cross talk. Listening to Kathleen play the minutes back sometimes it is very hard to understand anything. This is an opportunity for all of us and the residents to address the board with any comments & concerns that you may have however we need to keep it to the board and no cross-talking.

D. Loeven: Spoke re: Hometown Helpers volunteer recognition luncheon. The neighbors that need help are invited to come show their appreciation as well. The clerks from both village and town are invited because they are a cornerstone to making this program work. It is scheduled tentatively for June 11. She asked Town Clerk about hall availability. Kathleen will check on it. An issue with emails was discussed. Ms. Loeven asked the boards permission to allow Kathleen, Amy & Angie to attend. Ms. Loeven asked Councilwoman Sutherland about using the park for Fridays in the summer rec program.

M. See: Spoke re: the occupancy level being 48 and that there's 52 in the room. He suggested changing venues with this many people attending the meetings. Participation is great. Councilman Cambareri added that maybe it is because of the police awards.

L. Garcia: spoke re: thanking police department for facebook posting and showing up at school. Her daughter recently started kindergarten. She asked about 7 Peaks correspondence from T/O Mamakating. Atty. Bavoso has not gotten anything recently. He understands they are quite away from taking any official action.

F. Ketcham: spoke re: the town being an interested party and getting info from T/O Mamakating. Atty. Bavoso stated it might be that they don't have anything new recently. That was the indication he got from the engineer. He will follow up. Mr. Ketcham asked Councilman Howell about the corn land/park land. Councilman Howell stated no, that's something that David is working on and by the next meeting we should have something.

I. Stiles: spoke re: how long it will take to figure out about Otisville school. Supervisor Volpe stated not exactly. Waiting on info from the engineers. He is hoping for sometime within 30 days.

J. Kowalczyk: spoke re: \$27,500 overpayment. Atty. Bavoso stated they are looking into it and discussing options with the district to working toward a satisfactory resolution.

M. Maurizio: spoke re: contract being up in June for fire company. Supervisor Volpe stated it is a 3 year contract.

J. Myers: spoke re: last meeting & Mr. Coppola and a lie and Kathleen not signing for a budget from the Village Clerk. He asked for Supervisor to correct that statement. Supervisor stated there was not a proposal in what he saw. Mr. Myers asked if the town decided to go to Village for fire protection would the town have to put it out for a referendum for a 4% increase in tax. Councilman Cambareri stated it would have to go to bid. Atty. Bavoso stated it would have to be a local law. J. Myers asked if the fire district budget was to go up more than 2% would there have to be a referendum? Atty. Bavoso stated a resolution would have to be passed.

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BOARD COMMENTS:

Supervisor Volpe asked for the Town Clerk to read the Proclamation. Town Clerk read the Proclamation.

Councilman Cambareri stated that they met with the Fire district and they are making a plan to repay the moneys. When a resolution is reached, the board will let everyone know.

Supervisor Volpe stated that the town board and village boards need to meet for a meeting about a fire district/department. More info will follow.

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM TO USE MOUNT HOPE PARK ON FRIDAYS:

MOTION offered by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilwoman Sutherland to allow Summer Recreation program to use the Mount Hope park on Fridays from July 11th through August 8th. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2014:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Supervisor Volpe to approve the PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2014 as presented. (See complete proclamation at end of these minutes.) All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

AT THIS TIME, Chief Rickard named the individual officers receiving awards this year.

Chief Rickard thanked the town board, Dean, Kathleen, David, and the previous board for allowing this opportunity. He spoke of Norman Mann's retirement and he has been with the Town of Mount Hope since 1977.

Officer Mann spoke. He stated he wished his good friend (and fellow officer) Bill Scott were here to celebrate with him. He passed away in 2009. He also thanked former Supervisor Bill Novak for the opportunity to be the Officer in Charge.

At this time, Supervisor Volpe joked to Officer Mann that he (Volpe) was only 4 years old when Officer Mann came to work in Mount Hope.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

MOTION by Councilman Cambareri seconded by Councilman Howell to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. All in favor: Howell, Ketcham, Volpe, Sutherland, Cambareri; carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2014, at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers

Proclamation for National Police Week 2014

To recognize National Police Week 2014 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Town of Mount Hope Police Department;

WHEREAS, some 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, over 19,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 26th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of Tuesday, May 13, 2014;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 9-16

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope formally designates May 9-16, 2014, as Police Week in the Town of Mount Hope, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.