

Town of North East
Town Board
Regular Meeting
Town Hall, Millerton, New York
Thursday, January 9, 2025, 7:00 PM

Call to Order at 5PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

SUPERVISOR KENNAN	HERE (via Zoom, unable to vote)
COUNCILWOMAN MORRISON	HERE
COUNCILMAN FEDELE	HERE
COUNCILWOMAN WINKLER	HERE
COUNCILMAN MAYVILLE	HERE

Warren Replansky has a seat at the table.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Two additional items have been added to the Agenda. The first is authorization for the Supervisor to sign a letter of support for ADU development for the Hudson River Housing group. The second is a request for Executive Session at the end of the meeting in order to discuss potential litigation against the Town with Council. Motion to accept the Agenda was made by Councilman Fedele and seconded by Councilwoman Morrison. Votes Taken.

AYES- 4 (Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)
NAYS- 0

The Amended Agenda was accepted by a vote of 4-0.

Supervisor's Comments

Due to a mild case of Covid, the Supervisor attends via zoom.

Covid cases are up. It has been five years since the pandemic. Beware.

Request a moment of silence for a member of the Town Hall family. John Crodelle, (1939-2025) was our former Town Justice.

At the Re-Org meeting last week, Julie Schroeder stepped down as Chair of the ZBA. She will continue on as a member. Her knowledge of zoning is unparalleled in this Town. We appreciate her insights and the knowledge that she brings to the Town. We welcome Edie Greenwood as the new Chair. The Town Board will be working on zoning codes and the recommendations of the ZRC work of the last four years. The first meeting will be on January 21 at 5pm at the Town Hall. Greenwood will guide us.

Also at the re-Org meeting Katie Cariello was appointed to provide secretarial services at the Planning Board meetings.

We also looked over the North East Town Board Rules of Procedure for Town Board Meetings, and made a little tweak to the Guidelines for Public Comment:

- As a courtesy extended by the Town Board, members of the public may speak during the meeting's Public Comment period and at such other times as the presiding officer permits.
- The first public comment period, as previously stated, shall be limited to comments on agenda items only.
- The public comment period at the conclusion of the meeting is reserved for general comments and concerns.
- Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer.
- Speakers must give their name, municipal residence, and organization, if any.
- Speakers must limit their remarks to five minutes
- Speakers may not yield any remaining time they may have to another speaker.

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- Board members may, with the permission of the presiding officer, interrupt a speaker during their remarks, but only for the purpose of clarification or information.
- All remarks must be addressed to the Board as a body and not to individual Board members.
- Speakers must observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste. Interested parties or their representatives may address the Board in person or by written communication. Playing of audio or video recorded material is not permitted.

Department and Committee Reports

-Highway Department: Bob Stevens, Highway Superintendent, asked the Board to approve a 284 Agreement, section 1 “General Repairs”. The sum of \$240,000 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 34.23 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewals thereof.

**RESOLUTION #062025
The 284 Agreement Authorizes the Superintendent
of Highways to spend moneys on General Road Repairs**

RESOLVED, to approve the 284 Highway Money Agreement.
Motion to accept the Agreement was made by Councilwoman Morrison and seconded by Councilman Mayville. Votes by roll call.

COUNCILWOMAN MORRISON	AYE
COUNCILMAN FEDELE	AYE
COUNCILWOMAN WINKLER	AYE
COUNCILMAN MAYVILLE	AYE

The Motion passed 4-0 and the Agreement was signed by Board Members.

-Assessor: No report.

-Planning, Zoning, & Building Department, Animal Control: Department Reports were previously sent to the Town Board.

-Town Clerk: The 2025 Tax Warrant has been received and has been posted. The Town/County Bills will be mailed from our office on the 15th.

TB Committee Activity:

Housing- We have been asked to sign a letter stating that the Town will permit the existence of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). The Supervisor has shared the template provided by Hudson River Housing and asks for a motion to allow him to sign the letter.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the letter of support to Hudson River Housing was made by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilman Fedele. Votes taken.

AYES- 4 (Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)

NAYS- 0

Motion passed 4-0.

Request for Water District hook-up

TJ Home Builders on lot #19 Country View Road, outside the NE Water District, Parcel #133889-7271-00-737582, Represented by Donald Cappillino of Cappillino, Rothschild, & Egan, LLP

Request a hook up through easement of lot # 7271-00-741560 on Gay Road, in the NE Water District. Letter sent to the Board November 26th. Joseph Zarecki, engineer showed map of Country View estates and explained where the extended pipe would be placed. The main concern for TJ Home Builders is wetland disturbance if placing a well, as the original subdivision drawings show.

Supervisor Kennan voiced concern about Easement and Deed restrictions. Cappillino confirmed that his client plans to build two 3 bedroom houses. The Town Attorney had copy of sample “Out of Service” agreement to work with.

No decision was reached by the Town Board.

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Public comment period

Chris Drago, Dutchess County Legislator, gave first of the year update. The 2025 Budget was 627 million, up from 600 million. A lot of the increase is due to grants. Two million dollars have been placed towards EMS- going towards supplemental help, yet not addressing the core issue being felt by the Towns. He believes that there is a better way, and is pressuring to move faster. Progress has been frustrated by two resignations in the County Emergency Services leadership. Another concern in mental health. There has been lack of care in northern Dutchess County. A new mental Health Center is Rhinebeck is opening to serve adults and youths. The Cornell Cooperative extension is going through hard times. Drago is looking to help get it back on “sure footing”. He has been working with Councilwoman Winkler on the ADU’s, and is happy that Hudson River Housing has come through. Another issue is warming centers and the lack of available information on their locations. They are not on the DC County Executive’s website. They are as expected, in the more populated areas of the county. Councilwoman Winkler thought there was one at the American Legion or the NE Millerton Library. The Supervisor said that problem is staffing. He will follow up on the details.

Councilman Mayville said that the EMS help is just a stopgap. He would like to see more details. The education and fly cars supplied by the 2million supports existing services. Since the effort was launched on January 1, the fly cars have responded to 58 calls. At this time, EMS is not considered an essential service in NY State. A law needs to pass to change that. Then there would be money available.

Councilman Fedele expressed surprise.

Supervisor’s Report

-Budget Adjustment for 2024

**RESOLUTION # 072025
Budget Adjustment #12 of 2024**

A FUND- an expense increase of \$3,155 less an expense decrease of \$3,155 for a net change of \$00.

B FUND- an expense increase of \$43,316 less and expense decrease of \$1,571, less a revenue increase of \$41,745 for a net change of \$00.

DB FUND- an expense increase of \$41,745, less a revenue increase of \$41,745 for a net change of \$00.

Motion to accept the Budget Adjustment was made by Councilman Fedele and seconded by Councilman Mayville. Roll Call.

COUNCILWOMAN MORRISON	AYE
COUNCILMAN FEDELE	AYE
COUNCILWOMAN WINKLER	AYE
COUNCILMAN MAYVILLE	AYE

The Budget Adjustment was accepted.

**RESOLUTION # 082025
Special Abstract dated December 20, 2024, totaling \$1464.60**

A FUND- \$1,464.60

Motion to accept the Special Abstract was made by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilwoman Morrison. Votes taken.

AYES- 4 (Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)
NAYS- 0

**RESOLUTION # 092025
Abstract dated December 31, 2024, totaling \$82,613.47**

A FUND- \$15,534.82

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B FUND- \$ 2,081.40
DB FUND- \$64,997.25

Motion to accept the Abstract was made by Councilman Mayville and seconded by Councilwoman Morrison. Votes taken.

AYES- 4 (Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)
NAYS- 0

**RESOLUTION # 102025
Abstract dated January 9, 2025 totaling \$52,469.00**

A FUND- \$51,662.02
B FUND- \$ 530.00
Payroll T&A- \$ 276.00

Motion to accept the Abstract was made by Councilwoman Morrison and seconded by Councilman Mayville. Votes taken.

AYES- 4 (Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)
NAYS- 0

Voucher Committee for February 2025: L. Morrison, C. Mayville

Approval of Minutes from meetings of 12-12-24 and 12-23-24

Motion to accept the Meeting minutes of 12-12-24 and 12-23-24 was made by Councilman Fedele and seconded by Councilwoman Winkler. Votes taken.

AYES- 4 (Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)
NAYS- 0

Executive Session Meeting with Counsel to discuss potential litigation.

Motion to enter Executive Session was made by Councilman Fedele and seconded by Councilwoman Winkler. Votes taken.

AYES- 4 (Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)
NAYS- 0

Motion to exit Executive Session was made by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilman Mayville. Votes taken.

AYES- 4 (Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)
NAYS- 0

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Mayville and seconded by Councilman Fedele. Votes taken.

AYES- 4 (Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)
NAYS- 0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54PM

Submitted by

/s/: Elizabeth Strauss, Town Clerk

APPROVED: 2/13/2025