

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
JANUARY 3, 2014**

Members Present:

Supervisor John Merwin
Councilman Jim Campbell
Councilman Ralph Fedele
Councilman George Kaye
Councilman Steve Merwin

Call to Order:

Supervisor Merwin called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda:

On a motion by Councilman Kaye seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to accept the agenda as amended.

There was a discussion of switching to a Consent Agenda in the future and the Supervisor will look into the issue.

Supervisor's Welcome:

Supervisor Merwin congratulated Councilmen Merwin and Campbell on their re-election and welcomed the new Town Clerk, Lisa Cope.

Appointment of Deputy Supervisor by Supervisor:

On a motion by Councilman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Steven Merwin as Deputy Supervisor of the Town of North East.

Designate Regular Meeting Times and Place:

On a motion by Councilman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to hold the monthly Business Meeting on the second Thursday of each month at the Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. It was resolved to carry over the meeting schedule for other departments as held in 2013.

Set Quarterly joint Village-Town meeting Schedule:

On a motion by Councilman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to set the dates of January 6, April 7, July 7, and October 6, 2014 as joint meetings for the Village of Millerton and the Town of North East to meet.

Designation of Official Depository:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Salisbury Bank and Trust as the Town's official depository.

Designation of Official Newspaper:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint the Millerton News as the Town's official newspaper, and the Poughkeepsie Journal as an alternative.

Appointment of Legal Counsel:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Warren Replansky as Attorney for the Town, and to authorize the Supervisor to secure services.

Appointment of Consulting Engineers:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint the firm Morris Associates for engineering services for the Town of North East and to authorize the Supervisor to secure services.

Appointment of Accounting Services:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint the firm of Sickler, Torcia, Allen and Churchill as accountant for the Town of North East, and authorize the Supervisor to secure services.

Resolution to authorize the Supervisor to Appoint Bookkeeper:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Lorna Sherman Bookkeeper for the Town of North East for the year 2014.

Resolution to authorize the Supervisor to appoint a budget Officer:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Campbell the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Lorna Sherman as Budget Officer for the Town of North East for the year 2014.

Appointment of Robert Stevens as Highway Superintendent:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Robert Stevens as Highway Superintendent for two years.

Appointment of Assessor's Aid:

On a motion by Councilman Kaye, seconded by Councilman Campbell the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Donna Morrison as Assessor's Aid.

Appointment of Real Property Data Lister:

On a motion by Councilman Kaye, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint John Lloyd Real Property Data Lister.

Appointment of Secretary to Planning and Zoning Boards:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Claudia Stevens as Secretary to the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Appointment of Secretary to the Building Department:

On a motion by Councilman Kaye, seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fidele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Claudia Stevens as Secretary to the Building Department.

Appointment of Clerk to the Justices:

On a motion by Councilman Fidele, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fidele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Dorene Morrison as Clerk to the Justices.

Appointment of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officers:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Kenneth McLaughlin as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer for Administrative and Zoning matters.

Appointment of Deputy Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Michael Segelken Deputy Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer for Building/Fire Inspection and Field Work.

Appointment of Deputy Town Clerk:

After Town Clerk Lisa Cope appointed Ellen Owens as Deputy Town Clerk for office assistance the Board did the Following:

On a motion by Councilman Kaye, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Ellen Owens Deputy Town Clerk for office assistance for 2014.

Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Campbell the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Lisa Cope as Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Registrar's Appointment of Deputy Registrar:

On a motion by Councilman Kaye, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to approve the Registrar's appointment of Ellen Owens as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statics for 2014.

Appointment of Grant Writer:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Campbell the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Michael Haggerty as Grant Writer.

Zoning Board Appointments:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

APPROVED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Julie Schroeder and Edith Greenwood as co-chairpersons of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Fedele, the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Julie Schroeder as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending December 31, 2018.

Planning Board Appointments:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Leslie Farhangi to the Planning Board for a term ending December 31, 2020.

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Dale Culver as Chairman of the Planning Board for 2014.

Ethics Committee Appointments:

On a motion by Councilman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was:

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint David Shufelt to the Ethics Committee for a term ending December 31, 2018.

Agricultural Advisory Board Appointments:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Daniel Briggs to the Agricultural Board for terms ending December 31, 2016.

Appointment of MEO Foreman:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Ray Kilmer MEO Foreman for 2014.

Appointment of Highway Assistant Foreman:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Shawn Morrison Highway Assistant Foreman.

Appointment of Dog Control Officer:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint James Reilly as Dog Control Officer for 2014.

Resolution to fix the salaries of all Elected and Appointed Officers and establish the wage rate for all other Personnel:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Campbell the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to adopt the 2014 schedule of salaries and wages.

Authorize the Town Clerk to open competitive bids on public works or purchase contracts required to be advertised.

On a motion by councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to authorize the Town Clerk to open competitive bids on public works or purchase contracts required to be advertised.

Establish mileage for Code Enforcement Officers, Dog Control Officer, Assessor and Real Property Data Lister for Town Business within the Town, and for all other officers and employees for Town business outside the Town:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to establish the mileage rate at \$.56.

Appointment of Emergency Interim Successors by Supervisor:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Emergency Interim Successors in the Following manner:

Steve Merwin - 1st
George Kaye - 2nd
Ralph Fedele - 3rd
Jim Campbell - 4th

Authorization for appointed and elected officials to attend the Association of Towns Annual Meeting in New York City, February 16, 2014:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to authorize appointed and elected officials to attend the Association of Towns Annual Meeting in New York City, on February 16, 2014.

Designation of Delegate to Annual Meeting of the NYS Association of Towns:

On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

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ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

REWSOLVED, to designate Supervisor Merwin delegate to the Annual Meeting of the New York State Association of Towns.

Adopting of The Town of North East Board Meetings: Rule of Procedure for 2014:

On a motion by Councilman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to change at next meeting to a Consent Agenda.

Town Historian:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Michael Williams as Town Historian.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Councilman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED : February 19, 2014