

Town of North East  
Millerton, New York  
Town Board Meeting  
March 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

<b>SUPERVISOR KENNAN</b>	<b>HERE</b>
<b>COUNCILWOMAN MORRISON</b>	<b>HERE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN FEDELE</b>	<b>HERE</b>
<b>COUNCILWOMAN WINKLER</b>	<b>HERE</b>
<b>COUNCILMAN MAYVILLE</b>	<b>HERE</b>

Warren Replansky has a seat at the table.

**Acceptance of Agenda**

The Supervisor asked that the agenda be amended because the applicant for water connection, (Item #7 on Agenda) would like to postpone until the April meeting. In addition the Mayor of the Village of Millerton would like to request the use of the Town's old empty Highway garage. Motion to accept the Agenda as amended was made by Councilman Mayville and seconded by Councilwoman Winkler. Votes taken.

AYES- 5 (Kennan, Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)  
NAYS- 0

The agenda, as amended, was accepted.

**Supervisor Comments**

Good news- spring is one week away!

We have a tentative date for Bulk Trash day set as the morning of May 10, at the old Highway garage site.

The Planning Board has been busy. They have held two public hearings regarding changes at the Millerton Plaza and a food operation in the Former McDonald's building. The Bank of Millbrook is about to start renovations and there has been an application for a racquet sports facility.

Sue Serino, our Dutchess County Executive, gave her State of the County speech. I was able to speak with her regarding EMS services and the burden placed on our residents. I plan to bring it to every representative at every opportunity I get. The Town of North East is considered in "Region 5", along with Dover, Amenia, and Pine Plains. I plan on more meetings with the County Executive and Greg Pulver as well.

We continue to get complaints about the noise emanating from the Gun Club. I have an appointment next week with the Gun Club and the Mayor of Millerton. We will request that they cease shooting after 5pm and on Sundays.

There is a State-wide burn ban in effect today which will last through May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Town Board will hold a Special meeting on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March at 4pm to continue work reviewing the ZRC recommendations. This will be our third meeting. Edie Greenwood and Will Agresta will be attending. There will be another meeting in April that we expect to include Nan Stolzenburg.

The Community Partners will be meeting Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> at Webutuck- it is a good effort to tie our communities together and share information of various initiatives.

The Town is aware of a lot of changes regarding the Federal government. Our House of Representatives passed a 6 month temporary budget which stripped out all the Congressional Directed Funding. The Village of Millerton money for the sewer system has been removed.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - None**

**Department and Board Committee Reports**

**Town Highway Department-** Bob Stevens, Highway Superintendent, reports that the crew is working on cutting brush and maintaining equipment. In April they will have the shared Bucket Truck and expect to remove lots of dead trees. Fesco Fencing is hoping to start next week. The Budget still looks in good shape even though they have used a lot of sand and salt this winter.

**Town Assessor-** Katherine Johnson, Town Assessor, reports that the office has been hectic with lots of Exemption traffic. There have been some new residents able

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to file for Disability and Veterans exemptions. Soon she will be sending out letters with her assessment reviews

**Town Tax Collector report-** Elizabeth “Tilly” Strauss, Tax Collector, reported that we are in the penalty period and 86% collected. Last year at this time we were only 73% collected. The Fire District and the Town have been paid in full.

**Planning, Zoning, & Building Department-** All reports previously sent to the Town Board members.

**Highway Committee-** The Board will return to this to discuss a Truck purchase.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee-** The Supervisor reported that the New Town Hall has had an HVAC inspection, and the system has been worked on and repaired. Attorney Replansky is working on resolving an issue with Suburban Propane who put a lock on the tank so that we are unable to use the gas we paid for. Warren Replansky stated that he was in contact with the manager who is working on a proposal for our purchase of the tank, which is 20+ years old. We have to see its operating condition before purchase.

**Housing Committee-** Councilwoman Winkler followed up on the Pro-Housing resolution we passed recently. We will be following option #2 which requires some document uploading regarding zoning. There is no news regarding the Plus One ADU at this time.

**Report on Filing of AFR with NY State, and BAN renewal**

The Supervisor reports that the Town’s Annual Financial Report (AFR) has been filed with the NY State Comptroller’s office. Michael Torchia of RBT, CPA’s came to Town Hall on February 20<sup>th</sup> to prepare the report. The Supervisor also took time to review our two BANs. The first is a \$3.705 million BAN held at Greene County Bank at 4.04% interest. It is due in April. The second is a \$718,760 BAN held at the Bank of Millbrook at 3.25% and due in August of this year. The Town will be looking to rollover both BANs and to go out for long-term financing early next year.

**Resolution regarding request for Hook-up to Water District**

The request to postpone the decision was received from the property owner at Country View and State Line roads. The Board has received memo from the Assessor. There will be opportunity to discuss this at the April regular Town Board meeting

**Resolution of Approval: Purchase of new Highway Truck**

The Highway Superintendent shared his notes with the Town Board members via an email dated March 11<sup>th</sup>. The new plow truck purchase will replace the 2006 International front line plow as per the equipment replacement plan, of which a copy was also shared with the Town Board. Since we are paying off one loan this year and the first payment for the new vehicle would not be until 2026, the impact on the budget would be essentially zero. This will not raise taxes.

**RESOLUTION #192025**

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A STATUTORY  
INSTALLMENT BOND OF  
THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK,  
TO PAY THE COST OF ACQUISITION OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FOR  
SAID TOWN, TO WIT:**

**2026 International Model HV507 SFA 4 x 4 Cab & Chassis with Plow, Wing and  
Combination Dump Body/Spreader**

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to authorize a Statutory Installment Bond for the financing of the purchase of a 2026 International Model HV507 SFA 4 x 4 Cab & Chassis with Plow, Wing and Combination Dump Body/Spreader (hereinafter “the Equipment”); and

**WHEREAS**, this Board, by resolution, authorized the purchase of the Equipment per the Onondaga Bid #109-14.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York as follows:

**Section 1.** The maximum estimated cost of the Equipment, including incidental expenses to be incurred in connection therewith, is \$323,977.84.

**Section 2.** The plan for the financing of the purchase is as follows: (a) by the issuance of a General Obligation Statutory Installment Bond of the Town of North East, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law in the maximum amount of \$168,000.00; and by the expenditure of \$155,977.84 from the 2025 Highway Fund.

**Section 3.** The Statutory Installment Bond will be dated on a date to be determined by the Town Supervisor, and will mature no more than four (4) years following the date of execution of the Bond with prepayment received and will bear interest in the name of the Town of North East by the Town Supervisor and by the Town Clerk and will be sealed with the Corporate Seal of the Town of North East.

**Section 4.** It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid object or purpose is fifteen (15) years, pursuant to Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is further determined that the maximum maturity of the Bond herein authorized will not exceed four (4) years.

**Section 5.** The faith and credit of said Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of, and interest on, such Bond as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of, and interest on, such Bond becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of, and interest on, such Bond as the same become due and payable.

**Section 6.** Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of, and to sell, Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the Statutory Installment Bond herein authorized, including renewals of such Note is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer. Such Notes shall be of such terms, form and content, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

**Section 7.** The powers and duties of advertising such Bond of sale, conducting the sale, and awarding the Bond are hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, who shall advertise such Bond for sale, conduct the sale, and award the Bond in such a manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the Town; provided, however, that in the exercise of the delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of Municipal Bonds. The receipt of the Town Supervisor shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money. The Town Supervisor shall be authorized to execute any and all documents and to perform any and all steps necessary to obtain financing incident to this purchase.

**Section 8.** This Resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this Resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

**Section 9.** The validity of such Bond, and Bond Anticipation Notes, may be contested only if:

(1) Such Bond is authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or

(2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication, or

(3) Such Bond is authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

**Section 10.** This action is a Type II action pursuant to Part 617 of the Rules and Regulations implementing the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

**Section 11.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately pursuant to Section 35.00(5)(2), and shall be published, in full, in the official paper, together with a Notice

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of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call on March 13, 2025 which resulted as follows:

<b>Supervisor Kennan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Morrison</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Fedele</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilwoman Winkler</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilman Mayville</b>	<b>Aye</b>

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted March 13, 2025.

**Approval of proposal for Town Insurance Coverage from NYMIR to commence 3-15-25**  
Board members were given a report comparing 2024 cost to 2025. When preparing the 2025 Budget, it had been estimated to expect an increase of 9-12% for renewal this year. Instead the policy came in with an 8.5% increase, which is well within what we had budgeted. The cyber insurance cost is unchanged from last year. The Town continues to experience small cyber-attacks. We will be reinforcing employee and Board member training in the near future.

#### **RESOLUTION #202025**

##### **APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR TOWN INSURANCE COVERAGE FROM NYMIR TO COMMENCE 3-15-2025**

A motion to approve the NYMIR proposal was made by Councilman Mayville and seconded by Councilwoman Winkler. Votes taken.

AYES- 5 (Kennan, Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)  
NAYS- 0

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted March 13, 2025.

#### **Resolution for Village Highway department to rent old Town Highway garage**

Discussion followed among Board members. The Supervisor proposed that an amended MOU could be resolved at the Special meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>. In the meantime the Town Board can email the Attorney their specific concerns.

#### **Supervisor's Report**

##### **- Monthly Bills Abstract/Special Abstracts**

#### **RESOLUTION #212025**

##### **Special Abstract dated February 21, totaling \$1,834.93**

Special Abstract dated February 21, totaling \$1,834.93 broken down as follows:

<b>A Fund</b>	\$1,834.93
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Motion to accept the Special Abstract was made by Councilman Fedele and seconded by Councilwoman Morrison. Votes taken.

AYES- 5 (Kennan, Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)  
NAYS- 0

The Special Abstract was accepted.

#### **RESOLUTION #222025**

##### **Abstract dated March 13, 2025 totaling \$231,686.12**

Abstract dated March 13, 2025 totaling \$231,686.12 broken down as follows:

<b>A FUND-</b>	<b>\$ 69,380.00</b>
<b>B FUND</b>	<b>\$103,305.29</b>
<b>DB Fund</b>	<b>\$ 58,723.85</b>
<b>Payroll T&amp;A</b>	<b>\$ 276.98</b>

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Motion to accept the Abstract was made by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilman Fedele. Votes taken.

AYES- 5 (Kennan, Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)

NAYS- 0

The Abstract was accepted.

**Voucher Committee for April: L. Morrison, C. Mayville**

**Public Comment-** None

**Approval of Minutes from meetings of 2-13-25 and 2-18-25**

Motion to accept the Meeting minutes of February 13<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup> meetings was made by Councilman Mayville and seconded by Councilwoman Morrison. Votes taken.

AYES- 5 (Kennan, Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)

NAYS- 0

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilwoman Morrison. Votes taken.

AYES- 5 (Kennan, Morrison, Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)

NAYS- 0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

/s/: Elizabeth Strauss, Town Clerk

APPROVED: 4/10/2025

DRAFT: 3/14/2025