

**TOWN BOARD  
JOINT TOWN BOARD/VILLAGE BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

**Town Board Members:**

Supervisor George Kaye  
Councilman Ralph Fedele  
Councilman John Merwin  
Councilman Chris Kennan  
Councilman John Midwood

**Village Trustees:**

Mayor Debbie Middlebrook  
Trustee Matthew Hertzog  
Trustee Christine Bates-Absent  
Trustee Jenn Nadjek  
Trustee Alicia Satori

Also Present were: George Lind, Joshua Shultz from the North East Fire District, Jason Watson, Sharon Farnham, David Shultz and Lenny Morrison Sr of the Millerton Fire Company. Delora Brooks and Edith Greenwood members of the public

**Call to Order:**

Supervisor Kaye called the meeting to order at 7PM at the North East Millerton Library Annex. Supervisor Kaye stated that the purpose of this Special Joint Workshop was to bring both boards up to date on the September 5<sup>th</sup> North East Dutchess EMS Services Steering Committee Meeting and the Options presented from the study conducted.

Trustee Matthew Hertzog reviewed the options and choices given at the last steering committee meeting. Trustee Hertzog said the report was broken up in to three areas. Key Findings- lack of volunteers, financial burden on the communities. Opportunity for Change- Delivery of Services model changes and service refinements and the last area was Service Model Changes- Data that was collected about the different communities involved in the study. All three communities (Amenia, Dover, North East) involved in the study have contract with Northern Dutchess Paramedics that in 2019. This gives the communities some time to look for a resolution. Each community has a different call volume.

The first option- maintain status quo, where each town would retain control over their contact for EMS Service and keep everything the same. May not be able to get competitive pricing. Second option- Have two towns share services/contract, more competitive bidding. Third option- Creation of Non-profit EMS Agency to serve area. Some of the drawbacks are the cost and the each community has different needs.

Supervisor Kaye said that these are the options that we have. He feels that only a couple of options may work. He felt that two towns could be combined together, possible Amenia and North East. This option could be down the road and in the future. It would have to be done on a county basis. Including the Town of Dover in this may be difficult as each town has a different call volume. A ambulance district could be formed.

A public hearing on these options and report will take place on October 24, 2018 at the Amenia Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cope  
Town Clerk

**Approved: November 8, 2018**

