

**BUSINESS MEETING
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
AUGUST 8, 2013**

Members Present:

Supervisor John Merwin
Councilman Jim Campbell
Councilman Ralph Fedele
Councilman George Kaye
Councilman Steve 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 Kaye, seconded by Councilman Campbell the following was

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Agenda as written.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: none

District 19 Legislator Debra Blalock: Ms. Blalock could not attend.

Department Reports:

POLICE - Chief Rodin presented the Board with a report for July 2013. There were 36 complaints in the Town.

HIGHWAY - Superintendent Stevens reported that the White House Crossing repair construction project was going smoothly. He also informed them that the Department was helping with the weed harvesting at Rudd Pond .

ASSESSOR - Mrs. Johnson informed the Board that the Town had received a final 2013 Equalization Rate of 100% for the 2013 Roll from the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services.

Mrs. Johnson reported that new state legislation requires all current recipients of the Basic Star exemption to register with the NYS Department of Tax and Finance in order to receive Star exemptions in 2014 and in the future.

PLANNING/ZONING/BUILDING - Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the memos dated July 2013 from the Planning/Zoning and Building Departments were on the table.

TOWN CLERK - Ms. Vialpando advised the Board that the 2013 -2014 hunting licenses were to go on sale on Monday August 12, 2013. She also told them that a Foil denial can be appealed and that someone should be designated to handle this. The Board will confer with Mr. Replansky concerning this matter.

Committee Reports:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Supervisor Merwin reminded the Personnel Committee that they needed to talk with the Deputy Building Inspector. Also they need to work on the Budget Requests for the upcoming year.

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS -

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 have an emergency light installed in the basement of the Town Hall.

SCHOOL HOUSE - Councilman Fedele announced that the School House is planned to be moved in October 2013. Mr. Kerry Donovan is planning to make a TV show of the move. If any trees need to be removed due to the move the School House Committee will replace them.

Resolution to Approve Kalba "Open Development Area" :

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

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL:

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

RESOLVED, the Open Development Area for the Kalba subdivision is hereby approved.

Supervisor's Report:

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 the Budget Adjustment #2 for 2013.

SPECIAL 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 Special Bills Abstract dated July 12, 2013 in the following manner:

B Fund - \$36,600.00

All signed and dated the abstract.

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Special Bills Abstract dated July 22, 2013 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$2,892.08
B Fund - \$1,422.01
DB Fund - \$7,353.42

TOTAL: \$11,667.51

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 Bill Abstract dated August 8, 2013 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$ 6,422.47
B Fund - \$ 1,276.53
DB Fund - \$21,137.68
HRA - \$ 63.00
T & A2 - \$ 3,010.70

TOTAL: \$31,910.38

All signed and dated the abstract.

OPERATING STATEMENT - Supervisor Merwin announced that the Operating Statement for the period ending July 31, 2013 was on the table.

VOUCHER COMMITTEE - the Voucher Committee for September 2013 will consist of Supervisor Merwin and Councilmen Merwin and Kaye.

Minutes:

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 minutes of July 11, 2013 as presented.

General Comment:

Mr. Dave Sherman informed the Board that he would be submitting some papers concerning the Elementary School energy report at a later date.

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Terry Gipson, New York State Senator:

Mr. Terry Gipson, the New York State Senator for the 42nd District addressed the Board. He gave an overview of what he is doing on our behalf. He is fighting unfunded mandates, and trying to pass the Good Neighbor Act. This Act will hold banks accountable for the upkeep of empty foreclosed properties. There was a discussion about optional tax programs for Seniors and more.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Councilman Campbell, 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 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED: 09/12/2013