TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2014

Members Present:

Supervisor John Merwin
Councilman James 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: There were no comments on agenda items

Department and Committee Reports:

HIGHWAY - Superintendent Stevens informed the Board that he had received the resignation of MEO Robert Carberry. He announced that Joshua Schultz would be appointed MEO and James Tanner would become a full time laborer. These appointment would be effective December 20, 2014.

Councilman Kaye questioned if employees being advanced should be paid at full salaries. Mr. Stevens said that this was the way it was done after a probationary period. There was a discussion of doing a step process in the future.

Mr. Stevens reported that the Town pick up truck could be repaired and that Sharon Auto Body would look at it. The County Truck is being repaired and the new truck is not in yet.

POLICE - Supervisor Merwin asked Officer David Rudin if the Village Noise Ordinance was effective. He responded that in 95% of the cases it was. No local agency has a decibel meter.

Officer Rudin reported that November was a very busy month for the Police Department. There was a total of fifty calls, 23 in the Town and 27 in the village.

ASSESSOR - none

PLANNING/ ZONING AND BUILDING - the Board was advised that the memos for the Planning/ Zoning and Building department dated November, 2014 were on the table. They were also informed that those Departments were doing training with BAS.

TOWN CLERK - Deputy Town Clerk Ellen Owens informed the Board that the two speed limits request for Shagroy Road and Route 22, and Gay Road between Rudd Pond and Stateline Road had been accepted by the New York State Department of Transportation.

LIGHTING - Mr. Bill Kish of the Planning Board informed the Board that Central Hudson would be offering lighting options to municipalities in the next six months.

Supervisor Merwin pointed out that the Town has only two street lights. The rest of the lights were in the Village. He told Mr. Kish that it would be better if he forwarded the Central Hudson information to the Village. Mr. Merwin asked that Mr. Kish send him a draft via email for the lights in the Town so that he could forward it to Central Hudson.

Set Date for Informational Meeting for EMS Change:

Supervisor Merwin and the Board discussed how to conduct an informational meeting for the EMS Change. It we agreed that a meeting with the Millerton News, Northern Dutchess , the Fire Chiefs and the Board would be set up.

Set the Date for the 2015 Reorganizational Meeting:

It was decided by Supervisor Merwin and the Board members that the Reorganizational Meeting will be held on Friday January 2, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. The alternate would be Saturday January 3, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. at Town Hall.

Shared Services Grant; Intermunicipal Agreement:

Mr. Replansky spoke to the Board concerning the Shared Services Grant that has Milan as the lead agency. The Grant is for a Paver, Roller and Trailer. The Town of Milan will set up a meeting to define the scope of services that needs to be provided for the County. Mr. Replansky will prepare the agreement for the Towns of North East, Milan, Rhinebeck and Amenia.

Meeting with Counsel:

GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS - There was a discussion between the Board and Mr. Replansky concerning the Cablevision Contract. Counsel Replansky indicated to have Cablevision put the contract in final form, write up a Resolution so that it can be signed.

DIAL A RIDE - Mr. Replansky said that until the North East Community Center provides the Town with an agreement and a letter of credit, the Dial a Ride agreement cannot be approved. This has to be done before the end of 2014.

LOCAL NOISE ORDINANCE - Mr. Replansky provided the Board with a copy of a Local Law concerning a Noise Ordinance and informed them that a Public Hearing must be scheduled.

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 schedule a Public Hearing concerning the Noise Ordinance on January 8, 2015 at 7:45 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION INVOLVING LITIGATION -

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Merwin 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.

the Board went into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M.

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 return to Regular Session.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:20 P.M.

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that a new member to the ZBA has to be found since Carl Stahovec has resigned. He asked the Board to think of people who would be a good replacement.

ZBA Fee Schedule Changes:

After a brief discussion between the Board and Julie Schroeder, Co-Chairman of the Zoning Board a new Fee Schedule for the ZBA was adopted.

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 ZBA Fee change schedule.

Employees' Schedule for the Holiday Week:

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 close the Town Hall at 12:00 Noon on December 24, 2014 and to remain closed until December 29, 2014.

Changes to Employee Handbook: There was a discussion concerning Part Time Employee Longevity bonus. The Board decided a flat amount of $50.00 at the employees tenth anniversary would be acceptable.

The Board talked about procedures in place for accidents involving the Highway Department employees if an accident occurs that involves personnel injury or property damage. It was decided that there was reasonable suspicion to make an employee go to the hospital. It was agreed that a emergency kit with a camera should be provided.

Supervisor Merwin said that Amber Jordan the Village of Millerton Clerk asked when the next Joint Meeting was to be held. The Board decided meetings would be held on a as needed basis.

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that he and Councilman Campbell had a request from the Housatonic Valley Water Shed Association. That organization wants the Town to join them in obtaining grants. There would be no obligation on the part of the Town in these proceedings. It was agreed that they could come and speak at the January 2015 meeting.

Supervisor's Report:

SPECIAL ABSTRACTS -

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 accept the Special Abstract dated November 24, 2014 in the following manner:

A Fund - $5,212.86
B Fund - $3,437.55

TOTAL : $8,650.41

All signed and dated the 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 Special Abstract dated December 4, 2014 in the following manner

A Fund - $30,422.35
B Fund - $ 9,460.55
DB Fund - $36,122.10
SW 1 Fund - 120.00

TOTAL : $86,125.00

All signed and dated the Abstract:

MONTHLY BILLS ABSTRACT -

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 accept the Monthly Abstract in the following manner:

A Fund - $12545.49
B Fund - $36,566.57
DB Fund - $33,067.85
ESCROW - $ 253.80

TOTAL: $82,433.71

All signed and dated the abstract.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -

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 Budget Adjustment #7, 2014.

VOUCHER COMMITTEE FOR JANUARY, 2015 -

The Voucher Committee for January 2015 will consist of Councilmen Merwin and Kaye.

Minutes :

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 minutes of October 6, 2014 as presented.

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 accept the minutes of November 13, 2014 as amended.

General Comment Period - none

Adjournment:

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 adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens
Deputy Town Clerk

Approved : January 8, 2015