BUSINESS MEETING
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
MARCH 13, 2014

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 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Legislator Gregg Pulver: did not attend

Acceptance of Agenda:

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 agenda as stated.

Jenny Hansel and Discussion on Dial-a-Ride Program:

Ms. Hansell provided the Board with a Progress Report for the Northeast Dutchess Transit. The report provided information on the number of people who used the service in 2012 and 2013. Ms. Hansell described the marketing campaign that NECC is using to increase the use of the service. A breakdown of registration by Towns was provided. Councilman Kaye asked for a monthly breakdown for all Towns using the service.

Department and Committee Reports:

POLICE - Supervisor Merwin asked Police Chief Rudin about ticketing tractor trailers that continue to use Irondale Road which is posted and prohibits commercial vehicles using the road. Mr. Rudin replied that his officers would issue tickets in that area. Chief Rudin supplied the Board with a report from January 2010 through December 2013 that breaks down all violation in the Town and Village. Chief Rudin announced that in next weeks Millerton News there would be an announcement that the Police Department would be running a clinic for the proper car seat installation. He informed the Board that in January 2014 there were 37 calls in the Village, 14 in the Town and in February2014 there were 32 in the Village and 13 in the Town.

HIGHWAY - Superintendent Stevens asked the Board to approve an Agreement for Expenditures of Highway Monies in the amount of $210,000.00.

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 an Agreement for Expenditures of Highway Monies.

Meeting with Counsel:

GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS - Supervisor Merwin confirmed with Mr. Replansky that the Board would address the concerns Mr. Replansky had in regards to the Irondale Overlay District on March 27, 2014 at the ZRC meeting.

Executive Session Involving Litigation:

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

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL:

AYE - Supervisor Merwin
AYE - Councilman Campbell
AYE - Councilman Fedele
AYE - Councilman Kaye
AYE - Councilman Merwin

RESOLVED, to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:35 P.M.

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 return to regular session.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:15 P.M.

Department and Committee Reports Continued:

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

TOWN CLERK - Town Clerk Lisa Cope informed the Board that 3.6 Million dollars had been received through taxes and that 1,879,342.00 has gone to the Town with the remaining going to the County.

ZRC - the ZRC will meet with Mr. Replansky on March 27, 2014, about the Overlay District.

EMS ISSUE - There will be future discussion with Mr. Replansky and the Fire District concerning the EMS issue and it will also be part of the discussion at the Long Term Financial and Planning workshops.

JCAP Grant:

Supervisor Merwin announced that the Justice Court had applied for a PA Recording System Grant for $4,850.00. They were awarded $3,000.00. This PA system could be used by all the Boards.

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 JCAP Grant and spend the additional $1,850.00 for the PA Recording System.

Acceptance of Insurance Quotes:

The Board had a discussion concerning the insurance quotes provided by Dedrick Insurance Agency. Bookkeeper Lorna Sherman advised the board that Selective along with Lloyds of London for Cyber liability was suggested by the Dedrick Insurance Agency.

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 authorize Supervisor Merwin to procure Selective and Lloyds of London and for Insurance coverage for the Town.

Town Hall Outdoor Signs:

Lorna Sherman informed the board that she would be getting prices for a new town hall sign and will forward Councilman Merwin design and logo to Jean Vanecko who has been working with Lorna on the new Town Hall sign.

Long Term Financial Planning Workshops:

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the Long Term Financial Planning workshop will be held on March 25, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Highway Garage. He felt that this meeting should be held because of the really large fiscal issues, like EMS coverage and a new Highway Garage issue that would be facing the Town and Village. Councilman Kaye felt that a discussion with the Village concerning these problems and there solutions would be beneficial.

Supervisor's Report:

VOUCHER COMMITTEE FOR APRIL, 2014- The Voucher Committee for April, 2014 will consist of Councilmen Campbell and Fedele and Supervisor Merwin.

MONTHLY BILLS AND SPECIAL ABSTRACTS -

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 February 24, 2014 in the following manner:

A Fund - $2,220.68
B Fund - $ 221.90
DB Fund - $2,953.60

TOTAL: $5,396.18

All signed and dated the abstract.

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 approve the monthly abstract dated March 13, 2014 in the following manner:

A Fund - $141,989.71
B Fund - $ 60,899.45
DB Fund - $ 56,859.38
ESCROW - $ 2,153.99

TOTAL: $361,902.42

All signed and dated the abstract.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 1 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to accept Budget Adjustment #1, 2014.

Minutes:

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 Meeting minutes dated February 12, 2014 as presented.

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 accept the minutes of The Workshop Meeting dated February 12, 2014 as presented.

Public Comment:

Mr. Dave Sherman spoke of the phone system and the maintenance agreement.

Adjournment:

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 adjourn the meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens
Deputy Town Clerk
Approved April 10, 2014