TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 12, 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 7:01 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 presented.

Public Comment (on agenda items only) none

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that it was previously expected that Mayor Scutieri would join the meeting to discuss a new septic/sewer system. As they could not, Supervisor Merwin will arrange a new meeting with the Village to talk about this and other topics.

Department Reports:

POLICE – None

HIGHWAY – Superintendent Stevens passed out estimates for repairs to trucks #17 and #12.

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 bid from Dutchess County Diesel for $9,953.56 to repair truck #17.

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 bid from Amthor Welding for sand blasting and painting truck #12 in the amount of $8,700.00.

Councilman Kaye commented that the Highway Crew worked diligently putting down black top. He stated that they had doubled the amount paved. Pine Plains assisted the Village and the Town in the paving.

Mr. Kaye asked Mr. Stephens to draw up a list of tentative cooperative projects.

ASSESSOR – no report.

PLANNING/ZONING/BUILDING – Supervisor Merwin stated that the monthly reports from the Planning/Zoning and Building Departments were on the table.

TOWN CLERK – Ms. Nancy Davis Vialpando informed the Board that the Taxes have been delivered to Poughkeepsie.

The Town Clerk read a petition signed by twenty citizens stating that they do not want the Town of North East or the Village of Millerton to join or in any way cooperate with the Northern Dutchess Alliance. Councilman Kaye noted that the Town has not been asked to join nor has the Town asked to join. Supervisor Merwin spoke to the issue by reminding everyone that Dr. Benjamin from SUNY New Paltz is helping the Board to look into various areas where savings could be found by cooperating with other municipalities.

REBUILDING TOGETHER – Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the 2013 application for Rebuilding Day Program had been received and that one can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office. Councilman Fedele requested that this information be put on the Town website.

Committee Activity:

EMERGENCY SERVICES – Supervisor Merwin announced that there would be an Emergency Service meeting with the Fire District, held on August 2, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting is to continue discussing the disaster plan and how it works in practicality.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the bench in the front hall of Town Hall is almost refurbished.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – no activity.

WEB SITE – Councilman Fedele informed the Board that a photo of the Façade of the Antique Center has been added.

ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE – Councilman Kaye reported that the Town was looking at the possibility of a zoning change in the Irondale region. The Town is contemplating setting up a Hamlet District and creating flexibility of uses.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – Supervisor Merwin announced that Councilmen Fedele and Kaye will be meeting with Lorna Sherman in the near future to start the budget talks.

SPENCERS CORNERS CEMETERY STUDY COMMITTEE – Supervisor Merwin explained that in the past the Town had to take over the maintenance of the cemetery , and place a moratorium on interments. There have been requests since the moratorium. On August 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. there will be a meeting of the Study Committee consisting of John Burnese, Christopher Bates, Doris Reeves, Peter Bulcholtz ,Jim and Campbell and Steven and John Merwin.

Meeting with Counsel:

GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS –

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

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL:

AYE – John Merwin
AYE – Ralph Fedele
AYE – Steve Merwin
AYE – Jim Campbell
AYE – George Kaye

RESOLVED, to go into Executive Session to discuss general legal matters and personnel. The Town Clerk was asked to join them.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:50 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 8:12 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 accept the audit reports from Sickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchill, for the Offices of the Town Clerk, Town Tax Collector and the Justice Court for 2011.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Merwin announced that the operating statement for June, 2012 was on the table.

MONTHLY BILLS ABSTRACT/SPECIAL ABSTRACT –

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 monthly bills abstract dated June 18, 2012 in the following manner:

A Fund - $ 1,029.09
B Fund - $40,751.93
DB Fund - $ 1,612.23

TOTAL $43,393.25

All signed and dated the abstract.

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 special abstract dated July 12, 2012 in the following manner:

A Fund - $ 13,252.11
B Fund - $ 737.78
DB Fund - $250,402.90
ESCROW - $ 4,943.93

TOTAL $269,336.72

All signed and dated the abstract.

AUGUST VOUCHER COMMITTEE – The Voucher Committee for August, 2012 will consist of Supervisor Merwin, Councilmen Campbell and Merwin.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT –

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 budget adjustment #3, 2012.

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 approve the minutes of June 14, 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 approve the minutes of July 5, 2012 as presented.

Adjournment:

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 adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens, Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED – 08-09-12