BUSINESS MEETING
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
MAY 10, 2012

Members Present:

Supervisor John Merwin
Councilman James 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.

Acceptance of Agenda:

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 Agenda with an addition to item ten concerning Personnel Matters as amended.

Public Comment (on Agenda items only):

Supervisor Merwin welcomed the new Councilman James Campbell to the Town Board.

Ms. Pamela Michaud provided the Board with informational data concerning CDBG applications and how they affect various Towns.

Presentation by Elizabeth Spira (DC Community Action Partnership)

Ms. Spira gave an overview of what DC Community Action Partnership does to provide services to the community. They offer help with medical bills, heating, weatherization and much more.

Department and Committee Reports:

POLICE – no report.

HIGHWAY –

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 Revised Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Funds which now includes CHIPS money.

Superintendent Stevens gave information to the Board concerning surplus County equipment that he would like to bid on. There is money in the 2012 budget to cover the purchase of a 1995 International Paystar 5000 dump/sander truck.

ASSESSOR - Mrs. Katherine Johnson presented the Board with a report dated May, 2012. She informed the Board that deeds will not have to be paid by the Town. She announced that Grievance Day will be May 23, 2012.

PLANNING/ZONING/BUILDING – Supervisor Sherman advised the Board that the Planning/Zoning/Building reports for April 2012 were on the table.

TOWN CLERK – Ms. Nancy Davis Vialpando informed the Board that the yearly inspections for license renewal of Scenic View Mobile Home Park, Benwood Knolls Mobile Home Park and the Thomsen and Graham Metals Junkyard have been performed. There were no violations observed.

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 renewal of licenses for Benwood Knolls, Scienic View Mobile Home Parks, and Thomsen and Graham Metals Junkyard.

Department and Community Reports:

EMERGENCY SERVICES– Supervisor Merwin advised the Board that he is waiting for a review of the Town's Disaster Plan which will be provided by the Fire District's Attorney.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE – Councilman Kaye informed the Board that the Committee met last week and discussed the vehicle the Town is looking to buy from Dutchess County.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – no activity.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Supervisor Merwin spoke of the renovations in Town Hall. The Board indicated there was a need for new air conditioners in the Business and Clerk's offices in addition to the main meeting room.

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 2 air conditioners with 6,000 BTU each from Lowes at the cost of $159.00 and one 15,100 BTU at the cost of $399.00.

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the Poughkeepsie Journal retracted a misprint from the issue of May 9, 2012.

Meeting with Counsel:

GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS – Mr. Replansky informed the Board that he had things to talk about in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

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

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL:

AYE – J. Merwin
AYE – R. Fidele
AYE – S. Merwin
AYE – J. Campbell
AYE – G. Kaye

RESOLVED, to go into Executive Session for pending litigation and personnel issues. Superintendent Stevens was invited to join them.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:45 P.M.

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 return to regular session.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:27 P.M.

Tree Replacement in front of Town Hall:

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the tree in front of Town Hall, that was damaged in the October, 2011 storm needed to be replaced.

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 replace the tree in front of Town Hall, and authorize Superintendent Stevens to do so.

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 dedicate the tree to Harry Schroeder with a plaque honoring him.

Community Development Block Grant Intention to Participate Ballot:

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 table CDBG intention to participate until further study. It will be taken up at the next meeting.

Resignation of Town Hall Cleaner:

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the Town Hall cleaner had resigned effective May 21, 2012. Ms. Deidre St. John has applied to take her place.

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 hire Deidre St. John as the Town Hall cleaner effective May 21, 2012 at the same rate of pay as the previous cleaner.

ZBA VACANCY :

Supervisor Merwin advised the Board that there was still one vacancy on the ZBA. He has a new person interested and would like the Board to interview him on May, 21, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. He requested that any letters of interest bee delivered by May, 17, 2012.

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 conduct interviews for the ZBA during the Special Meeting on May 21, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

Supervisor Report:

BULK TRASH DAY – Supervisor Merwin reported that Bulk Trash Day was very successful and entertaining,

WEB SITE – Councilman Fedele reported that there will be a meeting with Mr. James Thompson on Tuesday May 15, 2012 for a training session. The web site should be operational by the end of the month.

DIDI BARRETT – Supervisor Merwin announced that Didi Barrett the new State Assembly Person for this district will have a mobile district office at Irving Farms on May 26, 2012 from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

DC LEGISLATURE'S REAPPORTIONMENT HEARING JUNE 18, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Dave Sherman reported on the reapportionment issue in Dutchess County stating that each district has boundaries that adjust due to population shifts. They are based on the 2010 census.
County Legislature Sherman also talked about the runways at the airport and the maintenance of the Rail Trial.

MONTHLY OPERATING STATEMENT – Supervisor Merwin stated that the monthly operating statement for April 2012 was on the table.

MONTHLY BILLS ABSTRACT DATED MAY 10, 1012 –

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 approve the monthly bills abstract dated May 10, 2012 in the following manner:

A Fund - $15,202.35
B Fund - $ 506.75
DB Fund - $25,496.01
WD Fund - $26,577.50
SGF Fund - $ 100.47
ESCROW - $ 6,319.19

TOTAL: $74,202.27

All signed and dated the abstract.

SPECIAL BILLS ABSTRACT –

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 voucher dated April 23, 2012 in the following manner:

A Fund - $1,029.09
B Fund - $ 351.93
DB Fund -$2,023.87

TOTAL: $3,404.89

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 abstracts of March19 and 27, 2012.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT –

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 Budget Adjustment #1, 2012 which concerns CHIPS Money.

VOUCHER COMMITTEE – The Voucher Committee for June, 2012 consists of the Supervisor and Councilmen James Campbell and Kaye.

Minutes:

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 minutes of April 12, 2012 as amended.

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 minutes of May 3, 2012 as presented.

General Comment:

Ms. Pam Michaud pointed out to the Board that there was addition information on the web concerning issues surrounding CDBG.

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 bid made on the County surplus truck at the silent auction, for the price discussed in Executive Session.

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 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED – 06-14-12