

Town of North East
Town Board Workshop Meeting
Millerton, New York
July 1, 2026, at 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

SUPERVISOR KENNAN	HERE
COUNCILMAN MAYVILLE	on Zoom
COUNCILWOMAN MORRISON	HERE
COUNCILWOMAN WINKLER	HERE
COUNCILWOMAN COLE	HERE

Acceptance of Agenda

Supervisor Kennan requested amending the agenda to include discussion of posting for the Highway Superintendent position and possible local law. Councilperson Cole asked that the agenda item regarding NY Forward grant be deferred to next meeting.
Motion to approve the agenda with those modifications was made by Councilperson Winkler and seconded by Councilperson Morrison. Votes taken. *Councilperson Mayville could not vote on zoom.*

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

The Agenda, as modified, was approved.

Supervisor’s Comments

We are shocked and saddened by the fatal accident in our Town on Route 22 last Monday.
We are still working on the speed reduction by the Highway Garage on Route 22. The State has ruled on it, giving us 50 yards- which feels too tight. Between the converging of Bielke and Winchell Mountain intersections and the Highway Garage, I feel the State made a mistake. I am speaking to our Assembly person and State Senator.
The high temperatures in the weather forecast are concerning. The Town Hall is serving as a public cooling center today and tomorrow from 9am-5pm. The NE Millerton library is also a cooling center and will be open on Friday.

Approval of Special Abstract for Town Highway Truck Purchase

Josh Schultz of the Highway Department presented details of the new truck purchase. He contacted online and local dealers and tried all three major brands. He requested approval of a purchase of a white 2026 4-door custom, plow-compatible, Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD pickup with extended warrantee from Ingersoll Auto dealership in Pawling. There is urgency from the dealership to purchase this tomorrow.

RESOLUTION # 452026
Special Abstract dated July 1, 2026 for \$56,711.00
RESOLVED, to accept a Special Abstract dated July 1, 2026 for \$56,711.00 broken down as follows:

DB Fund \$56,711.00

Motion to accept the Special Abstract was made by Councilperson Cole and seconded by Councilperson Morrison. Votes taken. *Councilperson Mayville could not vote on zoom.*

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

The purchase is approved and will be paid through Voucher #26-390.

Discussion of Town Hall redesign

Supervisor Kennan and Councilperson Winkler met with LAN Engineering and discussed changes to our agreement. They will bring back to the board a revised schematic.

Board member Comments

Discussion followed on the status of our Dutchess County 25K grant application, upcoming staff retirements at the Town Hall, Altice contract, pending formation of a new Zoning Review Committee, and Millerton’s 175th celebration.
The personnel committee will be sending notice to all department heads that staff evaluations need to be conducted. They will investigate training resources as well.

Posting of the Highway Superintendent Job

Our Town Law currently has a residency requirement for the Highway Superintendent position. Supervisor Kennan proposed the Board follow up at the next meeting with a resolution to change the local

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law in order to widen the scope of potential candidates. After the next meeting a public hearing would need to be scheduled in August. Board members were given the draft resolution and proposed new local law as written by the Town Attorney. Questions followed about the job description and places to post the opening. Mentioned were the Town website, Indeed, Facebook, and the newspaper. It was agreed that a posting would refer interested candidates to the Town website and the Town Clerk for a more detailed long form of qualifications. *Councilperson Mayville could not vote on zoom.*

Adjournment

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

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

NAYS- 0

The Board adjourned at 6:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Strauss, Town Clerk

For verbatim information please refer to recorded video on the Town website.

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