BUSINESS MEETING
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
APRIL 10, 2014

Members Present:

Supervisor John Merwin
Councilman Jim Campbell
Councilman Ralph Fedele
Councilman George Kaye

Members Absent:

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 Campbell, seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to accept the agenda as indicated.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:

Ms. Pam Michaud commented that dealing with General Code made her uneasy and that she had concerns about using their services. She also stated that Mr. Mike Haggerty the Town Grant Writer should be cautious in preparing to apply for a Grant to form a Comprehensive Plan for the Town.
Ms. Michaud was adamant that an open and advertised meeting be held when ever the REDI discusses anything.

Highway:

Superintendent Stevens requested from the Board that the Highway Department work hours change to 10 hour day for the summer. The summer work schedule would be from May 5, 2014 through August 29, 2014. The new schedule would consist of four ten hour day from 6:00 AM till 4:30 P.M..

On a motion by Councilman Campbell. seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to institute summer work hours for the Highway Department.

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the Town would like to join the Town of Milan, Amenia and Rhinebeck in applying for a 100% grant to purchase a black top paver from Dutchess County.

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to apply for the Dutchess County Shared Services Grant, along with the Towns of Amenia, Milan and Rhinebeck, for a the purchase of a black top paver.

KILDONAN SCHOOL FUN RUN - Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the Kildonan School has requested to close Perry Corners Road, at the intersections of Route

22 and Morse hill Road from 3 to 5pm on April 16, 2014 so the school can hold a Fun Run.

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to close Perry Corners Road, Route 22, and Morse Hill Road for the Kildonan School Fun Run.

ASSESSOR - Mrs. Johnson provided the Board with a report dated April, 2014. She also informed the board that there was new legislation requiring all 2013 Basic Star exemption holders to register with the Department of Taxation and Finance. Ms. Johnson also informed them that the NYS legislature extended a local option to the schools districts to adopt a resolution to extend the Alternative Veterans exemption to be applied to the school taxes. Mrs. Johnson stated that the 2014 Tentative Assessment Roll will be available on May1, 2014 for inspection.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS - Supervisor Merwin announced that the JCAP Grant Money had been received. The Contractor will be here today to start installing the sound system and will install the microphones next week.

ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE - The Supervisor informed the Board that the ZRC met with Counsel Replansky and stated that they are working on the Irondale Overlay District.

MIKE HAGGERTY - GRANT WRITER - Mr. Haggerty the Towns Grant Writer gave an overview on what grants he is considering to apply for the Town .

The Greenway Grant that will help update the Comprehensive Plan he advised was the most cost effective way to plan for the future.
He informed the Board that both Dutchess County and the State offer a CDBG Grant and that he would like to apply for both. He stated that grants can help keep the tax rate lower. It was decided to hold a workshop meeting to discuss the possibilities on May 1, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting with Counsel:

GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS - Supervisor Merwin informed Mr. Replansky that the Town would like to join the Towns in district 19 to apply for a shared services grant from Dutchess County for $200,000.00 to purchase a black top roller. The Town of Milan will be the lead agency.

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to be part of an intermunicpal agreement with the Towns of Amenia, Rhinebeck, and Milan to apply for shared Services Grant for a black top roller.

Mr. Replansky advised the Board that a Public Hearing should be held to amend the Town Code in regards to storage of manure by adding local law # 1 of 2014 to the Town Zoning Code.

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to set a Public Hearing on May 8, 2014 at 8:00 PM to amend Town Code in regards to manure storage for Local Law 1 of 2014.

Discussion took place concerning the franchise renewal with Cablevision. Mr. Replansky told the Board that if they wanted anything added to the contract that they had to let him know. Supervisor Merwin said that the Board wanted to include equipment for Municipal Channel 22 in the agreement.

The EMS Issue was discussed and Counsel informed the Board that an Ambulance District would not be exempt from the tax cap. Mr. Replansky suggested RFP's for ambulance services. The Board will meet with the other committees and fire personnel to further discuss the options available.

Counsel Replansky stated that a new map was needed for the Irondale Overlay so that he could start drafting a Local Law. There is new language that needs to be included so that it is much clearer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

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

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL:

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

RESOLVED, to go into Executive Session involving litigation.

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

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to return to regular session at 8:15P.M.

Standard Workday Resolution:

Lorna Sherman informed the Board that Nancy Vialpando was deleted from the Standard Workday Resolution and replaced by Lisa Cope.

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to approve Standard Workday Resolution.

Bulk Trash Day:

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that bulk trash day will be held on April 26, 2014. The Town Clerk also informed the Board that Town Scapes will be holding an Arbor Day event on the same day.

General Code Presentation - Town Clerk Lisa Cope:

Town Clerk Lisa Cope provided the Board with the organizational analysis provided by General Code. She proposed that version two was more organized in its table of contents and should be used for the update to the Code book.

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to accept version two as proposed from General Code for the table of contents in the update of the Town of North East Code.

Supervisor Merwin spoke of the EMS Issue. He feels that the Board needs to look at the existing RFP and after speaking with the Fire District and Fire Company, get the RFP out earlier than anticipated. The deadline is January 1, 2015.

Copier Contract for Town Clerk 's office:

Lorna Sherman provided the Board with a proposal from Toshiba Business Solutions for a new copier/scanner to replace the one in the Town Clerk's Office. This Copier prints in black only. The cost will be $58.16 per month for 60 months. The buyout cost will be $16,383.00 at the end of the term.

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of the Toshiba Copier.

Rural Economic Development Initiative:

It was explained by the Supervisor that the name Rural Economic Development Initiative was new to this area. It had been used in other parts of the Country but REDI is concerned with only local issues. Councilman Kaye stated that he had attended some meetings and has seen how it has evolved. The issues and the decisions each town makes is for the individual towns. He stated that he felt it was not a bad thing to meet and exchange ideas.

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to continue meetings with REDI

Town Sign:

Lorna Sherman provided the Board with a copy of the design proposed by Councilman Merwin the for the Town Hall.

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to accept the design for the Town Hall Sign proposed by Councilman Merwin.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Merwin indicated that the Board needs to meet soon to discuss the main financial issues facing the Town

SPECIAL BILLS ABSTRACT -

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to approve the Special Abstract dated March 25, 2014 in the following manner:

A Fund - $3,367.99
DB Fund - $2,953.60

TOTAL: $6, 321.59

All signed and dated the abstract.

MONTHLY BILLS ABSTRACT -

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to approve the abstract the Monthly Abstract dated April 10, 2014 in the following manner:

A Fund - $48,107.57
B Fund - $ 3,212.57
DB Fund -$27,846.77
ESCROW -$ 122.50

TOTAL :$79,289.41

All signed and dated the Abstract.

VOUCHER COMMITTEE -

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

Minutes:

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2014 as presented.

On a Motion by Councilman Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Merwin the following was

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of March 14, 2014 as presented.

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of February 27, 2014 as presented.

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of February 19, 2014 as presented.

General Comment:

Mr. Dave Sherman made suggestions concerning the Cablevision Franchise.

Adjournment:

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

ADOPTED - AYES - 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cope
Town Clerk