

**TOWN OF NORTH EAST
TOWN BOARD
MINUTES
MAY 9, 2019**

Councilman Present:
Supervisor George Kaye
Councilman Merwin
Councilman Fedele
Councilman Kennan

Councilman Absent:
Councilman Midwood

Call to Order:

Supervisor Kaye called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda:

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

ADOPTED- AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to accept the agenda

Public comment on agenda items only:

No public comment

Department and Committee Reports

POLICE – – Officer Conley provided a report for April. Officer Conley reported the total incidents for the month of April were 28. 11 were in the town and 17 were in the village. There were 3 arrests in the Town and 1 arrest in the Village.

HIGHWAY - Superintendent Stevens informed the Board that the current contract with Ulster Uniform is about to expires at the end of May. He asked that the Board make a motion to approve him signing the contract with a one- time increase of 2.2% for uniforms for his crew.

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

ADOPTED- AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to authorized the Highway Superintendent to sign the contract with Ulster Uniform

Superintendent Stevens informed the Board that he needed to replace some equipment. He has requested three quotes for 2 -STIHL FS 131 R String Trimmer and 1-STIHL BR 800 C-E Magnum Backpack Blower. The quotes came from Conway's Lawn and Power Inc. in the amount of \$1,130.88, Cranes Outdoor Power Equipment in the amount of \$1,232.38, and Adams Power Equipment in the amount of \$1,449.89. Mr. Stevens stated that the lowest bid was from Conway's Lawn and Power and he recommends purchasing the equipment from this vendor.

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

ADOPTED- AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase the 2- string trimmers and 1- backpack blower from Conway's Lawn and Power Inc. in the amount of \$1,130.88

Mr. Stevens requested authorization from the Board to allow him to advertise surplus equipment for sale on Auctions International. Mr. Stevens provided a list of the surplus equipment, 1989 York 10' Heavy Duty Landscape Rake, 1999 New Holland 555E Backhoe Loader, 2000 Stihl Ht 75 Pole Pruner, 2001 Stihl BR 400 Backpack Blower, 2002 Stihl FS 85 String Trimmer, 2003 Stihl FS 85 String Trimmer, 2007 Stihl MS 460 Chainsaw.

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

ADOPTED- AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS- 0

RESOLVED, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to advertise the surplus equipment on Auction Internationals website

ASSESSOR – Katherine Johnson, Assessor reviewed her report with the Board. Ms. Johnson informed the board that the 2019 Tentative Roll has been published and is available for inspection in the Town Clerk’s Office, Assessor’s Office or online. Ms. Johnson is extending her office hours for review of the roll on May 14th and May 25th. The Board of Assessment Review will hold the 2019 Grievance Day on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 from 3pm-5pm and 6pm-8pm with appointments required.

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

TOWN CLERK – Clerk Cope announced a Citizen’s Preparedness Training Opportunity presented by Dutchess County Emergency Management at the North-East Millerton Library on Thursday, May 23, 2019. Doors open at 6:30pm. Also Ms. Cope’s monthly report and tax collection report were in the board members packets as well as the Dog Control Officer Report.

Presentation on the New Plans for the Denny Field Recreation Area:

Steve Waite and Jeanie Vaneko president of Townscape gave a presentation on the plans for updating the Edie Collins Field. Mr. Waite and Ms. Vaneko gave an overview of what is currently at the park and 4 conceptual plans for updating the park which included upgrading the playground, moving the entrance, 2 new basketball courts,

The next steps would be fund raising and public input on the plans.

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter endorsing the project

Explanation by Salisbury Bank about Changes in their Interest Policy:

Megan Gowey and Bianca Martin of Salisbury Bank explained what ICS (Insured Cash Sweep) The Town would have a pledge agreement with the Bank and funds would be moved and invested to other banks the funds would all be managed through Salisbury Bank and Trust. The interest rate for all accounts would be the same that was being offered by NY Class. The board has decided to stay with our local bank.

Renewal of Junkyard and Benwood Knolls and Scenic View Mobile Home Parks Yearly License:

Each year the Junkyard and the two mobile home parks must renew their yearly license with the Town of North East. The Building Inspector has been out to inspect the sites and everything is in order.

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to renew the Thomsen and Graham Junkyards annual license and the annual licenses for Scenic View and Benwood Knolls Mobile Home Parks

May 12- 18th is National Police Week with the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office Holding a Remembrance Ceremony at 9:00am on May 16th at the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement Center:

Supervisor Kaye informed the Board that week of May 12-16th was National Police Week. Each year the Dutchess County Sherriff’s Office holds a Remembrance Ceremony. The ceremony will take place on May 16, 2019 at 9:00 am all are invited to attend.

Memorial Day Proclamation:

Each year the Town Supervisor and Village Mayor sign a Memorial Day Proclamation and then it is read at the Memorial Day Parade. This year it is the Village's turn to read at the parade.

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, authorize the Supervisor to sign the Memorial Day Proclamation

CAC Recycling Policy:

The CAC has presented a policy for recycling at Town Hall. The Board would like to look into this further and will table this matter until the next meeting.

Announcement of the Senior Picnic by the Dutchess County Office of the Ageing to be held on Wednesday, June 12 at 12:00 pm at the Pine Plains Lions Club Pavilion:

Supervisor Kaye announcement that the annual Dutchess County Office of the Aging Senior Picnic will take place on Wednesday June 12, 2019 at 12 PM at the Pine Plains Lions Club Pavilion. If interested in attending should call the office of the aging to reserve a spot at 845-486-2555.

Announcement of submission of a Municipal Innovation Grant (MIG) for 2019 in the amount of \$327,000 for the construction of a sand/salt shed in phase II of the Highway Garage Construction Project.

Supervisor Kaye announced the submission of a grant to the Municipal Innovation Grant for 2019 through Dutchess County. The grant has been submitted in the amount of \$327,000, if awarded the grant money would be used for phase II of the Highway Garage Project to construct a sand/salt shed. The application is due by May 31, 2019. Supervisor Kaye thanked Councilman Kennan for preparing the grant application.

Housatonic Valley Association Agreement:

Supervisor Kaye informed the Board that the Town Attorney has added an insurance rider to this agreement. This agreement is to study stream crossings as part of the Climate Smart Grant that the Town received.

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to approve the agreement with Housatonic Valley Association

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Kaye presented a special abstract, dated April 24, 2019, totaling \$8,441.95 broken down as follows:

A Fund -	\$ 3,261.21
DB Fund-	\$ 4,960.15
T&A Payroll-	\$ 220.59
Total -	\$8,441.95

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to accept the special abstract dated April 24, 2019 in the amount of \$8,441.95

Supervisor Kaye presented an abstract, dated May 9, 2019, totaling \$109,474.59 broken down as follows:

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A Fund -	\$ 38,770.79
B Fund-	\$ 480.69
DB Fund -	\$ 29,894.61
Capital Projects H1	\$ 11,271.00
Water Dist. SW1	\$ 29,057.50
Total -	\$ 109,474.59

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to accept the abstract dated May 9, 2019 in the amount of \$109,474.59

The voucher committee for the month of June is Councilmen Kennan and Councilman Midwood.

Approval of Minutes:

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

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes of April 10, 2019

The Board reviewed the minutes of April 29, 2019 Meeting.

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes of April 29, 2019 Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of April 18, 2019 Meeting.

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes of April 18, 2019 Meeting

General Comments:

Bill Kish asked if the Board needed any input from the Planning Board on the buildings for the Highway.

General Legal Matters:

Attorney Replansky asked the Board if it would be alright for him to have an open dialogue with the Selfridges Attorney regarding zoning violations.

Executive Session:

Attorney Replansky said that the board would need to go to executive session to discuss a Tax Cert with the Assessor.

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

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Kaye – AYE

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Councilman Midwood - ABSENT
Councilman Fedele - AYE
Councilman Merwin - AYE
Councilman Kennan - AYE

RESOLVED, to enter into Attorney Executive Session at 8:16 PM

Return to Regular Session:

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to return to regular session at 8:27 pm

Adjournment:

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

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Kaye, Merwin, Fedele, Kennan)
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cope
Town Clerk

Approved: 7-11-2019