**SPECIAL MEETING**
**TOWN BOARDS OF MILAN, NORTH EAST, PINE PLAINS, STANFORD**
**MARCH 21, 2012**

**Members Present:**

**Milan:**

Supervisor William Gallager
Councilman Jack Campisi
Councilwoman Roberta Egan
Councilman Jack Grumet
Councilwoman Marion Mathison

**North East:**

Supervisor John Merwin
Councilman Ralph Fedele
Councilman George Kaye
Councilman Stephen Merwin
Councilman Timothy Shaffer

**Pine Plains:**

Supervisor Brian Coons
Councilwoman Sandra David
Councilman James Jackson
Councilman George Keeler
Councilwoman Rosemary Lyons-Chase

**Stanford:**

Supervisor Virginia Stern
Councilman Mark D'Agostino
Councilman Thomas Dewhirst
Councilman Joseph Norton
Councilwoman Johanna Shafer

**Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks:**

Milan Supervisor William Gallager welcomed all to the Milan Town Hall.
He then turned the meeting over to Supervisor John Merwin.. who opened the meeting. Each Supervisor was asked to introduce their Boards and Clerks, which they did. Supervisor Merwin asked the collective boards to look over the agenda, and explained the purpose of and the voting procedures which would be used at this special meeting. The sole purpose of the meeting was to appoint a replacement for Gary Cooper, who had just resigned from office as a County Legislator for District 19. The procedure, (which was received from the attorney of the Legislature) is as follows:

1) nominations/seconds from the collective board only
2) request for additional nominations/seconds
3) motion to close nominations/seconds
4) each nominated candidate will be allowed to speak for up to 5 minutes
5) voting computations
    - attendance needs to be taken by each Supervisor to determine eligible votes from each town
    - Milan X 4.48
    - Pine Plains X 4.90
    - Stanford X 4.76
    - North East X 5.86

    If all members are present the total for the combined board should be 100. If one member from a board is absent (ex. North East) the total now becomes 94.4. The winning candidate must receive over 50% of that total which would be 47.07%. Because of the likelihood of multiple rounds of voting, color coded ballots will be used each time.
6) Following the first ballot, if no candidate receives over 50% of the weighted total, the candidate with the least amount of votes will be dropped and there will be a second round of voting. This procedure will be repeated until a candidate receives the statistical majority.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

On a motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Shaffer, the following was

ADOPTED – AYES – 20(all attending boards of the four towns)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to accept the agenda as presented.

**Nomination of and Remarks by Candidates:**

Greg Pulver, Jim Jeffries, Dave Sherman, and Mel Eiger were all nominated , and each spoke for approximately 5 minutes.

**Voting by Combined Town Board Members:**

First Round of Voting:

Greg Pulver 4.90
Jim Jeffries 41.58
Dave Sherman 29.30
Mel Eiger 24.22

Second Round of Voting:

Jim Jeffries 41.58
Dave Sherman 34.20
Mel Eiger 24.22

Third Round of Voting:

Dave Sherman 53.66
Jim Jeffries 46.34

**Announcement of Winning Candidate:**

It was announced that David Sherman was the winning candidate to finish out Gary Cooper's term as Legislator for Dutchess County District 19 for the year 2012

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
All were in favor.
The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Davis Vialpando
Town Clerk
Town of North East

APPROVED – 04-12-12