TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2012

Members Present:

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

Supervisor Merwin called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Currant Emergency Operations Plan:

VIEWPOINTS OF PRESENT PLAN – Supervisor Merwin opened the meeting by asking what the Fire Department thought of the Emergency Operation Plan dated June 14, 2012. Jason Watson, (Fire Chief of North East Fire District), responded that the Plan was well written, basic and to the point. It included a chain of notification.

Mr. Watson informed the Board that in a State of Emergency situation the Town is responsible for all paper work in order to get FEMA assistance. Supervisor Merwin suggested that the Board read the Emergency Plan carefully.

Roles of Fire Personnel, Highway and Town:

Different roles have been assigned to various Town departments. The Highway Department will respond to highway issues, the Fire Department will respond to emergencies. Town Hall will be the EOC (emergency operating center), and the Fire House will be the Command Center.

Supervisor Merwin indicated the he would like to have a Committee formed who will meet once a year to review the Plan. The Committee should consist of two Fire Chiefs, two Board members, one Highway Supervisor, one Building Inspector and one Policeman. Supervisor Merwin indicated that he will work on forming a Committee in the upcoming months.

Prevention and Minimization of Disasters' Effects:

According to the Plan there are steps to take such as identification of potential disasters and disaster sites, recommendation of disaster prevention projects, revisions and additions to building and safety codes and other measures as reasonably can be taken to prevent disasters and mitigate their impact.

Present/Future Emergency Preparedness Issues:

FIRE COMPANY AND RESCUE SQUAD – Supervisor Merwin led the discussion concerning the shortage of EMS coverage during day hours, and asked Jason Watson if the Town could do any thing to help. The Board considered the need for more ambulance coverage and combining North East, Amenia and Wassaic. Supervisor Merwin explained Trauma calls and where they were directed.

It was decided that Supervisor Merwin and Councilman Campbell will meet with Josh Schultz, (assistant Fire Chief), in the future to discuss these issues.

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

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

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED – 08-09-12