

**BUSINESS MEETING  
TOWN BOARD TOWN OF NORTH EAST  
JUNE 13, 2013**

**Members Present:**

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

**Call to Order:**

Supervisor Merwin called to meeting to order at 7 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Campbell, the agenda was accepted as amended. (County legislator Debra Blalock was unable to attend)

**Public Comment:** none

**Department and Committee Reports:**

POLICE - Officer Rudin passed out the monthly incident reports for April and May 2013. He also passed out and explained several statistical graph reports concerning 911 calls for 2012 and three years of incident reports. (2010-2012).

(skip agenda order to **Jenny Hansell - NECC Dial-a-Ride**)

Mrs. Hansell distributed flyers for NECC services and programs 2013 and for Northeast Dutchess Transit. She explained that the transportation services were not yet as planned, due partly to the lack of availability for transportation to Connecticut. This, she felt, was due to a cut in federal funding, (a miscommunication), which she hopes will be rectified. There is difficulty for clients to arrange for rides, and usage is down from last year.

**Meeting with Counsel (combined with Ray Jurkowski)**

LANDFILL DEED RESTRICTION - Ray Jurkowski, working with DEC regarding the landfill, stated that use of the landfill needed to be restricted to commercial endeavors solely. Any improvements need to be approved by the DEC. The company interested in using the site is fully aware of all the deed restrictions of the DEC, and the fact that they will be responsible for all costs, including setting up SEQR. Counsel has reviewed, and found all to be fine. A resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign it needs to be executed, and his signature needs to be notarized. Mr. Jurkowski reiterated the fact that all improvements needed to be approved by the DEC.

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 authorize Supervisor Merwin to sign the Landfill Deed Restriction papers.

Councilman Kaye asked whether the fact that the landfill is in an historic district would have any impact. Counsel said that it may make it a type 1 action under SEQR. A resolution to move forward should be enacted before an escrow account is established.

It was noted that bids were out for the highway garage roof work.

UNIFORM NOTICE OF CLAIM RESOLUTION -

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 pass the Notice of Claim Resolution (town resolution number 2, 2013)

**Village of Millerton Inter-Municipal Agreement Deputy Building Inspector:**

Counsel Replansky spoke concerning the shared service agreement with the village regarding the deputy building inspector. He noted that the village should be reimbursing the town for his services. There was a discussion about how the deputy inspector was being paid. It was agreed that the Board needed to have a discussion with him. The Board also felt that the situation did not warrant an inter-municipal agreement. Counsel volunteered to contact the Village attorney to find out what the Village had in mind.

**Approval of Amenia Inter-Municipal Agreement and IT Disaster Recovery Plan:**

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 approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Amenia for temporary use of Town of Amenia Town Hall by Town of North East in the event of a large scale disaster, and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement.

Counsel Replansky mentioned that the all the papers for the Pleasant Valley case had been filed.

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 approve the IT Disaster Recovery Plan.

**Workers Comp change:**

Supervisor Merwin noted that the Board had the packet which included rates and rate changes. Business officer Lorna Sherman explained them.

Supervisor Merwin asked the Board to vote in favor of or against retaining the present Workers Comp Plan with Glatfelter Brokerage. All voted in favor of.

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HIGHWAY - Superintendent Stevens presented a revised Agreement of Expenditure of Highway Monies, where the addition of the CHIPS money ( \$84,296.00) had been added. The money will be used for the White House Crossing project.

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

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ADOPTED - AYES - 5(Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye, Merwin)  
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED, to approve the revised Expenditure of Highway Monies.

All signed the two copies.

Supervisor Merwin related the fact that the Town of Amenia will be replacing their Highway Garage with a pole barn structure. He thought it would be feasible to talk with them as to their reasons and expectations. Superintendent Stevens reported that the annual highway superintendents' conference had been very worthwhile.

ASSESSOR - no report

PLANNING/ZONING/BUILDING - Supervisor Merwin stated that the departments' monthly reports were on the table.

TOWN CLERK - Clerk Davis Vialpando mentioned that the six month's time elapse for Friday office hours was up, and it appeared that it had been a worthwhile step. Supervisor Merwin re-iterated that the goal was to have more of the offices follow suit.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY - There was a discussion concerning the non-smoking regulations and the allowed employee break times. Parts of the Employee Handbook may be re-visited in order to be more specific concerning those rules and regulations.

It was noted that the new doors were now available for installation.

Supervisor Merwin reminded the Budget Committee that although it was somewhat early, they should start to look at things, and what items they may want to consider changing.

Assessor Johnson has plugged in all the numbers for how the zoning changes might affect taxes. The Zoning Review Committee will meet to discuss the changes.

**Town Hall July 4th holiday:**

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 close the Town Hall on Thursday, July 4th and Friday July 5th for the observance of the July 4th holiday.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Merwin stated (for the record) that a letter from Pamela Michaud and Roger Wolf was submitted to the Town Board and is available to the public at the Town Clerk's office.

The Town of Amenia approached the Town in regards to a possible arrangement with North East (and maybe Dover Plains), to have a dog control kennel established somewhere. The Board approved a letter of interest be sent to Supervisor Flood of Amenia.

Supervisor Merwin commended the Planning Board for doing an excellent job shepherding the grocery store application through to (near) completion.

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Sales Tax Issue - Supervisor Merwin explained that the County is up in the air about the growth factor in the long term, and will revisit the issue next year. It has contracted with the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie for one year. The mortgage tax increase did not go through and all are concerned as to where monies will be coming from.

The Voucher Committee for July, 2013 will consist of Councilmen Kaye and Merwin and Supervisor Merwin.

MONTHLY BILLS ABSTRACT/SPECIAL ABSTRACT -

Special Abstract May 20, 2013

A Fund - \$2,857.13  
B Fund - \$1,229.89  
DB Fund - \$4,919.77  
  
Total - \$9,006.79

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 approve the abstract dated May 20, 2013

All signed and dated the abstract.

Abstract June 13, 2013

A Fund - \$11,424.01  
B Fund - \$ 1,383.56  
DB Fund - \$26,987.76  
HRA Account - \$ 31.50  
T&A2 Escrow -\$ 4,915.25  
  
Total -\$44,724.01

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 approve the abstract dated June 13, 2013

All signed and dated the abstract.

**Minutes:**

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 minutes of May 9, 2013 as presented.

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 accept the minutes of May 21, 2013 as presented.

**General Comment Period:** None

It was agreed to invite the Village to discuss the NYSERTA report of the findings for the Millerton elementary school.

**Adjournment:**

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 adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Davis Vialpando  
Town Clerk, Town of North East

APPROVED 07/11/2013