

**Town of North East**  
Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Avenue  
Millerton, New York 12546  
**Town Board Regular Meeting**  
**Meeting of May 8, 2025, 7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll call**

<b>SUPERVISOR KENNAN</b>	<b>HERE</b>
<b>COUNCILWOMAN MORRISON</b>	<b>zoom/ not voting</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 amended the Agenda to add “Public Comment for Agenda Items Only.”

Motion to accept the Agenda, as amended, was made by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilman Mayville. Votes taken.

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

The agenda, as amended, was accepted.

**Public Comment For Agenda Items Only- none**

**Supervisor’s Report**

Bulk Trash day is this Saturday from 9-12. We have made a special effort to publicize it and to promote receiving old tires at cost. The Village Board has been invited to join and help out. The Fence around the New Town Highway Garage has been completed, except for the electronic gate opener. This is the last phase of the new highway garage project construction. The Town will have a special meeting on zoning next Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The Webutuck School Community Partners has a meeting also on Tuesday at 6pm. It’s an effort on part of Webutuck to get together different groups in North East and Amenia to share what everyone is doing. Reminder that voting on the Webutuck School 2025-2026 Budget will be held on May 20, Tuesday from 12 noon to 9pm at the High School Gym.

**- Budget Adjustment**

**RESOLUTION # 292025**  
**Budget Adjustment #2 of the year 2025**

A Fund had an expense increase of \$502.00 less an expense decrease of \$502.00 for a net change of \$00.

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

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

The Budget Adjustment was accepted.

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

**RESOLUTION # 302025**  
**Special Abstract dated April 16, 2025 totaling \$3,855,218.85**

Special Abstract dated April 16, 2025 totaling \$3,855,218.85 broken down as follows:

<b>A Fund</b>	\$ 286,944.85
<b>General Capital</b>	\$3,568,274.00

Motion to accept the Special Abstract was made by Councilman Mayville and seconded by Councilman Fedele. Votes taken.

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

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The Special Abstract was accepted.

**RESOLUTION # 312025**  
**Special Abstract dated April 22, 2025 totaling \$13,952.20**

Special Abstract dated April 22, 2025 totaling \$13,952.20 broken down as follows:

<b>A Fund</b>	\$ 3,631.20
<b>Highway Fund DB</b>	\$ 10,321.00

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

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

NAYS- 0

The Special Abstract was accepted.

**RESOLUTION # 322025**  
**Abstract dated May 8, 2025 totaling \$98,102.00**

Abstract dated May 8, 2025 totaling \$98,102.99 broken down as follows:

<b>A FUND-</b>	\$61,154.69
<b>B FUND</b>	\$ 2,929.70
<b>DB Fund</b>	\$ 2,368.28
<b>Water District SW1</b>	\$30,290.00
<b>T&amp; A2 Escrow</b>	\$ 1,083.34
<b>Payroll T&amp;A</b>	\$ 276.98

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

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

NAYS- 0

The Abstract was accepted.

**Voucher Committee for June 2025: L. Morrison & C. Mayville**

**Department Reports**

**Highway-** Bob Stevens, Highway Superintendent, reported that the month of May is gravel road maintenance, the crew rakes and compacts all the dirt roads. On April 10<sup>th</sup> the new Truck was ordered and it is promised to be delivered this year.

**Assessor-** Katherine Johnson, the Assessor, passed around a report. The Final Assessment roll is out and a print copy can be found in her office as well as in the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website. She has additional office hours on evenings and weekends to facilitate residents who would like to talk with her. The Board of Assessment Review (BAR) will meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May- the last Wednesday of the month from 3-5 and 6-8 pm for Grievance Day. Ideally she asks residents to reach out before Grievance Day. In reviewing the status of exemptions, Johnson pointed out that the number of Basic Star exemptions has decreased. There was an increase in both the Senior and Solar exemptions registered.

**Planning, Zoning, & Building Department-** Reports previously sent to the Board.

**Town Clerk-** Reports sent to the Board.

**Tax Collector-** Elizabeth Strauss, Tax Collector, asked that the Board look into accepting credit cards or ACH's. Many residents complain they do not have, or feel comfortable, paying by checks.

**Board Committee Activity**

**Recreation Committee-** There is no summer camp in the Village due to the pool construction. The Town of Amenia has a summer camp that is open to registering Webutuck School District children who live in North East. Go to their website for information.

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#### **Communications Committee-** Councilwoman Winkler and Councilman

Mayville said that they were looking at IT best practices. The Clerk had surveyed local Towns for IT people and came up with a short list of four. Two responded quickly. In discussions with the IT service providers, a lot was brought to our attention. We need to upgrade to Windows 11, plan a move of our system to the new Town Hall, reduce risk of cyber-attacks and update our incident response plan.

Supervisor Kennan said the Town had recently received a Hazard Mitigation worksheet from the County that asked the Town to list disasters (natural). The CSC Task Force met for several hours with Councilman Mayville and Councilman Fedele to fill out the worksheet. They will be reaching out to Ken McLaughlin and Bob Stevens as they work on an emergency management plan that addresses who to call and how to reach everybody. Questions arose as to how does the Town work with the Village, etc.. Councilwoman Winkler asked about using a county-wide alert system that could possibly be built into our IT service.

**Housing Committee-** Councilwoman Winkler had no updates from Hudson River Housing on the Plus One ADU program. Stanford has sent out a survey, regarding ADU interest, to all its residents. The Habitat House project in the Town just had landscaping done that was inspirational. NBT Bank was a part of it, as well as the Poughkeepsie Garden Club. It looks great and is the last part of that Town project.

#### **Approval of Mobile Home and Junkyard Permits**

August Associates, (dba Benwood Knolls), and Thomsen & Graham Metals Inc. submitted applications for the renewal of their permits. The Building Department made site inspections. They passed August Associates and Thomsen & Graham Metals but recommend not permitting Housatonic Acquisitions due to an outstanding violation. We hope they are working on remedying the situation and will submit their application for approval at the next Town Board meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Mayville and seconded by Councilman Fedele to approve the annual permits for August Associates and Thomsen & Graham Metals. Vote taken.

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

NAYS- 0

The two permits were approved. Supervisor Kennan stated that we will be pursuing the violation fairly aggressively at this point.

#### **Re-appointment of Climate Smart Community Task Force**

The Supervisor has received a note from Kathy Chow asking for reappointment of the CSC task Force members. The work of the Task Force is greatly appreciated. They have put in a great deal of effort to get us certified Bronze level and they continue to work on a variety of tasks. The Task Force consists of Chris Kennan, Matthew Hartzog, Steve Fahmie, Kathleen Spahn, Andrew Stayman, Chris Virtuoso, Rich Stalzer, Deborah Maier, and Kathy Chow.

A motion was made to approve the reappointments by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilman Mayville. Supervisor Kennan recused himself. Votes taken.

AYES- 3 (Fedele, Winkler, Mayville)

NAYES- 0

The Task Force members were reappointed.

#### **New Town Hall update**

Two engineering firms have toured the new Town Hall building. We expect a proposal from LaBella Associates to engineer the renovation of the building. CPL has already given us a proposal. Chip Barrett has offered to help with the construction supervision. We are looking to do this in a refined, cost-effective way. The Supervisor plans to come back to the Board at the next regular meeting for an approval of an engineer to create a request for proposals (RFP) so the project can move forward.

The lock on the propane tank has finally been removed.

#### **Bulk Trash Day update**

This was covered in the Supervisors Comments.

Councilwoman Winkler brought up the Paint Return Program that exists throughout the country. Information on how residents can get rid of all sorts of things, from batteries to motor oil to tires should be found on our website. The information needs to be distributed wider than our website. She mentioned the possibility of a flier.

**Public Comment Period-** no comments

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**Approval of Minutes from Meetings of April 10 and April 15**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 10 and April 15<sup>th</sup> by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilman Mayville. Votes taken.

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

NAYS- 0

The minutes were approved.

**Adjournment**

The Supervisor asked for an Attorney Client meeting with Warren Replansky and Bob Stevens following the meeting.

Councilman Mayville asked that future meeting agendas contain a time where Board members could ask questions and have a discussion.

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

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

NAYS- 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Submitted by

/s/: Elizabeth Strauss, Town Clerk

DRAFT: 5/22/2025

APPROVED: June 12, 2025