

**TOWN OF NORTH EAST  
TOWN BOARD  
DECEMBER 10, 2015**

**Members Present:**

Supervisor John Merwin  
Councilman James 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 amended

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: None**

**Public Acknowledgement:**

Supervisor Merwin wanted to thank and acknowledge Ralph Fedele for his 4 years of service to the Town Board and Town Justice John Crodelle for his 12 years of service as Town Justice.

**Department and Committee Reports:**

POLICE – Sargent Matthew Leonard gave the November 2015 police report. He reported that there were 15 incidents in the Town and 26 in the Village. He also informed the Board that Officer Mike Vetter won the award for DWI Top Cop for Dutchess County to a part time officer for the number of DWI arrest that he has made.

HIGHWAY – Superintendent Stevens informed the Board that he has received a bid from David Shapiro for the grinding wheel for \$200.00 and asked the board if they would like to accept that bid offer?

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept the bid offer of \$200.00 for the surplus grinding wheel from David Shapiro

Mr. Stevens also informed the board that the Town of Pine Plains is interested in a joint speed limit request study for County Route 83 from Route 82 up to the North East Town Line and would like to know if North East is interested in submitting the request together. It would go from the Pine Plains Town line to the Amenia Town line.

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

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

RESOLVED, to submit a request for a speed limit study for the North East portion of County Route 83 between the Town of Amenia town line and the Pine Plains town line.

Mr. Stevens has a request in for a school bus stop on Charlie Hill Rd and informed the board that the signs have been ordered.

ASSESSOR – no report

PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT – Supervisor Merwin announced that the Planning/Zoning and Building reports were on the table.

TOWN CLERK – Town Clerk Lisa Cope informed the Board that she had received an email from Bob Balkind of Dutchess County DOT asking that the board make a recommendation on the requested speed limit for Haight Rd.

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

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

RESOLVED, to recommend 35 mph as the speed limit for Haight Rd.

Ms. Cope informed the board that the Newly Elected Official training school in Albany would be taking place on January 13-15 at the Desmond Hotel and was sponsored by the Association of Towns. Newly elected councilman John Midwood would like to attend. Ms. Cope asked the board to authorize Mr. Midwood's attendance at the training.

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

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

RESOLVED, that John Midwood is authorized to attend the Association of Towns Newly Elected Officials Training from January 13-15, 2016.

EMS-

The contract with NDP was approved for 2016 and the rates will remain that same as 2015. The next quarterly review will be coming up at the end of January.

Mr. Merwin said that maybe the other towns could meet to discuss sharing the ambulance services.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS** – Supervisor Merwin would like to purchase a garbage can to be located near the bench on the lawn of the town hall so that garbage is not being thrown into the wishing well. The cost of the garbage can is \$497.82, has a liner in it and is 600 pounds.

After some lengthy discussion about the purchase of this garbage can the board voted on the purchase of such item.

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

ADOPTED- AYES- 3(Merwin, Campbell, Kaye)  
NAYES-1(Fedele)

RESOLVED, to purchase the garbage can.

### **Public Hearing on Local Law # 2 of 2015**

Public Hearing on local Law # 2 of 2015 A local law rescinding Local Law No 1 of 2015

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

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

RESOLVED, to open the public hearing of Local Law # 2 of 2015 at 7:09PM

There were no public comments.

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 the public hearing on Local Law # 2 of 2015 at 7:10PM

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

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

RESOLVED, to pass Local Law # 2 of 2015 rescinding Local Law # 1 of 2015.

**Re-appointment of John Crawford to the Board of Assessment Review**

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

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

RESOLVED, to re-appoint John Crawford as a member of the Board of Assessment Review

**Meeting With Counsel:**

General Legal Matters -

Mr. Replansky informed the board that we would like to make a few revisions to the Town Code project by adding provisions to allow the Highway Superintendent to issue permits for highway road cuts and driveway permits.

**Executive Session –**

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

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL

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

RESOLVED, to go into Executive Session to discuss tax certs, Vitello and Peaceful Valley litigation. The Board went into Executive Session at 8:10 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 8:26PM

**2016 Reorganization Meeting Date and Time:**

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

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

RESOLVED, to set the date of the reorganization meeting for Monday, January 4, 2016 at 5:30PM

**Authorization to prepay plow truck voucher:**

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

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the pre-payment of the new plow truck

**Town Employee Christmas Holiday Hours-**

Supervisor Merwin's recommendation would be to give the employee's off for Christmas Eve for the Holiday.

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

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

RESOLVED, to give the Town employees off on Christmas Eve for the holiday.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Merwin asked Bookkeeper Lorna Sherman to discuss the dental and vision insurance. Ms. Sherman said that currently the employees are only offered health insurance for medical coverage. Several employees have asked the dental and vision coverage also be offered. Ms. Sherman researched it and presented some plans and there cost to the board members. The cost of this plan for dental and vision would be at 100 % cost to the employees and no cost to the town.

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

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

RESOLVED, to present the dental and vision choices to the town employees to be taken at their cost and see who is interested in this coverage.

**Letter from Supervisor Keem of Orchard Park, NY**

Supervisor Merwin is in receipt of a letter from the Supervisor of the Town of Orchard Park looking for an endorsement from other towns to send a letter to the Governor Cuomo asking that the Tax Cap legislation be revisited and amended.

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

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

RESOLVED, to endorse and sign the letter from Supervisor Patrick Keem of Orchard Park NY requesting that the Governor Cuomo revisit and amend the Tax Cap legislation

**Voucher Committee –**

The Voucher Committee for January 2016 will consist of Councilmen S. Merwin and J. Midwood.

**Special 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 abstract dated November 24, 2015 in the following manner:

A Fund - \$ 3,807.03  
DB Fund - \$ 3,828.19

TOTAL: \$7,635.22

All signed and dated the abstract.

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept the abstract dated December 7, 2015 in the following manner:

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A Fund - \$ 33,749.76  
B Fund - \$ 7,898.88  
DB Fund - \$ 30, 159.36

TOTAL: \$71,808.00

All signed and dated the abstract.

**Monthly Abstract –**

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 abstract dated December 10, 2015 in the following manner:

A Fund	- \$24,188.88
B Fund	- \$ 2,075.88
DB Fund	- \$24,916.89
Water District SWI	- \$ 63.10

TOTAL: \$51,244.75

All signed and dated the Abstract.

**Budget Adjustment –**

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 Budget Adjustment #7 of 2015

**Minutes:**

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of August 26, 2015, October 8, 2015, October 20, 2015,  
November 12, 2015 and November 19, 2015 as amended

**General Comment Period:** none

**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 8:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cope  
Town Clerk

**Approved: January 14, 2016**