BUSINESS MEETING
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
DECEMBER 13, 2012

Members Present:

Supervisor John Merwin
Councilman James Campbell
Councilman George Kaye
Councilman Steven Merwin

Arrived at 7:30 P.M.

Councilman Ralph Fedele

Call to Order:

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

Acceptance of Agenda:

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to accept the agenda as amended.

Report by County Legislator David Sherman:

Dutchess County Legislator David Sherman gave an overview of the recent proceedings happening at the County Legislature.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: none

Department and Committee Reports:

ASSESSOR – Mrs. Katherine Johnson advised the Board that there was a settlement in the Tax Certiorari case involving the Haymarket. She informed them that two changes were necessary concerning the dates but otherwise she advised them to accept the settlement.

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to accept the settlement in the Tax Certiorari case concerning Haymarket and approve the refund.

POLICE – Police Chief Howard informed the Board that starting the week of December 18, 2012 the Police will be having a DWI Patrol. They have received a grant to perform this patrol which will run until 2013. The Chief supplied the Board with incidents reports from October 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012.

HIGHWAY – Superintendent Stevens informed the Board that the new pickup was in service and the 1998 was out of service. He felt that the 1998 should be sold to the junk yard.

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to approve the sale of the 1998 pickup be sold as junk.

Mr. Stevens informed the Board that Sean Morrison has offered to rent the Town his Bucket Truck for tree trimming. The terms of the rental would be the same as last year with the Town paying for fuel and insurance coverage. The rental agreement will have to be reviewed by Counsel.

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 rental of Sean Morrison's bucket truck for 12 months in 2013.

TOWN CLERK – Mrs. Ellen Owens, Deputy Town Clerk provided the Board with a Dog Census that the Town Clerk's office would like to include with the Town Tax envelopes.

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 Dog Census that will be mailed out with the Town Taxes.

PLANNING/ZONING/BUILDING – Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the memos from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Building Department dated November 2012, were on the table.

SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR PLANNING/ZONING/BUILDING – Mrs. Lisa Cope outlines the new fees covering residential, commercial and non residential construction. These new fees will bring the Town in line with other municipalities.

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 change in the Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2013.

Committee Activity:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Supervisor Merwin announced that there was a proposal to change the carpet in the Judges Bench and back room and to change the linoleum in the kitchen area. The Town had received a quote from Riley's last year and they will still match the offer. The quote is for $1,136.23.

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 purchase carpet from Riley's Furniture, Inc. for the Judges Stand, the Break room and vinyl flooring in the kitchen, for $1,136.23.

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 purchase heavy duty rugs from Ulster Uniform Service for the entry hall.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW VACANCY – Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the BAR still has a vacancy. The Assessor would like to have a full board. Ms. Joseph of the Millerton News agreed to put a notice in the paper again.

Adoption of Investment Policy:

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 adopt the Investment Policy for the Town of North East.

December 24, 2012 Town Hall Hours:

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 close Town Hall and the Highway Department at twelve noon, on December 24, 2012.

MILLERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Supervisor Merwin reported that L&S Engineering has not heard back from NYSERDA. He requested the Engineers put in writing that the Town was not responsible for any monies at this point.

Supervisor's Report:

SPECIAL AND MONTHLY BILLS ABSTRACTS –

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 approve the Special Abstract dated November 26, 2012 in the following manner:

A Fund - $2,034.62
B Fund - $ 452.05
DB Fund – $3,840.32

TOTAL: $6,326.99

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 approve the Special Abstract dated December 5, 2012 in the following manner:

A Fund - $29,006.99
B Fund - $ 6,788.87
DB Fund - $25,925.14

TOTAL: $61,717.00

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 approve the Monthly Abstract dated December 11, 2012 in the following manner:

A Fund - $22,753.75
B Fund - $ 1,355.04
DB Fund - $36,724.24
ESCROW - $ 9,684.59

TOTAL: $70,517.62

Budget Adjustment:

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 approve the Budget Adjustment #6, 2012.

Voucher Committee for January, 2013:

The Voucher Committee for January 2013 will consist of Supervisor Merwin and Councilmen Fedele and Merwin.

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 October 9, 2012 as amended.

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 accept the minutes of November 11, 2012 as amended.

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 accept the minutes of November 20, 2012 as presented.

General Comment: None

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 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED 01/10/2013