TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF NORTH EAST
MAY 2, 2016

Members Present:

Supervisor Kaye
Councilman Campbell
Councilman J. Merwin
Councilman Midwood

Members Absent:

Councilman S. Merwin

Call to Order:

Supervisor Kaye called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

A discussion of the latest proposal from Northern Dutchess Paramedics for the supply of emergency medical services for the Town of North East:

Supervisor Kaye gave a brief history of the EMS situation. He stated that two years ago the North East Fire Commissioner informed the Town they could no longer provide EMS Service due to a lack of EMT's available to man the ambulance twenty –four hours a day. At that time the Town looked for a provider and chose Northern Dutchess Paramedics. The first two years the cost was $180.000.00. A new Ambulance Service Proposal dated April 12, 2016 was presented to the Town for a three year contract. The 2017 cost will be $260,000.00, 2018 $310,000.00 and 2019 $340,000.00.

Supervisor Kaye said that the Town has looked into various other vendors, but the cost stated by NDP seemed to be standard for the industry for a municipality of our size. The cost associated with the purchase of an ambulance and to staff it, plus insurance, administration help would far exceed the $500,000.00 that was quoted.

David Sherman asked if this was a three year agreement and Supervisor Kaye answered that it was.

Councilman J. Merwin agreed with the Supervisor Kaye that based on business models of the ambulance services in the area Northern Dutchess Paramedics proposal is in line with the other vendors that offer this service.

Councilman Midwood agreed that this is our best solution for the 2017 fiscal year.

Supervisor Kaye said that further discussion on this matter will continue at the next town board meeting.

Adjournment:

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

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

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cope
Town Clerk

Approved: June 9, 2016