TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2012

Members Present:

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

Call to Order:

Supervisor Merwin called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda:

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 agenda as presented.

Public Hearing on North East Water District #1 Benefit Assessment Roll for 2013:

Town Clerk Nancy Davis Vialpando read the notice of Public Hearing concerning the North East Water District #1 Benefit Assessment Roll. The Public Hearing opened at 7:01 P.M.

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 accept the North East Water District #1 Benefit Assessment Roll for 2013.

Public Hearing Community Development Block Grant:

Supervisor Merwin opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 P.M. There was no public input. There was a discussion on whether repair of bridges in the Town or extending the sidewalks and improving the drainage in the Boulevard District was the better idea.

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 close the Public Hearing.

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 select the Boulevard Sidewalk project for the 2013 CDBG.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: none

Department and Committee Reports:

POLICE – Chief Howard provided the Board with incident reports for August and September 2012. Supervisor Merwin asked if he and the Board could sit down in the future and talk about serious issues in the Town. The Chief responded that he could not really discuss some issues in open session because it could jeopardize ongoing investigations.

County Legislator David Sherman:

County Legislator David Sherman gave a brief overview of what has transpired in the County Legislature in the past month. In the Business Meeting they discussed a new way of shelving pricing in retail stores. He advised the Board that the Nelson House in Poughkeepsie had been condemned and it would cost 1.7 million to have it demolished. Mr. Sherman also informed the Board that Mr. William Tatem had been appointed County Historian.

Continuing Department and Committee Reports:

HIGHWAY – Superintendent Stevens provided the Board with a packet of information. The packet included the 2012 Surplus Tools and Equipment bids.

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 approve the sale of 2012 surplus tools and equipment.

Mr. Stevens informed the Board that the purchase of a new pick up truck was necessary.

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 Vehicle Purchase Proposal from VanBortel for a 2012 Ford F-350 Regular Cab 4WD8.0 Box.

The Superintendent provided the Board with the results of Sealed Bids for 2013,that are for fuel and materials related to highway 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 accept the 2013 bids for fuel and materials related to highway services as recommended by Superintendent Stevens.

Superintendent Stevens advised the Board that the Town could not borrow a paver from Dutchess County until the end of October. He requested permission to rent a small paver if necessary.

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 authorize Superintendent Stevens to rent a paver for the Town Hall parking lot, if necessary.

ASSESSOR – Mrs. Katherine Johnson provided the Board with a memo dated October 2012. In the memo she reported that Mr. Jay Reynold's five year term on the BAR ended on September 30, 2012. She requested that the Town Board advertise for the open position so that it may be filled as soon as possible. She also handed out a flier from the Dutchess County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board that listed the differences between the Agricultural Assessment Program and the Agricultural District Program.

Meeting With Counsel:

GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS – none

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

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL:

AYE – Merwin
AYE – Fedele
AYE – Merwin
AYE – Campbell
AYE – Kaye

RESOLVED, to go into Executive Session for Litigation.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M.

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 return to regular session.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:52 P.M.

Counsel Replansky asked if the Board reviewed a copy of a Procurement Policy from the Town of Conklin. All members agreed that it was something we should duplicate. Mr. Replansky said he would bring a copy of a Purchasing Agreement based on the Town of Conklin's so that they could adopt it.

Return to Department and Committee Reports:

PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING- Supervisor Merwin advised the Board that memos form the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Department dated September 2012, were in their packets.

TOWN CLERK – the Town Clerk, Ms. Davis Vialpando advised the Board that her memo was also on the table.

Committee Activity:
BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE – The Committee announced that bids for doors needed to go out.

BUDGET COMMITTEE- Supervisor Merwin advised the Board that the Budget Committee met on October 15, 2012 and that there would be a Town Board Workshop Meeting held on October 18, 2012 at 1:00 P.M.

IRONDALE OVERLAY PROJECT – there will be a delay in the Irondale Overlay Project.

MILLERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE – the Town needs to sign a form for NYSERDA and then the Village needs to send it in.

Board of Elections Costs:

Supervisor Merwin explained the two plans offered by Dutchess County that help to pay for Board of Election costs.

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 take plan A offered by Dutchess County for Board of Election Costs.

Schedule Public Hearing for Adoption of Budget:

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 schedule a Public Hearing for adoption of the 2013 Budget on November 8, 2012 at 7:05 P.M.

County/Highway Department Resolution:

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 enter into a contract with Dutchess County for participation in the County Snow and Ice Control Program.

Veterans Day: Supervisor Merwin asked the Board to make a motion to observe Veterans Day on November 12m 2012 and to close Town Hall.

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 observe Veterans Day on November 12, 2012, and to close Town Hall in observance.

Supervisor Report:

DOT MCGHEE DAY - Supervisor Merwin asked the Town Board to make a proclamation that November 13, 2012 as Dot McGhee Day. Ms. McGhee will be turning 100.

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 declare November 13, 2012 as Dot McGhee Day.

VETERAN OF THE YEAR - Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that every year Senator Ball asks for a nomination for a Veteran of the Year.

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 nominate Mr. Sid Byron as Veteran of the Year.

BULK TRASH DAY – Supervisor Merwin announced that Saturday October 20, 2012 bulk trash day would be held.

TREE REPLACEMENT – Mr. Chris Kennon of Townscape informed the Board that they would be willing to donate one or two trees to replace the ones lost in the last storm. These trees would be planted at Town Hall and one would be dedicated to Harry Schroeder.

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 donation of two trees from Townscape and dedicate one to Mr. Harry Schroeder.

Jenny Hansel NECC:

Ms. Jenny Hansel of the North East Community Center presented the Board with a Ridership Report dated October 9, 2012. This report gave an overview of the Northeast Dutchess Transit and how it is progressing.

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 Bill Abstract dated September 24, 2012 in the following manner:

A Fund - $2117.96
B Fund - $ 452.05
DB Fund - $3909.65

-TOTAL: $6,479.66

All signed and dated the abstract.

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 accept the Special Abstract dated September 25, 2012 in the following manner

A Fund - $210.00

TOTAL: $210.00

All signed and dated the abstract:

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 accept the Monthly Bill Abstract dated October 11, 2012 in the following manner:

A Fund - $ 7441.95
B Fund - $ 381.31
DB Fund - $19246.89
ESCROW - $ 7894.65

TOTAL: $34,963.80

All signed and dated the abstract.

Minutes:

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 accept the minutes of September 12, 2012 as presented.

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes of September 17, 2012 as presented.

VOUCHER COMMITTEE FOR NOVEMBER – Supervisor Merwin announced that the Voucher Committee for November, 2012 consisted of himself and Councilmen Fedele and Merwin.

General Comment – none.

Adjournment:

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 adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Owens
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED – 11-08-12