

**TOWN OF NORTH EAST
TOWN BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2015**

Councilman Present:

Supervisor Merwin
Councilman Campbell
Councilman Fedele
Councilman Kaye
Councilman Merwin

Call to Order:

Supervisor Merwin called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Acceptance of Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Fedele, the following was:

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

RESOLVED, to accept the agenda as amended and add the Parkinson Awareness Resolution to the agenda.

Public comment on agenda items only:

There were no public comments on agenda items.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Highway- Highway Superintendent Stevens gave a brief report on the status of the F-350 pickup truck that was ordered and has been delivered to the equipment company that will be installing the sander and other related equipment on this vehicle. He hopes to have this vehicle at the Town Garage in the next two weeks. Mr. Stevens spoke about the need for one of the large plow trucks to be replaced. The truck is over 20 years old. The new truck could be purchased under the Dutchess County Bid. The cost of the new truck would cost between \$200-\$210 thousand. \$75,000.00 in the budget would be used towards this purchase and the town would have to bond the remainder of the money for the purchase of the truck.

Mr. Stevens suggested that the grader be sold. This piece of equipment is 35 years old and is only used for about 40 hours a year. Mr. Stevens suggested that we sell this piece of equipment and rent a grader when needed. Mr. Stevens asked the board for approval to list this item for sale on the Auction International website.

A motion was made by Councilman Kaye, seconded by Councilman Fedele and the following was

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

RESOLVED, to authorize Superintendent of Highways Robert Stevens to advertise the grader for sale on the website know as Auctions International.

Superintendent Stevens asked the Board to review the 2015 Expenditures of Highway Funds that he has presented tonight. He would like to use \$200,000.00 that is already budgeted to repair roads in the Town during this year.

A motion was made by Councilman Kaye, seconded by Councilman Fedele, the following was
ADOPTED- AYES – 5 (Merwin, Campbell, Kaye, Fedele, Merwin)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to sign the agreement for the expenditure of Highway Funds for 2015.

Assessors:

No Report this month.

Planning, Zoning and Building Department:

Reports were on the table for the board members to review.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Lisa Cope gave a brief report; Ms. Cope talked about the upcoming Historical Society presentation on April 10, 2015. Ms. Cope also announced that the Dutchess County Planning Federation was holding a training session for planning board, zoning board and Town Board Members on March 19, 2015 at the Farm and Home Center in Millbrook. Ms. Cope also discussed the ro-bo calls that some of the Town residents have been receiving regarding a tax cut.

Police:

Officer Rudin gave his monthly report. He said that in February there were 39 total calls with 11 in the Town and 28 in the Village. Officer Rudin also provided the statistical data of the police department from 2010-2014 he had it broken down by the number of incidents each year in the Town and in the Village.

Committee Activity:

The EMS committee will be meeting sometime in April as we have just finished up the first quarter of the year to discuss with NDP the progress of the 24 hour ambulance service.

District 19 Legislator: Gregg Pulver

County Legislator Gregg Pulver whom represents the Towns of North East, Pine Plains, Milan and Stanford gave a brief overview of what the County Legislature has been up to. He explained that the Town of North East, Amenia, Rhinebeck, and Milan had received a shared services grant to be able to purchase a paver and some other equipment which will be shared by the Highway Departments the town mentioned above.

Mr. Pulver also said that North East was in receipt of some CDBG money for improvements to the NorthEast Millerton library

Townscape presentation by Jeanne Vaneciko

Ms. Vanecko gave a brief presentation on what the Townscape organization does for the community. Townscape would like the Town to consider making a \$1000.00 donation annually to help offset the cost of the items that Townscape provides to the community. Townscape is responsible for the planting of trees along Main Street, installing park benches, the Christmas decorations, Spring Arbor Day celebration, and the plantings around Veteran's Memorial Monument.

Change of date for the April business meeting:

The April business meeting date will be changed from April 9 until Friday, April 17, 2015 at 5PM.

Supervisor's Report:

MONTHLY BILLS AND SPECIAL ABSTRACTS -

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 Special Abstract dated February 24, 2015 in the following manner:

A Fund- \$3,941.50
B- Fund- \$278.41
DB Fund - \$74,006.51

TOTAL: \$78,226.42

All signed and dated the abstract.

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 approve the abstract dated March 12, 2015 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$179,712.75
B Fund - \$76,117.31
DB Fund - \$107,740.77
Trust and Agency Escrow Fund \$ 168.06
TOTAL: \$363,738.89

All signed and dated the abstract.

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 approve moving \$10,000.00 from the General Repair Fund and \$54,009.00 from the fund balance to the equipment Line.

Voucher Committee:

For the month of April are Councilman Campbell and Councilman Kaye.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Ralph Fedele, seconded by Councilman Steven Merwin the following was

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of February 12, 2015 as amended.

A motion was made by Councilman James Campbell, seconded by Councilman Steven Merwin the following was

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2015 Special Meeting.

General Comment:

There were no comments.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Campbell the following was

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

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cope
Town Clerk

Approved: April 17, 2015