

**TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 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 Fedele 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: Mr. David Sherman asked if the Property Maintenance Public Hearing was to be discussed and left opened. Supervisor Merwin said that he had asked Town Attorney Warren Replansky this question and was told that it could be left open to another date, but that he would clarify this when Counsel Replansky arrived.

Department Reports:

POLICE - Officer Rudin was not present

HIGHWAY - Superintendent Stevens reported that all was going well. The Department was finishing up black top and working on drainage. They were preparing for snow and ice and then cutting brush and trees.

Superintendent Stevens informed the Board that the Truck would be ready by early November.

ASSESSOR - no report

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PLANNING/ZONING, AND BUILDING - The Supervisor reported that the Planning/Zoning and Building reports were on the table. Councilman Fedele asked for a comparison of permits issued from last year until this year for these reports.

TOWN CLERK - Town Clerk Lisa Cope reported that the office was working on records retention and that the sale of Hunting Licenses was keeping the office busy.

Committee Reports:

GRANT COMMITTEE - Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that there were some issues with the Grant Committee that would be discussed at a later date.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - A tentative budget was presented and it was agreed to set a date for the tentative budget hearing public hearing.

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 set a Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget on Thursday November 13, 2014 at 7:05 P.M.

Resolution Authorizing the Intermunicipal Agreement with Dutchess County for Snow Removal:

Town Clerk Lisa Cope read the Resolution.

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 authorize the Intermunicipal Agreement with Dutchess County for snow removal.

Resolution Regarding the HRA with CDPHP:

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 Resolution to authorize CDPHP to run HRA Program for the year starting December 1, 2014.

Board of Assessment Review Appointment:

It was announced that Ann Veteran's term on the Board of Assessment Review was to expire. The Assessor indicated that she would like to have Ms. Veteran re-appointed.

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 re-appoint Ms. Ann Veteran to the Board of Assessment Review for a term beginning October 9, 2014 through December 31, 2019.

EMS Proposal:

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that he had a special meeting concerning the EMS Proposals on October 6, 2014. The Town had received three proposals for EMS Services, Transcare, NPD and Community Rescue. Proposals came in varied formats and prices from the three providers.

It was decided that they would put together an EMS Service Review Community.

Supervisor Merwin indicated that a contract needed to be negotiated and Counsel Replansky would like to review it and have input.

It was decided that on Thursday October 16, 2014 Mr. Replansky and the Supervisor will meet with NDP.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Water District #1 Benefit Assessment Roll:

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing at 7:35 P.M. on the Proposed Water District #1 Benefit Assessment Roll.

No public comment.

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 close the Public Hearing.

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 Proposed Water District #1 Benefit Assessment Roll.

Public Hearing on the Cablevision Franchise Agreement:

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing considering the renewal of a franchise for cable television service in the Town with Cablevision Systems Inc.

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 open the Public Hearing on the Cablevision Franchise agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mr. Robert Cooper asked Mr. Dan Ahouse of Cablevision asked how many residents in the Town did not have cable service? Mr. Ahouse answered that he did not know.

Mr. David Sherman asked if there was a service map available? He suggested that they find out if there were additional service areas.

Mr. Warren Replansky commented that it would be nice to have an updated map for the primary and secondary areas.

Mr. Ahouse informed the Board that Cablevision has a grant to help pay for equipment used to provide Public Access channel 22. A quotation from Sojourner Communications, Inc was provided.

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 close the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:20 P.M.

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

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to authorize Supervisor Merwin to sign the final version of the Cablevision contract.

Supervisor's Report:

MONTHLY BILLS AND SPECIAL ABSTRACT -

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 approve the Abstract dated October 9, 2014 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$ 18,174.88

B Fund - \$ 7,818.90

DB Fund - \$101,735.40

TOTAL: \$127,729.18

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 the Special Abstract dated September 22, 2014 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$ 5,431.09

B Fund - \$21,078.41

DB Fund - \$ 6,480.40

TOTAL: \$32,989.90

All signed and dated the Abstract.

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 accept Budget Adjustment #5 of 2014.

VOUCHER COMMITTEE FOR NOVEMBER, 2014 -

The Voucher Committee for November, 2014 will consist of Councilmen Kaye and Merwin.

Supervisor Merwin announced that October 18, 2014 would be bulk trash day and the Irondale School House dedication.

Supervisor Merwin read an email that the Library had sent, thanking the Town for contributions made towards the CDBG Grant. The Town was asked if additional assistance would be made available? The Board did not think so.

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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 minutes of September 11, 2014 as amended.

General Comment Period: none

Adjournment:

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 adjourn the meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lisa Cope
Town Clerk

APPROVED - 11/13/2014