

**BUSINESS MEETING  
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST  
JANUARY 9, 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 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**County Legislator Gregg Pulver:**

Dutchess County Legislator Gregg Pulver introduced himself to the Board and insured them that he will advocate for the Town in his new position. He assured them that he and Mike Kelsey would work together on projects that affect the Harlem Valley area. He will be providing updates from the Legislature every month.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

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 accept the agenda as amended by removing the Dial-A-Ride discussion.

**Department and Committee Reports:**

HIGHWAY - Superintendent Stevens reported that all was going well in the Highway Department. He was thanked by Councilman Fedele and Councilman Merwin for the departments help in moving the Irondale School House. Councilman Fedel was also thanked for his involvement in the project.

ASSESSOR - The Town Clerk read a report from the Town Assessor dated January 2014.

PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING - Supervisor Merwin announced that the Planning/Zoning and Building memos were on the table.

TOWN CLERK - Lisa Cope the Town Clerk reported that she had picked up the Tax Bills from Poughkeepsie and that they would be sent out as soon as possible. She also informed that she had purchased a new desk for the Town Clerk's office.

**Committee Activity:**

EMS SERVICE - Supervisor Merwin told the Board that he had spoken to George Lind concerning EMS coverage. He will speak to Rod McCloud the attorney for the Fire District, and consult with Warren Replansky the Town Attorney concerning this issue. Greg Pulver, the County Legislature offer to speak to area Fire Districts to see how they plan to address EMS services in the future.

ZRC - the Zoning Review Committee has been working on the Irondale Overlay, they will continue to work with Mr. Replansky who has concerns on the zoning changes.

**2014CDBG Issue:**

Supervisor Merwin reported that the Town was denied a CDBG Grant for 2014. It had also been denied for 2012, 2013, when the Town submitted a proposal for sidewalks going to the new supermarket. The Town was told originally that the proposal was a good one but still the Town was excluded from the grant.

**Spencer's Corner Cemetery:**

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the discussion concerning the Spencers Corner Cemetery will have to wait until Attorney Replansky arrives.

**A-1 Communications Contract:**

Superintendent Stevens reported that the A-1 Communication Contract that controls the two way radio communications for the Highway Department on Silver Mountain was presently on a month to month basis. The Company would like a more formal contract. No contract will be put in place until 2015.

**Police:**

Police Chief Rudin informed the Board that there had been thirty one total calls , twenty four in the Village and seven in the Town. Mr. Rudin told the Board that the Department had been very busy and that they had a manpower issue. There were three new hires, two on the road as of January 4, 2014 and one on the road starting in February 2014. Councilman Kaye asked if there was any way to get a breakdown of the time spent in the Village versus time in the Town. Chief Rudin answered that it would be difficult to do.

**Performance Bond Agreement DGT Millbrook Holdings:**

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 agree to the performance bond agreement with DGT Millbrook Holdings and to sign the agreement.

**Discussion on Changing Town Clerk's and Town Supervisor's terms from two years to four years:**

It was decided that this discussion would have to wait until Council Replansky arrived.

**Supervisors Report:**

Supervisor Merwin spoke of the joint Town and Village meeting. He informed them that he had spoken to Mike Haggerty who will be doing an analysis of shared services for both municipalities.

**Monthly and Special Bills Abstracts:**

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 accept the special abstract dated December 23, 2013 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$2,317.02  
DB Fund - \$3,136.51

TOTAL; \$5,453.53

All signed and dated the abstract.

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 accept the special abstract dated December 31, 2013 in the following manner:

A Fund -\$15,629.45  
B Fund - \$ 1,005.51  
DB Fund -\$14,375.23  
ESCROW -\$ 1,649.68

TOTAL: \$32,659.87

All signed and dated the abstract.

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 accept the abstract dated January 9, 2014 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$5,004.67  
B Fund - \$ 438.00

TOTAL: \$5,442.67

All signed and dated the abstract.

**Voucher Committee for February 2014:**

The voucher committee for February 2014 will consist of Supervisor Merwin and Councilmen Campbell and Fedele,

**Budget Adjustment #5 for 2013:**

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 approve Budget Adjustment #5 for 2013.

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 have a recess until Counsel Replansky arrives.

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 resume the meeting. The meeting resumed at 8:15P.M.

**Meeting with Council:**

GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS - Mr. Replansky asked for more information on the A-1 Communications Contract and Supervisor Merwin informed him that Superintendent Stevens would provide him with all the information.

Supervisor Merwin informed Counsel Replansky that as of 2015 there would be no Ambulance service from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. He hoped that there could be a collaborative effort with the Fire Department and Rescue Squad to provide ambulance service. Mr. Replansky insured the Board that he will reach out to all concerned.

ZRC - Counsel Repalsky informed Supervisor Merwin that if they contact his secretary, a time and date could be set up to hold a meeting concerning the ZRC.

DISCUSSION ON CHANGING THE TOWN CLERK'S AND TOWN SUPERVIOR'S TERMS FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS - Supervisor Merwin questioned Mr. Replansky on how to make the change in the term limits. He replied that he would have to check the statute, but that a local law would have to be passed and submitted to a referendum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

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

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL:

AYE - James Campbell  
AYE - John Merwin  
AYE - Ralph Fidele  
AYE - Steven Merwin  
AYE - George Kaye

RESOLVED, to go into Executive Session involving litigation.

The Meeting went into Executive Session at 8:24 P.M.

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

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

RESOLVED, to return to regular session.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:50 P.M.

**General Comment:** none

**Adjournment:**

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 adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens  
Deputy Town Clerk

**APPROVED : February19, 2014**