

**BUSINESS MEETING  
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST  
JUNE 12, 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.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

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 accept the Agenda as amended.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: None

Department and Committee Reports:

POLICE - Police Chief Rudin was unable to make the meeting.

HIGHWAY - Highway Superintendent Stevens gave a brief report. The highway crew has just finished up the reclamation project on Pulver Rd and will be paving next week and the shoulder work will be done in early July. Mr. Stevens discussed with the Town Board the possibility of painting lines on Pulver Rd. Other projects that the highway crew will be working on this summer will be the oil and stoning of Deer Run Road and White House Crossing. The last item discussed was that the Town is still working with he state on operating the weed harvester at Rudd Pond. Councilman Kaye asked Mr. Stevens to make a list of materials that are being used by the Town and the Village and how it is decided.

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 authorize the Highway Superintendent Stevens to hire a contractor to paint the road lines on Pulver Rd.

ASSESSOR - Katherine Johnson read her report into the record an explained to the board that there were 36 complaints filed on grievance day this year. 10 assessment reductions were given and 2 stipulations. The final assessment roll will be available and online by July 1, 2014.

Supervisor Merwin asked Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Sherman and Town Clerk Cope if allowing installment payments for school taxes was something to endorse? They would research the issue.

TOWN CLERK - Lisa Cope advised the Board that tax collection season had closed out and that she and Deputy Ellen Owens are working on records retention.

PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING - The Board was advised that the memos for Planning/Zoning and Building dated May 2014 were on the table .

**Appoint Replacement to the ZBA:**

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 appoint Carl Stahovec to the ZBA for the unexpired term of Claire Owens.

**Resolution to Adopt the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan for Town Employees:**

Lorna Sherman gave a brief overview of the Deferred Compensation Plan and Town Clerk Lisa Cope read the resolution.

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

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

RESOLVED, to approve the Resolution of the New York State deferred compensation plan for Town Employees.

**Approval of the A-1 Communications Contract:**

Supervisor Merwin indicated that the Contract had to be signed. Councilman Merwin had questions concerning interference

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 Supervisor Merwin to sign the A-1 Communications Contract pending changes.

**Rescheduling of the July 10, 2014 Business Meeting:**

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the Business Meeting for July 10, 2014 needed to be rescheduled.

**NECC Recreation and Social Services Contract:**

Supervisor Merwin stated that the NECC Contract was the same as last year. Ms. Sherman reminded the Board that the Town should be named as additional insured on the insurance policy.

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 approve the signing of the NECC Recreation and Social Services Contract.

**BQ Energy:**

The Letter of intent between the Town and BG Energy was read into the record.

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 approve of Supervisor Merwin sending the letter of intent to BQ Energy.

**Supervisor's Report:**

SPECIAL ABSTRACTS -

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Special Abstract dated May 9, 2014 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$851.50  
TOTAL \$851.50

All signed and dated the 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 accept the Special Abstract dated May 22, 2014 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$ 4,513.77  
B Fund - \$ 173.87  
DB Fund - \$ 5,156.18  
Water Dist - \$26,925.00  
TOTAL \$ 36,768. 82

All signed and dated the abstract.

MONTHLY ABSTRACT -

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 accept the Regular Abstract dated June 12, 2014 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$17,809.48  
B Fund - \$ 686.61  
DB Fund - \$27,603.06  
ESCROW - \$ 4,062.12

TOTAL \$50,161.27

All signed and dated the abstract.

VOUCHER COMMITTEE FOR JULY, 2014 - the Voucher Committee for July, 2014 will consist of Councilmen Merwin and Councilman Kaye.

**Minutes:**

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 minutes of April 10, 2014 as amended.

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 minutes of May 8, 2014 as amended.

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 minutes May 21, 2014 as presented.

**Meeting with Counsel:**

Supervisor Merwin informed Mr. Replansky that the Board would like him to draft a Local Law concerning a resolution to exceed the Tax Cap.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LAW- Mr. Ken McLaughlin would like to see a change in the Property Maintenance Law where the grass growth limit is ten inches. Mr. Replansky feels ten inches is appropriate and the Board should wait and see what is said at the Public Hearing.

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 change the Town Board Business Meeting to July 16, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

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 hold a Public Hearing on July 16, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. concerning the Property Maintenance Law.

**Manure Storage Law:**

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

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL:

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

RESOLVED, to accept resolution #5 adopting Local Law #1, 2014 concerning storage of manure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION INVOLVING LITIGATION -

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

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL:

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

RESOLVED, to go into Executive Session for litigation matters.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:10 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 8:35 P.M.

**Proposed Changes to the Town Clerk's and Supervisor's Terms:**

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept Resolution 4 of 2014 concerning proposed Local Law 3 and 4 of 2014 concerning a four year term for the Office of Supervisor and Town Clerk.

**General Comment Period:**

Mr. Dave Sherman spoke of the Cablevision Contract. He would like to compare the Village Contract to the Town Contract.

**Adjournment:**

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

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

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cope  
Town Clerk

APPROVED - 11/13/2014