

**TOWN OF NORTH EAST
TOWN BOARD
Special Meeting
December 22, 2017**

Members Present:

Supervisor George Kaye
Councilman John Midwood
Councilman James Campbell
Councilman John Merwin

Members Absent:

Councilman Steven Merwin

Call to Order:

Supervisor Kaye called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Supervisor Kaye expressed condolences on the passing of John Campbell and gave thanks for all of his service to the Town.

Inter-Municipal Agreement with Webutuck Central School District Regarding Fueling of Town Vehicles at the Schools Fueling Facility Based on New Administrative Figures Provided by the School

Supervisor Kaye explained that the Town had originally gone to the school with a possibility of sharing a fueling facility between the school and town highway.

Supervisor Kaye stated that the school was responsive and the Town proceeded on that basis and put in an application with the County. This was all a part of Governor Cuomo asking counties to share services to reduce costs.

Supervisor Kaye explained that the DEC had stated that the Town's fueling facility did not necessarily meet to its standards. The DEC never stated that the Town needs to update or move its fueling facilities at this time. This does not mean this may not be required in the future. This was the reason for the Town approaching the school along with the Village of Millerton.

Supervisor Kaye stated that in the process of discussing this option Webutuck had informed the Town that there was going to need to be an update to their system. The school had proposed at the time that the Town, Village and school each take a 1/3 responsibility for this update.

Supervisor Kaye stated that he did not feel that this was equitable due to the fact the Town has 5 vehicles, the Village has two and the School has 40 plus busses.

Supervisor Kaye stated that he made a counter proposal of paying \$1000 a year for administrative costs.

At the request of Supervisor Kaye Town Attorney Warren Replansky prepared an IMA based on this. It was prepared and sent to the School in early November.

Supervisor Kaye stated that he hadn't received a reply so he contacted the school district. Upon contacting the school he was informed via email that the administrative costs to the school would be \$2,054.64 over a 12 month period.

Supervisor Kaye explained that school also added to this email that the school wants to charge \$1,800 per month for administrative fees as a fair compromise knowing that the school may ask for assistance during heavy snow storms. Over the course of 2 years this cost would amount to over \$40,000 per year.

Supervisor Kaye stated that this was far more than what the Town should pay for this service.

Supervisor Kaye believed the School had misstated the as \$1800 per year and should have read \$1800 per month even though this was \$800 over what was offered.

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Supervisor Kaye stated that the situation has changed since the Town originally made the offer of shared service. The Town now has a piece of property on which the Town hopes to erect a Highway garage but starting with a storage facility. This parcel would also allow the Town to erect a storage building firstly.

Supervisor Kaye explained that this parcel would also allow the Town to put a fueling system there. It would save the Town \$3600 in administrative costs over two years with the school. It would also save the Highway crew time and fuel cost lost traveling back and forth to the school.

Supervisor Kaye has discussed the travel and fuel with Superintendent Stevens and was informed that each truck would get up to five miles a gallon on dry roads. A round trip would be approximately 10 miles extra.

Supervisor Kaye explained that the Town is not being forced yet to have a different facility. The Town currently has its own fueling facility and would save the Town fuel mileage costs and time in going to the school.

Supervisor Kaye informed the Board that the Village has already decided not to go into the IMA.

Councilman Campbell agreed that he would rather see the Town concentrate its efforts on our Town garage.

Supervisor Kaye stated that it would cost the Town approximately \$66,000 to construct a fueling station. If the Village was interested in a joint facility for the Town the cost would rise to \$76,000 in order to compensate for a larger storage tank capacity.

Supervisor Kaye said he would need to approach the Village to find out if they are interested.

Supervisor Kaye suggested that the Town look into the possibilities of grant money being available to assist with the construction cost.

Councilman J. Merwin felt that it made more sense financially for the Town Highway to "stay put" because the Town is exploring the possibility of a new facility and storage as it is.

Councilman Midwood asked how long it would take for the Town to put in a new fueling system.

Supervisor Kaye stated that it could be put in as soon as the first or second quarter of next year. However, he did not know in terms of grants when those would be coming so it may delay that time period.

Supervisor Kaye felt that even with the grant issue considered this could be accomplished within two years (the period that the IMA would cover).

Councilman J. Merwin stated that the fueling station should be done in conjunction with the construction of the Highway garage. The cost of this even with grants would be substantial enough and should be incorporated in the bonding of the garage.

On a motion by Councilman Campbell, seconded by Councilman J. Merwin the following was:

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Campbell, J. Merwin, Midwood)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, that the Town will not enter into the Inter-Municipal Agreement with Webutuck Central School District Regarding Fueling of Town Vehicles at the Schools Fueling Facility.

On a motion by Councilman J. Merwin, seconded by Councilman Campbell the following was:

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Campbell, J. Merwin, Midwood)

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NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to allow the Town to explore the possibilities of how the Town might proceed in the future with regard to putting a fueling facility on the new property and what grants may be available.

Supervisor Kaye informed the Board that the Highway crew has been working at the new property and they have it entirely cleared.

Supervisor Kaye presented the completed survey of the property

Supervisor Kaye informed the Board that he spoke to Ray Jurkowski and Mr. Jurkowski suggested that where the stream is it seems to be eroding out and the stream is a Class C stream. The stream only really flows during the spring.

Mr. Jurkowski suggested that the streambed be moved back towards the property line so that it doesn't keep eroding out into the property

Supervisor Kaye stated that Mr. Jurkowski is currently working on a layout of how to best place the buildings.

Supervisor Kaye informed the Board that he has asked Mr. Jurkowski to work on an RFP when he is done with the layout.

It was asked by Councilman J. Merwin if the Town could hire a worker from a neighboring Town to operate the bulldozer that would be required since none of highway workers here have a lot of experience operating one.

Supervisor Kaye and Highway Superintendent Stevens stated that this is a possibility.

Supervisor Kaye stated that an owner operated construction company can do it without being paid a prevailing wage and he will check with the Town Attorney.

Superintendent Stevens stated that the current gasoline and diesel bids will expire at the end of 2017 and there needs to be something in place for 2018.

Superintendent Stevens stated that he has been in touch with Botini, who currently supplies the garage, and was told that Botini would be willing to extend the 2017 bid until the end of 2018 but are asking for a two cent increase in delivery charge. Currently the Town pays thirteen cents per gallon for delivery.

Superintendent Stevens stated that he could accept this offer or go out for bid and have bids ready for the next Board meeting.

Superintendent Stevens stated that in the past Boards have accepted offers from vendors to extend bids.

Supervisor Kaye stated that he will ask the Town Attorney to see if the Town needs to go out to bid.

On a motion by Councilman J. Merwin, seconded by Councilman Midwood the following was:

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Campbell, J. Merwin, Midwood)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to accept Botini's offer to extend the current bid into 2018 if the Town is not required to go out to bid.

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Town Clerk Cope informed the Board that she has received calls about prepaying 2018 taxes in 2017 due to some tax changes on the Federal level. She had a conference call with the County and was informed that it's up to each municipality if they want to accept payments.

Upon a discussion between Clerk Cope and Supervisor Kaye it was decided that the Town would accept early payments.

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Campbell, J. Merwin, Midwood)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to adjourn at 9:27 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cope

Town Clerk

Approved: January 11, 2018