

**Town of North East  
Millerton, New York  
Town Board  
Organizational Meeting for the Year 2026  
Friday, January 2, 2026, 5:00 P.M., Town Hall**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

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

**Supervisor's Welcome**

Supervisor Kennan pointed out that former Councilman Fedele was in attendance, and we have a couple items of appreciation to share with him. The first is a framed Resolution #822025 of Commendation regarding the twelve years of service to the Town, and the second item was a gift from the Board of an engraved cutting board for his kitchen.

**Acceptance of agenda**

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

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

NAYS- 0

**Supervisor Comments**

This meeting is the Organizational meeting of the year. Thursday next week there will be the first regular Town Board meeting of 2026 and the Public Hearing on proposed changes to the zoning code.

Welcome Rachele Cole as our newly elected Councilmember. We look forward to her help.

The top three priorities for the Supervisor over the next two years are as follows:

1. To get the New Town Hall renovated and occupied.
2. The zoning revisions, which are time consuming and important. They set in place guidelines for home and business owners, and have not been overhauled since 1977 (49 years)
3. To move forward on the Town and Village Wastewater System. The project will be transformative. He has spoken with Representative Ryan about grant help with engineering. Other State and Federal grants are also available.

The Town Hall continues to be a collegial place to be everyday

**Appointment of Councilman Chris Mayville as Deputy Supervisor by Supervisor**

Motion to accept the Appointment was made by Councilwoman Morrison seconded by Councilwoman Winkler. Votes taken.

AYES- 4 (Kennan, Morrison, Winkler, Cole)

NAYS- 0

ABSTAIN- 1 (Mayville)

**Adoption of official meeting schedule**

**Designate regular meeting times and place at the North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Avenue. Set monthly business meeting- Second Thursday of the month at 7pm.**

**Designation of official depositories in NBT Bank.**

**Designation of official newspapers as the Millerton News and alternately, the Poughkeepsie Journal**

Motion to accept the above designations was made by Councilman Mayville seconded by Councilwoman Cole. Votes taken.

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

NAYS- 0

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**Appointments of Warren Replansky, and Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC, and Mackey, Butts & Whalen LLP as Attorneys for Town Business as well as MacIntyre Law PLLC as Special Prosecutor.**

**Authorize Supervisor to secure legal services**

Motion to accept the above appointments and authorize the Supervisor was made by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilwoman Morrison. Votes taken.

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

**Authorize Supervisor to secure engineering services**

Motion to accept the authorize the Supervisor was made by Councilman Mayville and seconded by Councilwoman Cole. Votes taken.

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

**Appointment of RBT, CPA accounting services for Annual Financial Reports and The Town CPA, PLLC (Robert Patterson) for annual audits and authorize the Supervisor to secure services as needed,**

Motion to accept the appointments and authorize the Supervisor was made by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilwoman Morrison. Votes taken.

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

**RESOLUTION #012026**

**Resolution to authorize Supervisor to appoint a Bookkeeper and Budget Officer**

The Supervisor appointed Lorna Sherman as Bookkeeper and Budget Officer for the Town. Motion to accept the Supervisor's appointment was made by Councilman Mayville and seconded by Councilwoman Winkler. Votes taken.

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

**Appointment of Donna Morrison as Assessor's Aide**

**Appointment of John Lloyd as Real Property Data Lister**

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

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

**Appointment of Katie Cariello as Secretary to the Planning Board for taking minutes at meetings and Lorna Sherman as Secretary at the office**

Motion to accept the appointments was made by Councilwoman Cole and seconded by Councilman Mayville. Votes taken.

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

**Appointment of Elizabeth Ann Deneen as Secretary to Building Department**

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

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

**Appointment of Judy Carlson as Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals**

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

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

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**Appointment of Matthew Kreta as Clerk to the Justices**

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

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

NAYS- 0

**Building Department:**

**Appointment of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officers**

**-Appointment of Ken McLaughlin as Building Inspector/CEO and additional appointment of a Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) for administrative and zoning matters**

**-Appointment of Mike Segelken as Deputy Building Inspector/CEO for building/fire inspections and field work.**

Motion to accept the above appointments was made by Councilwoman Morrison and seconded by Councilwoman Cole. Votes taken.

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

NAYS- 0

**The Town Clerk's Appointment of Marcella Wheatley as Deputy**

Motion to accept the Town Clerk's appointment of Marcella Wheatley as Deputy Town Clerk was made by Councilman Mayville and seconded by Councilwoman Winkler. Votes taken.

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

NAYS- 0

**Appointment of the Town Clerk, Elizabeth Strauss as Registrar of Vital Statistics and of Marcella Wheatley as Deputy Registrar**

Motion to accept the appointments was made by Councilwoman Morrison and seconded by Councilwoman Cole. Votes taken.

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

NAYS- 0

**Appointment of the Town Clerk, Elizabeth Strauss as the Records Management Officer**

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

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

NAYS- 0

**RESOLUTION #022026**

**Resolution adopting the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for  
New York Local Government Records LGS-1**

Motion to adopt the LGS-1 Schedule was made by Councilwoman Cole and seconded by Councilwoman Winkler. Votes taken.

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

NAYS- 0

**Appointment of Judy Carlson as Scan Clerk**

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

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

NAYS- 0

**Zoning Board Appointments**

**-Appointment of Henry Smedley for a term ending Dec. 31, 2030**

**-Appointment of Edith Greenwood as Chair**

Motion to accept the above appointments was made by Councilman Mayville and seconded by Councilwoman Cole. Votes taken.

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NAYS- 0

**Planning Board Appointments**

**-Appointment of Dan Sternberg for a term ending December 31, 2032  
-Appointment of Dale Culver as Chair**

Motion to accept the above appointments was made by Councilwoman Morrison and seconded by Councilwoman Winkler. Votes taken.

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

**Ethics Committee Appointments**

**-Appointment of Rob Kuhbach for a term ending December 31, 2030**

Motion to accept the above appointments was made by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilman Mayville. Votes taken.

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

**Appointment of Bob Stevens as Highway Superintendent for a term ending December 31, 2027**

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

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

**Highway Department Appointments**

**-Appointment of Shawn Morrison as Highway HMEO Foreman and of Joshua Schultz as Highway HMEO Assistant Foreman**

Motion to accept the appointments was made by Councilwoman Winkler seconded by Councilman Mayville. Votes taken.

AYES- 4 (Kennan, Winkler, Mayville, Cole)  
NAYS- 0  
ABSTAIN- 1 (Morrison)

**Appointment of Rich Prentice as Dog Control Officer and Edward Downey as Town Historian**

Motion to accept the above appointments was made by Councilwoman Morrison and seconded by Councilwoman Cole. Votes taken.

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

**Appointment of Town Board Members to Committees**

The Supervisor has distributed proposed assignments. There was one amendment to remove Councilman Mayville from the Communication Committee.

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

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

**Resolution to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed officers and establish the wage rates for all other personnel.**

**RESOLUTION #032026**

**Resolution to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed officers,  
and establish the wage rates for all other personnel.**

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

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NAYS- 0

**Authorize the Town Clerk to open competitive bids on public works or purchase contracts as required to be advertised.**

Motion to accept the Authorization of the Town Clerk was made by Councilwoman Cole and seconded by Councilwoman Winkler. Votes taken.

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

**Establish mileage rates at the IRS Standard rate for 2026 (.0725 /mile), for Code Enforcement Officers, Dog Control Officer, Assessor and Real Property Data Lister for town business within the town, and for all officers or employees for town business outside the town.**

**Appointment of Councilman Chris Mayville and then Councilwoman Meg Winkler as Emergency Interim Successors by Supervisor.**

Motion to accept the above appointments was made by Councilwoman Morrison seconded by Councilwoman Cole. Votes taken.

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

**Authorization for appointed and elected officials to attend the NYS Association of Towns Annual Meeting, February 14-17, 2026.**

Motion to accept the authorization was made by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilman Mayville. Votes taken.

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

**RESOLUTION #042026**

**Designation of Supervisor Kennan as Delegate to Annual Meeting of the NY Association of Towns**

Motion to accept the Resolution to designate the Supervisor as delegate to annual meeting of the NYAoT meeting was made by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilman Mayville. Votes taken.

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

**Adoption of The North East Town Board Meetings: Rules of Procedure for 2026.**

The only change is the shortened time limit for public comment. We are switching it to 3 minutes which is on par with neighboring Towns, such as Amenia. Councilwoman Winkler asked that the date be added to the document heading.

Motion to adopt the Rules of Procedure with that change was made by Councilwoman Winkler and seconded by Councilwoman Cole. Votes taken.

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

**Adjournment**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM

/s/: Elizabeth Strauss, Town Clerk  
Approved 2/12/2026