

**TOWN OF NORTH EAST
TOWN BOARD
MINUTES
November 8, 2018**

Councilman Present:

Supervisor Kaye
Councilman Merwin
Councilman Fedele
Councilman Kennan
Councilman Midwood

Call to Order:

Supervisor Kaye called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda:

On a motion made by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Kennan, the following was:

ADOPTED- AYES – 5 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan, Midwood)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to accept the agenda

Public comment on agenda items only:

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Department and Committee Reports

POLICE – Officer Rudin was present and reported the total incidents for the month of October was 40. 24 were in the town and 16 were in the village. There were 3 arrests which were all in the Village. Officer Rudin also briefly discussed the Stop DWI luncheon in which officers throughout the County are recognized for their DWI stops.

HIGHWAY - Superintendent Stevens stated his crew has been busy with drainage work. The highway equipment is ready and prepared for snow and ice control. Lower Mill Rd has been closed due to continuing flooding.

ASSESSOR – No Report

PLANNING, ZONING, and BUILDING – Monthly reports were on the table.

TOWN CLERK – Clerk Cope said that her monthly report and the Dog Control Officer Report were on the table.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY– Supervisor Kaye and Councilman Kennan recently attended the Housatonic Regional Review Discussion. Councilman Kennan also gave an update on Climate Smart Initiative.

Resolution to Authorize the List of Properties in the Town of North East Water District # 1 with Unpaid Water Bills to be Sent to Dutchess County for Collection in the Amounts Listed by the Village of Millerton and the Town of North East.

Supervisor Kaye and the Board Members reviewed the list of unpaid water bills for the Town of North East that are to be sent to Dutchess County for collection. These amounts will be added to the Town and County tax bills for 2019.

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

ADOPTED- AYES – 5 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan, Midwood)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to authorize the list of properties with unpaid water bills in the Town of North East to be sent to Dutchess County Real Property to be levied on to the 2019 Town and County Tax bills

Approval of Updates to the Employee Manual

Supervisor Kaye discussed the updates to be included in the employee handbook.

Supervisor Kaye said the section on sexual harassment would be updated to meet the new state requirements for yearly training and the addition of domestic partnerships for medical insurance.

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

ADOPTED- AYES – 5 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan, Midwood)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to approve the updates to the employee handbook to include the addition of Domestic Partnerships and updates to the sexual harassment policy

7:15PM Public Hearing on the Town’s Preliminary Budget:

On a motion made by Councilman Kennan, seconded by Councilman Fedele, the following was:

ADOPTED- AYES – 5 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan, Midwood)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to open the public hearing on the 2019 preliminary budget

There were no comments from the public

Budget Officer Lorna Sherman said that there was a typo in the Salaries and Wages page of the Budget and that the Highway MEO Forman pay rate should read as \$22.75 per hour.

Ms. Sherman said that Highway Superintendent has asked her to move some funds by reducing the highway budget line by \$39, 220 and increasing the capital projects line by \$39,220; the total budget remains the same as presented.

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

ADOPTED- AYES – 5 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan, Midwood)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to close the public hearing on the 2019 preliminary budget

The paperwork to exceed the tax cap has been filed.

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

ADOPTED- AYES – 5 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan, Midwood)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to adopt the 2019 Budget

Approval of the Recreation Contract with the Village of Millerton for 2018-2019

The Village of Millerton has submitted the Recreation Contract for 2018-2019. It consists of two payments that total \$35,000.

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

ADOPTED- AYES – 5 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan, Midwood)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to approve the Recreation Contract for 2018-2019 with the Village of Millerton

Introduction of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Law (PILOT):

The local law was introduced the purpose of this local law is for solar farms. The assessor has made some changes to the proposed law and Attorney Replansky has made those changes. One of the changes made

is that as soon as an application comes in that the Town Clerk would need to be notified instead of the Assessor, so that can start the process of the paperwork for the PILOT. A resolution will be presented at the December meeting to schedule a public hearing on this local law.

Meeting with Counsel:

Attorney Replansky informed the Board that he has spoken to both Anne Saylor of Dutchess County Planning and Village of Millerton Attorney Ian MacDonald about the RFP for the CDBG Grant for ADA doors at the Town Hall and Village Hall. Ian MacDonald will be preparing the RFP for the Engineering Services needed for this grant.

Shared Storage Facility- Attorney Replansky talked to Christie Bonomo about the \$240,000 grant the Town and Village has received for the Shared Storage Facility. He would like to talk to her further and see if the town could use \$75,000 for legal fees and engineering for phase 1 of the project and \$50,000 for phase 2 of the project for legal fees and engineering fees, Mr. Replansky said that the board would like to use the remainder of the funds from the grant for the actual construction of the facility.

Funding for New Plow Truck- Mr. Replansky reviewed with the board members that got a good rate from Salisbury Bank for the purchase of a new plow truck. Said that the closing is to take place before Thanksgiving and that he is working with the representative from Salisbury Bank and will prepare the paperwork for the closing.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Kaye reviewed budget adjustment #9 for 2018 dated November 8, 2018, The budget adjustment is for A Fund General Town-wide expense increase of \$4,749.00 less an expense decrease of \$3,149.00, less a revenue increase of \$1,600.00.

B Fund- General Town Outside expense increase of \$100,157.00 less expense decrease of \$40,157.00, less a revenue increase of \$60,000.00

DB Fund- Highway Town Outside- expense increase of \$141,611.00, less expense decrease of \$31,611, less revenue increase of \$110,000

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

ADOPTED- AYES – 5 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan, Midwood)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to approve budget adjustment # 9 of 2018

Supervisor Kaye presented a special abstract, dated October 23, 2018, totaling \$8,312.88 broken down as follows:

A Fund -	\$ 2,980.28
B Fund -	\$ 750.00
DB Fund -	\$ 4,372.45
Payroll T&A-	\$ 210.15
Total -	\$ 8,312.88

On a motion made by Councilman Fedele, seconded by Councilman Kennan the following was

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

RESOLVED, to accept the special abstract dated October 23, 2018 in the amount of \$8,312.88.

Supervisor Kaye presented an abstract, dated November 8, 2018, totaling \$148,611.12 broken down as follows:

A Fund -	\$39,338.59
B Fund -	\$ 3,947.92
DB Fund -	\$ 88,367.11
Water Dist. SWI-	\$ 16,957.50
Total -	\$148,611.12

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept the abstract dated November 8, 2018 in the amount of \$148,611.12.

The voucher committee for month of December is Councilmen Merwin and Councilman Kennan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of September 18, 2018. Supervisor Kaye said there were some grammatical errors that have been amended.

On a motion made by Councilman Kennan, seconded by Councilman Fedele following was

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

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes of September 18, 2018 as amended.

The Board reviewed the minutes of October 30, 2018.

On a motion made by Councilman Merwin, seconded by Councilman Midwood following was

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

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes of October 30, 2018

GENERAL COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cope
Town Clerk

Approved: 12/13/2018