

**TOWN OF NORTH EAST
JOINT TOWN BOARD AND VILLAGE BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING
JULY 7, 2014**

Town Board Members Present:	Village Board Members Present:
Supervisor John Merwin	Mayor Marty Markonic
Councilman George Kaye	Trustee Debra Middlebrook
Councilman James Campbell	Trustee Christine Bates
Councilman Ralph Fedele	Trustee Robert Cooper
Councilman Steven Merwin	Trustee David Sherman

Call to Order:

Mayor Markonic called the Joint Workshop meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman George Kaye, seconded by Trustee Debra Middlebrook, and passed unanimously to accept the agenda.

The Town Board and Village Board met for their third quarterly meeting of 2014.

Discussion on grant analyze joint Village and Town operations.

Supervisor John Merwin gave a brief summary of his conversation with Town of North East Grant Writer Mike Haggerty about obtaining a grant to have an expert in municipal affairs review the joint contracts that effect both boards in an equitable distribution. Mr. Haggerty is looking into a grant from the Dyson Foundation and will look for other grants. Mr. Merwin said that if both boards were interested a letter of intent could be sent to the Dyson Foundation to apply for the grant. Trustee Middlebrook suggested starting with a few items that could be shared services being analyzed. Ms. Middlebrook suggested calling the State Controllers Office to see if they had some suggestions for shared services. Mr. Merwin and Ms. Middlebrook will call the State Controllers Office to get more information.

EMS Progress

Supervisor Merwin discussed the process the town has to go through with the EMS issue of daytime ambulance service coverage after January 1, 2015. The goal is to get request for proposals (RFP) out by the end of the summer for day time coverage from 6am -6pm, 7 days a week.

New Water Department Operator

Mayor Markonic said that a qualified company had been hired to be the village water operator. Village Clerk Amber Jordan will provide contact numbers to the Town Board.

Update on Summer Camp activities and possible meeting with Town of Amenia.

Trustee Christine Bates gave an update on the summer camp. The camp had 38 children this week and is being held at Rudd Pond. Rudd Pond is open to town residents free of charge this year. Also the pool was fixed and the public has been coming to use it. A log is being keep to see where people are coming from that are using the pool this year. Trustee David Sherman suggested handing out a survey to people to see what there thoughts were on the pool.

Discussion on possible Transfer Station

Supervisor Merwin discussed the possibility of a transfer station here in North East. He called Welsh who maintains the Town of Amenia transfer station about being able to contract with them. Welsh informed Mr. Merwin that they could not contract with the Town as you can't transport garbage to Amenia. Could possible get some containers and

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have it at the Highway Garage or somewhere else in Town. The town board will discuss this further at their monthly meeting.

Village-Town Highway Activates

Councilman George Kaye gave an brief overview of highway activities. The highway committee would like to keep track of how much sand and salt that is being used by both the Village and the Town Highway Departments. Both boards were agreeable to keeping track of salt and sand usage.

A motion was made by Councilman James Campbell, seconded by Councilman Ralph Fedele and passed unanimously by both board to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cope
Town Clerk

APPROVED 07/07/2014