

**BUSINESS MEETING
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 Campbell, seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Agenda as written.

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that Ms. Debra Blalock had given a short overview of what was going on in District 19, in Dutchess County.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - none.

Department Reports:

POLICE - Chief Rudin reported that there were 141 incidents during the month of August 2013. He also informed them that the Police Department had a DWI-Grant awarded to them in the amount of \$510.00 for Stop DWI.

HIGHWAY - Superintendent Robert Stevens informed the Board that the sealed bids had been opened and that he highlighted his recommendations. He and the Board discussed what they should bring up at the District 19 meeting being held on September 25, 2013. They discussed ideas of what services could be shared with other towns.

The Superintendent announced that there would be a Defensive Driving Course held in the Town of Milan and he would like the Highway Personnel to attend.

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 allow the Highway Personnel to attend a Defensive Driving Course to be held in Milan.

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

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

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RESOLVED, to approved the sealed bids for 2014 as recommended by Superintendent Stevens.

ASSESSOR - Mrs. Johnson advised the Board that the Star Letters have gone out from the State.

PLANNING/ZONING/AND BUILDING - Supervisor Merwin announced that the August 13, 2013 report was on the table.

Meeting with Counsel:

Supervisor Merwin asked Counsel Replansky to investigate what objections to the Mass Gathering Law were brought up in 2007.

NOISE ISSUE - Mr. Warren Replansky advised the Board that he has looked into the noise issue. He reported that the Town of Clinton has a Local Law that regulates use of a motor vehicle on private property. He indicated that he will continue researching this issue.

SPENCER'S CORNERS CEMETERY ISSUE - Counsel Replansky informed the Board that the care of the Spencer's Corner's Cemetery had been taken over by the Town in 1983. The Town is responsible for mowing the property. He advised that the Town should try to get an Association to take over the responsibility of caring for the Cemetery, and to seek guidance from the State.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, 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, to go into Executive Session for litigation matters.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M.

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 return to regular session.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:22 P.M.

Resolution to Accept the Proposed Water District #1 Benefit Assessment Roll and Schedule a Public Hearing on October 10, 2013 at 7:00 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 accept the proposed Water District #1 Benefit Assessment Roll 2013 and schedule a Public Hearing for October 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

(Councilman Merwin had to leave meeting due to storm)

Resolution to schedule a Public Hearing in Relation to the CDBG Proposal: On a motion by Councilman Kaye, seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

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

RESOLVED, to schedule a Public Hearing on October 10, 2013 at 7:15 P.M. in relation to the CDBG proposals.

Millerton Elementary School Update:

Supervisor Merwin updated the Board on what has been done so far in regards to the Millerton Elementary School. The Town had commissioned NYSEDA and Morris Associates to do feasibility studies, and he now feels that a Public Informational Hearing should be held. It was decided that this meeting would be held on October 24, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor's Report:

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 accept the Special Bills Abstract dated August 19, 2013 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$1,658.23
B Fund - \$1,234.34
DB Fund - \$5,119.39

TOTAL: \$8,011.96

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 accept the Monthly Bills Abstract dated September 12, 2013 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$110,352.53
B Fund - \$ 537.51
DB Fund - \$155,197.04

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Landfill - \$ 40,000.00
HRA - \$ 63.00
ESCROW - \$ 8,615.76

TOTAL:\$314,765.84

All signed and dated the abstract.

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

VOUCHER COMMITTEE - the Voucher Committee for October 2013 will consist of Supervisor Merwin and Councilmen Campbell and Fedele.

Minutes:

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 the minutes of August 8, 2013 as amended.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Councilman Fedele, 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 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED - OCTOBER 10, 2013