TOWN OF NORTH EAST
TOWN BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING
APRIL 3, 2014

Members Present:
Supervisor John Merwin
Councilman George Kaye
Councilman James Campbell
Councilman Ralph Fedele

Members Absent:
Councilman Steven Merwin

Call to Order:

Supervisor Merwin called the Workshop meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Merwin gave a power point presentation regarding the financial obligations that the Town of North East will be facing in the upcoming year.

The first item that was presented and discussed was the gap in ambulance coverage that the Town will be facing starting in January 2015. Supervisor Merwin stated starting January 1, 2015 the Fire Department would not be able to provide ambulance coverage for the 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. time frame. Figures associated with the cost of this service have been provided by Dana Smith of Dutchess County Emergency Services. The Town is exploring the options of hiring a private commercial ambulance company to provide service during that time period and are looking at the pricing associated with this cost.

Next discussed was the Town Highway Garage which is need of repair or replacement. The issues that the current highway garage has is inadequate space, environmental issues, interior working conditions, inadequate fuel storage, building is currently in poor condition, structural issues, lack of storage for materials stored at the site, and on going maintenance of machinery that can not be stored inside.

John Merwin said that at the next meeting the board would have better figures to present to the public regarding the EMS service and that the board would have to send out RFP for this service.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM on a motion made by George Kaye, seconded by James Campbell and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cope

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Town Clerk

Approved: May 8. 2014