TOWN OF NORTH EAST & VILLAGE OF MILLERTON

WORKSHOP MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2012

Members from Town present:

Supervisor John Merwin
Councilman Jim Campbell
Councilman Ralph Fedele
Councilman George Kaye
Councilman Steve Merwin

Members from Village present:

Mayor John Scutieri
Trustee Debbi Middlebrook
Trustee Marty Markonic
Trustee Jay Reynolds
Trustee Yosh Schulman

Call to Order:

Mayor Scutieri called the meting to order at 7 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Contracts for Park/Recreation and Police:

Mayor Scutieri welcomed the members of the Town Board to the Village hall. He hoped that this meeting would help reconcile some contract and budget issues so they would all be more on the same page.
The more complicated contract was for Recreation. It runs on a fixed year from June 1st through May 30th. Supervisor Merwin asked if there was any possibility of re-structuring the program to incorporate more long term changes, and if Amenia might become interested again in joining forces. Trustees Middlebrook and Schulman both wondered if everything could be under one long term director through out the year rather than the recreation director being hired from April through the beginning of September. The idea of "long term" seemed to meet with both boards' approval. A long term director could seek grant funding. The issue of sub-contracting also was brought up. A Village Trustee mentioned that it may not be the answer, as the village loses control. There has not been a full report from the Community Center as of yet, but one was expected soon. Mayor Scutieri suggested a workshop meeting be held strictly for Recreation issues.
The Police Contract tended to be a bit more lopsided with the Village having fewer calls but paying more money than the Town. Previously, there had been talk from the Town of slowly increasing their share closer to a 50/50 split, but that has not been happening very quickly. The possibility of having a contract of several years rather than yearly was suggested. It was agreed to have the Village attorney draw up a three year contract.

CDBG:

The municipalities discussed possible projects. It was noted that the new County Executive planned on giving something to everyone who applied.

Other Village Business:

Mayor Scutieri pointed out the fact that Rudd Pond was not being properly taken care of by the state, and there was a strong possibility that it could turn back into a swamp. There was a discussion concerning the best approach of putting more pressure on the state and what could be done locally to help with the situation.
The Elementary School "flex-study" was almost ready to be done. The town and village lawyers needed to give it an OK.
It was noted that the Town's salt shed had been painted, and that trees needed to be planted to shield the northern neighbor.

Adjourn:

On a motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Middlebrook, the following was

ADOPTED – AYES – 5(Scutieri, Middlebrook, Markonic,Reynolds, Schulman)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Davis Vialpando
Town Clerk, Town of North East

APPROVED – 09-17-12