TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 12, 2012

Members Present:
Supervisor John Merwin
Councilman Ralph Fedele
Councilman George Kaye
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 Merwin, seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Agenda as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: none

Report from County Legislature David Sherman:
County Legislature Sherman thanked everyone for their support. He reported that the County Legislature was just getting started and that some of the issues they were addressing were finance, purchasing cars for the Sheriff's Department, and Public Works.

Delegation from Irondale:
Mr. Butch Spaulding informed the Board that commercial trucks were still causing a problem on Irondale Road. He indicated that the Police were not patrolling the area and that there was a problem with speeding.
Superintendent Stevens advised the Board that the Dutchess Public Works and the New York State Department of Transportation are willing to place signs informing motorists of restricted travel on Irondale Road.

Town Board Vacancy:
Town Clerk Nancy Davis Vialpando read the letter of resignation from Councilman Timothy Shaffer that was effective April 1, 2012. Supervisor Merwin suggested that the Board send a letter of appreciation for all his years of service.
The Supervisor informed the Board that they would appoint someone to fill his term until the end of the calendar year. Anyone who has an interest in the position should submit a letter by April 26, 2012, and interviews will be held on May 3, 2012.

Deputy Supervisor:
Town Supervisor Merwin nominated Councilman Stephen Merwin as Deputy Supervisor until the end of the year.

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 3 (Merwin, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS – 0
ABSTAINED – 1

RESOLVED, to appoint Councilman Steven Merwin as Deputy Supervisor until the end of the year.

Department and Committee Reports:
POLICE - The Police Department provided the Board with an incidents report from March 1, through March 30, 2012.

TOWN'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN - Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that the Attorney for the Fire District is taking the lead on the Disaster Preparedness Plan because he has expertise in this area.

HIGHWAY – Superintendent Stevens informed the Board that his department would like to purchase excavator attachments for the Grade-All for the sum of $9,000.00.The funds are already in the 2012 budget.
On a motion by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Kaye the following was

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

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of excavating attachments for the Grade-All at the cost of $9,000.00.

RECREATION/BUILDING/GROUNDS - Supervisor Merwin brought to the Boards' attention the painting of the Town Hall entryway, and upstairs hallway. There has been new lighting and windows installed.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE: James Thomson of JT Web Consulting has sent the Board a rough draft and will follow up the end of May. Channel 22 is in operation for announcements. All non profits have been invited to use this channel.

ZRC – the Zoning Review Committee will be meeting next month with John Clark of the Dutchess County Planning Department to discuss Irondale Area issues.

ASSESSOR – Ms. Johnson advised the Board that Dutchess County will now charge for deeds.
The fee will be $1.00 to $2.00 per deed. She feels that the Town should budget for this charge.

PLANNING/ZONING & BUILDING – Supervisor Merwin advised the Board that the memo's from the Planning/Zoning and Building Departments were in their packets.

Lisa Cope announced that there would be a Public Hearing concerning the grocery store on April 25, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

TOWN CLERK – The Town Clerk Davis Vialpando read the letter of resignation from Councilman Timothy Shaffer effective April 1, 2012.
Ms. Davis Vialpando read a letter form North East Fire District Commissioners expressing there gratitude for in-kind services donation.
The Town Clerk also provided the Board with a copy of a letter from the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development notifying all municipalities that the Cooperative Agreement currently in effect will automatically be renewed unless the participating unit of government elects to be excluded from the Urban County Consortium.

Supervisor Merwin advised the Board that the Town received a letter from NAPA Auto and Truck Parts advising them that they are planning a fundraiser on Friday, May 11, 2012 from 10 am through 4 pm for the benefit of the Millerton Food Pantry.

CREATION OF EMPLOYEE SICK BANK:

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

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

RESOLVED, to authorize Public Sector HR Consultants to create a sick bank program.

Agricultural Advisory Committee:

Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that in 2010 the Board created the Farmland Protection Plan that established an Agricultural Advisory Committee.

The ExOfficio members will be Councilman Steven Merwin from the Town Board and Chip Barrett, a Planning Board member. Supervisor Merwin read the responsibilities of the committee.

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

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

RESOLVED, to appoint the following to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for the period of time stated:

Petrina Lopane	1year
Peter Stefanopoulos	1 year
Kevin Smith	2 years
Dan Briggs	2 years
Lynn Mordas	3 Years

Kingston Animal Hospital Bill: Supervisor Merwin gave an overview concerning the dog that was allegedly hit by a car in the Town and taken to the Kingston Animal Hospital for care. The Town received a bill from the hospital. The dog was taken there by a Millerton Police Officer.

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

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

RESOLVED, to pay the bill from Kingston Animal Hospital for the injured dog, and set up a protocol for the future.

Supervisor's Report:

BULK TRASH DAY- Supervisor Merwin announced that bulk trash day will be held on May 5, 2012.

SENATOR BALL'S WOMAN OF DISTRICTION AWARD – Supervisor Merwin informed the Board that Julie Schroeder had been chosen to receive Senator Ball's Women of Distinction Award. She was unable to attend the ceremony, therefore Supervisor Merwin and Lisa Cope accepted it for her.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH – Supervisor Merwin read a letter from Mary Lou Heissenbuttel of the Parkinson' Disease Support Group requesting that the Town declare April as World-Wide Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month. Supervisor Merwin made that proclamation.

STANDARD WORK DAY RESOLUTION – Supervisor Merwin advised the Board that the State had changed the form concerning the Standard Work Day Resolution which requires more information.

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

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

RESOLVED, to redo the New York State Form for Standard Work Day that requires more information.

Meeting With Counsel:

GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS - Counsel Replansky advised the Board that he had received a new letter of credit for two months for Dial A Ride. The bill will be sent to North East Community Center which requested that a letter be prepared for the Bank.

ROAD CLOSURES – Mr. Replansky informed the Board of the procedural steps needed to discontinue Mt. Riga Road as a public road. Each road must be evaluated on its own merit and a release was needed from the people who owned property on the road.

Counsel Replansky advised the Board that Cablevision sent a copy of the petition filed with the Federal Communication Committee to keep on file.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCERNING PENDING LITIGATION –

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

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL:

AYE – J. Merwin
AYE – R. Fedele
AYE – S. Merwin
AYE – G. Kaye

RESOLVED, to go into Executive Session for pending litigation. The Assessor was invited to join them.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M.

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

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

RESOLVED, to return to regular session.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:37 P.M.

MONTHLY OPERATING STATEMENT – Supervisor Merwin stated that the monthly operating statement for March, 2012 was on the table.

MONTHLY BILLS ABSTRACT/SPECIAL BIBILLS ABSTRACT – these abstracts will be voted on at the next Town Board meeting

SPECIAL BILL ABSTRACT DATED MARCH 19, 2012:

A Fund - $1,464.85
B Fund - $ 743.51
DB Fund - $3,373.89

TOTAL: $5,582.25

SPECIAL BILL ABSTRACT DATED MARCH, 2012:

A Fund - $554.77

TOTAL: $554.77

MONTHLY BILL ABSTRACT DATED APRIL 12, 2012:

A Fund - $18,921.42
B Fund - $ 591.25
DB Fund - $18,031.45
ESCROW - $ 6,049.89

TOTAL: $43,594.01

VOUCHER COMMITTEE – the Voucher Committee for May, 2012 consists of Supervisor Merwin and Councilmen Merwin and Fedele.

Minutes:

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

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of March 8, 2012 as presented.

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

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of March 21, 2012 as amended.

Adjournment:

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

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

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED – 05-10-12