

**TOWN OF NORTH EAST  
TOWN BOARD  
MINUTES  
MARCH 14, 2019**

**Councilman Present:**

Supervisor George Kaye  
Councilman Merwin  
Councilman Fedele  
Councilman Kennan  
Councilman Midwood

**Councilman Absent:**

**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 Fedele, 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 provided a report for February 2019. Officer Rudin reported the total incidents for the month of February 34. 13 were in the town and 21 were in the village. There were 2 arrests in the Town. Most of the tickets handed out in the Village were parking tickets, for snow ordinance, blocking hydrants and driveways.

**HIGHWAY** - Superintendent Stevens informed the Board that he would like to purchase a York Rake. The York Rake that the crew is currently using is 30 years old. Mr. Stevens requested 3 quotes for the new piece of equipment. The lowest price quote he received was from Pine Plains Tractor at \$4300.00. The old rake will be listed for sale on Auction International as this will be a surplus piece of equipment.

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

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

RESOLVED, to purchase the York Rake from Pine Plains Tractor.

Mr. Stevens would also like to purchase a gas powered channel post driver this piece of equipment will help with the installation of signs as the crew currently uses a sledge hammer to install signs. 3 quotes were received and the lowest quote was from Traffic Lane Closures at \$2,620.00.

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

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

RESOLVED, to purchase the gas powered channel post driver from Traffic Lane Closures, LLC.

**ASSESSOR** – No Report.

**PLANNING, ZONING, and BUILDING** – Monthly reports were on the table. Town Clerk Cope noted that the reason the report was so large for Building Dept. this month is that the department was cleaning up open building permits that have since been closed out.

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

**COMMITTEE ACTIVITY**- Councilman Kennan said that the CAC has been working on the Climate Smart Grant.

**Presentation by NY Class Investment Possibilities for Municipalities:**

Mr. Joel Friedman of NY Class gave a presentation to the board of what NY Class is. It is a local government investment pool for NY Municipalities. They have been around for 30 years. The program is like a money market fund. Every participant will receive 2.29% interest. There is no fee charged from NY Class. The deposit of the funds into NY Class can be by wire or ACH. The municipality can have money invested in multiple accounts, no minimum balance requirement and no limit on the amount of transactions that take place each month. The interest rate on these accounts automatically go up when the federal government raised the rates, interest on accounts compounded daily. Recognized by the NYS Comptrollers Office. Several municipalities from Dutchess County have already invested funds in this program. Supervisor Kaye suggested that the town could keep the larger funded accounts with our local bank as we sometimes borrow money.

**Announcement of Award to Winning Bidder for Engineering/Architectural Services for Phase 1 and II of the Joint Town/Village Highway Garage:**

Councilman Kennan said that the Board has reviewed the bid receive engineering services for phase 1 and 2 of the joint Town/Village Highway Garage. Mr. Kennan said that there 7 bids received in total. The board focused on 3 bids that came from CPL Engineering, Lamont Engineering, and Tighe and Bond Engineers. The Board asked Rich Renna Engineer who did not bid on project to review all of the bids for completeness. Mr. Kennan also called town officials for two of the project that Lamont had designed. Mr. Kennan felt that Lamont had a detailed schedule for moving forward. He would give his vote to Lamont. Next Councilman John Midwood spoke in that he agreed with Councilman Kennan and would give his vote to Lamont Engineering also. Supervisor Kaye said that the number 1 factor in the bids submitted was cost. He said that CPL bid came in at the lowest. We have a history with working with CPL Engineering. He said the RFP was drawn up by the County for grant money that we have received from them and that the county has allowed us to use some of that grant money for construction of phases 1 and 2. Councilman John Merwin said that we have long work history with Ray Jurkowski of CPL Engineering as this company has been the Town Engineer for a long time. He said now is not the time to change directions with this project. Councilman Ralph Fedele said that he liked the footprint of the building that CPL Engineering was proposing and the cost as they were the lowest bidder. Councilman Midwood read the Renna Engineering letter into the record.

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

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

RESOLVED, to award CPL Engineering as the award winning engineering firm for phase 1 and 2 for Engineering and Architectural Design and overall layout for phases 1, 2 and 3.

**Adoption of the Parkinson’s Awareness Month Proclamation:**

Each year the Town Board has received a request from the local chapter of Parkinson Awareness Support Group. They have asked the Town to pass a proclamation that makes April National Parkinson’s Awareness Month.

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

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

RESOLVED, to adopt the Parkinson’s Awareness Proclamation.

**Parkinson’s Awareness Month Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson’s disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Parkinson’s Action Network, the Parkinson’s Foundation, the American Parkinson’s Disease Association and the National Institutes of Health, there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, cognitive and memory problems; and

**WHEREAS**, although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people for some time for people with Parkinson’s, more work is needed for a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson’s disease; and

**WHEREAS**, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson’s disease care includes local wellness, support, and caregiver groups; and

**WHEREAS**, April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson’s Awareness Month for all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson’s disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We the Town Board of the Town of North East do hereby proclaim April as Parkinson’s Awareness Month.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Millerton, NY on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Town of North East to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

Supervisor George Kaye  
Attest:

Lisa Cope  
Town Clerk

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**Adoption of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Mid-Hudson Proclamation Declaring May 2019 as “Mental Health Awareness Month:**

This year we received a request from the National Alliance on Mental Illness chapter of the Mid-Hudson asking us to proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

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

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

RESOLVED, to adopt the proclamation declaring May 2019 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2019 AS  
“MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH”**

**WHEREAS**, mental health is essential to the well being and the vitality of our families, businesses, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation with 1 out of 4 Americans and 1 out of 5 children affected by mental illness.

**WHEREAS**, more people die from suicide in the United States than from traffic accidents and an estimated 22 veterans die from suicide each day.

**WHEREAS**, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

**WHEREAS**, with effective treatment those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, education, compassion, and awareness about mental illness can change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illness.

**WHEREAS**, each business, school, government agency, law enforcement agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We Town Board** on behalf of **Town of North East** do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019, as MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH.

As the **Town Board**, We also call upon all **North East** citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illnesses, reducing stigma, and discrimination, and promoting appropriate and accessible services for all individuals.

**Announcement of the Bulk Trash Day as April 13, 2019:**

Supervisor Kaye announced that Saturday, April 13, 2019 would be bulk trash day. It is held at the Highway Garage at 11 South Center Street.

**Update on Harlem Valley Rail Trail Phase IV:**

Supervisor Kaye asked Town Clerk Cope to read the letter from Robert Balkind of Dutchess County Public Works into the record regarding the construction on phase 4 of the proposed Harlem Valley Rail Trail. The proposed trail will connect to phase 3 of the existing rail trail in Millerton. The proposed phase 4 will connect 8.2 miles going north from main street Millerton to Under Mountain Road in the Town of Ancram.

**GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS:**

The Board informed the Attorney that the bid from CPL has been chosen as the company that will provide the engineering and architectural services for phase 1 and 2 of the joint Town/Village Highway Garage. Mr. Replansky asked the board to pass a resolution that authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contracts when they are in their final format. The contracts are for CPL Engineering for the engineering and design contract and for the ADA compliance contract.

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 authorize Supervisor Kaye to sign the contracts with CPL Engineering when they are in their final format.

Attorney Replansky mentioned that he had read the article on 5G towers that was forwarded to him and has reached out to the Association of Towns for more information. He hopes to have an update for us at the next meeting.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Supervisor Kaye reviewed budget adjustment 2 for 2019 dated March 14, 2019 the budget adjustment is for A Fund-General Town wide expense increase of \$1,650.00 for unallocated ins, less an revenue increase of \$1,650.00 for Int. & Earnings.

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 approve budget adjustment # 2 of 2019

Supervisor Kaye presented a special abstract, dated February 26, 2019, totaling \$669.29 broken down as follows:

A Fund -	\$ 448.70
T&A Payroll	\$ 220.59
Total -	\$669.29

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept the special abstract dated February 26, 2019 in the amount of \$669.29

Supervisor Kaye presented an abstract, dated March 14, 2019, totaling \$222,495.66 broken down as follows:

A Fund -	\$ 81,302.62
B Fund-	\$93,012.37
DB Fund -	\$ 43,582.68
Escrow	\$ 4,377.40
T&A Payroll	\$ 220.59
Total -	\$ 222,495.66

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept the abstract dated March 14, 2019 in the amount of \$222,495.66

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board reviewed the minutes of January 10, 2019 Meeting.

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes of January 10, 2019 as amended.

The Board reviewed the minutes of February 14, 2019 Meeting.

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

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

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RESOLVED, to accept the minutes of February 14, 2019 Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of special meeting on March 6, 2019.

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes of the special meeting of March 6, 2019

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

No Comments

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cope  
Town Clerk

Approved: April 11, 2019