

**TOWN OF NORTH EAST
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2020**

Councilpersons present:

Supervisor Christopher Kennan
Councilman Ralph Fedele
Councilman George Kaye
Councilman John Midwood
Councilwoman Lana Morrison

Councilpersons absent:

Call to Order:

Supervisor Kennan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and immediately followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Agenda:

Supervisor Kennan indicated he wanted to amend the agenda by adding a presentation by Sam Busselle on behalf of the Tri-Town Coalition.

On a motion by Councilwoman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Kaye, the following was:

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

RESOLVED, to approve the agenda as amended.

Supervisor's Comments:

Supervisor Kennan stated the County has been coordinating with all of the towns, villages, schools, colleges, and hospital on the topic of the Coronavirus. Town Hall will remain open for business. Sanitary conditions are being observed with surfaces being wiped with disinfectant wipes and social distancing is being encouraged. In the future, the Town can purchase software to enable employees to work remotely. The cost of the software is \$375.00. The Town is working on finding ways of communicating with as many people as possible.

There are six people who have expressed an interest in serving on the Zoning Review Committee. Supervisor Kennan is hoping to set up a committee of nine people and have it established by the next meeting in April.

The Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development provided its response pertaining to the proposed new sign law. At this point, the Town cannot move forward on the sign law as drafted. The committee will need to revise the sign law in light of the comments.

Earth Day will be celebrated on April 25, 2020 and Bulk Trash Day will be the same day from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the highway garage.

Supervisor Kennan attended a meeting with the Commissioner of State Parks, Erik Kulleseid, and took the opportunity to talk about the Town's need for water and waste water infrastructure and improvements at Rudd Pond.

The Town has a cell phone for the Supervisor. The phone number is 518-466-3898.

Department and Committee Reports:

Police – Officer Rudin presented the February 2020 report to the Board. He indicated there were 23 incidents of which 12 were in the Village and 11 were in the Town. These resulted in two arrests in the Village and one arrest in the Town. Last year, there were 34 incidents of resulting in no arrests in the Village and two arrests in the Town.

Highway – Highway Superintendent Stevens stated the County has provided a new road salt contract to run from June 1 to May 31. The contract is 20% lower per ton than the current contract which will save approximately \$15,000.00.

Three chainsaws need to be replaced. Three quotes were provided and the least expensive was from Adam’s Power Equipment at a total of \$1,807.97.

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

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

RESOLVED, to approve the bid of \$1,807.97 from Adam’s Power Equipment for the purchase of the three chainsaws.

Assessor – No report.

Planning, Zoning, and Building Departments – Reports were distributed to the Board.

Town Clerk – Reports were distributed to the Board.

Committee Activity – There is no committee activity at this point.

Acceptance of NYMIR Bid for Insurance:

Supervisor Kennon mentioned two proposals for insurance to run from March 15, 2020 through March 15, 2021. The NYMIR proposal was recommended by the Town’s insurance agent. The cost is \$32,243.00. With updated information pertaining to our cyber preparations, the cost will be less. The cost will be lower than the cost of the insurance for last year.

On a motion by Councilman Kaye, seconded by Councilwoman Morrison, the following was:

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

RESOLVED, to approve the NYMIR proposal.

Tri-Town Coalition Presentation:

Elizabeth Celaya, Director of Strategic Initiatives at Hudson River Housing, Inc., and Sam Busselle from Tri-Town Coalition presented information pertaining to the goals of their organizations to develop and preserve affordable housing.

Adoption of the Parkinson’s Awareness Month Proclamation:

Supervisor Kennan received, signed, and returned the proclamation to recognize the month of April as Parkinson’s Awareness Month. He mentioned April is also Mental Health Month.

Announcement of Bulk Trash Day as April 25, 2020:

Supervisor Kennan mentioned Bulk Trash Day in Supervisor's Comments.

Appointment of Judith Carlson as ZBA Secretary as of 2/18/20:

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

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

RESOLVED, to appoint Judith Carlson as Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary retroactive to February 18, 2020.

**Supervisor's Report:
Budget Adjustment –**

No budget adjustment presented.

Monthly Bills Abstract/Special Abstracts –

Supervisor Kennan presented Special Abstract, dated February 25, 2020, totaling \$689.19, broken down as follows:

A Fund -	\$503.53
DB Fund -	\$22.00
Payroll T&A -	\$163.66

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

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

RESOLVED, to approve Special Abstract, dated February 25, 2020, totaling \$689.19.

Supervisor Kennan presented Abstract, dated March 12, 2020, totaling \$326,411.84, broken down as follows:

A Fund -	\$189,040.33
B Fund -	\$101,443.33
DB Fund -	\$27353.91
Capital Projects H1	\$8,040.00
T&A2 Escrow -	\$534.27

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

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

RESOLVED, to approve Abstract, dated March 12, 2020, totaling \$326,411.84.

Voucher Committee for April 2020 –

The Voucher Committee for April 2020 will be Councilwoman Morrison and Councilman Midwood.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings:

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

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2020.

**Meeting with Counsel:
General Legal Matters –**

Counsel was not present.

General Comment Period:

Andrew Stayman asked if Highway Superintendent Stevens ever researched electric or battery-powered chainsaws. He researched them online and thinks he could consider them in the future.

Adjournment:

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

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

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Gail J. Wheeler
Town Clerk

Approved: 04/16/2020