Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:00pm. Councilman Jackson was absent; all other Board members were in attendance.

Also attending were Attorney to the Town Replansky, Highway Superintendent Hay, reporters from the Millerton News and Millbrook Independent and approximately twenty five (25) members of the community.

Supervisor Coons called the meeting to order and the Pledge was done.

Approval of Town Clerks minutes and monthly report – Councilman David addressed the minutes of Jan 17, 2013 – she stated that the term for Planning Board Alternate Louisa Grassi Kaestle should be a one year term. Clerk stated the Board had approved a two year term at the Jan. 17, 2013 meeting. Coons said we will make an amendment to the length of term.

Motion by Keeler second by David to amend the term for Planning Board alternate Louisa Grassi Kaestle to a one year term. 4-0 passed.

Motion by David second by Keeler to accept the Town Clerks monthly report for Jan. 2013; the minutes of Jan. 17th as amended and the minutes of Feb. 4, 2013. 4-0 passed.

Supervisors Statement - Coons stated that we will discuss and vote on at the March Board meeting the “reval”. He stated that Assessor Chairman Mara can bring “ORPS” in to properly inform the people of the Town on how this will affect them. Mara stated he feels this would be premature until the Contractor begins – Maras main concern is to lock in with the Contractor. Coons wants the proposed Contractor Equitable Assoc., and local “ORPS” to attend. Mara will try to have them here for the informational meeting next week.

Employee Health Insurance - Coons addressed the Board stating that the Health Ins. Policy is due for renewal. He said changing to CDPHP from MVP the coverage is the same and the premium is lower.

Motion by Keeler second by David to approve CDPHP with the Aggregate Deductible for Health Insurance coverage. 4-0 passed.

Highway Dept. Union – letter received stating that any interest in unionizing by the Highway Dept. has been disclaimed.

Coons also noted that the Pine Plains Justice Dept. received a JCAP Grant – they will purchase benches and furniture as well as other needed repair items.

Bill Approval – Motion by Keeler second by Lyons- Chase to approve PPWIA bills #112-122; Highway bills #123-137 and General bills #138-171. 4-0 passed.

Library Statement – Supervisor read the Boards statement on the status of the Library situation. (On file)

Motion by Lyons-Chase second by David to hold a special public informational meeting regarding the Library on Feb. 26, 2013 at 7:00pm. 4-0 passed.

Jim Mara suggests using another venue to hold the meeting. Coons said he will contact the school and notices will go out. Jane Waters added that a microphone will be needed and Lyons-Chase said that the Friends of the Library will be officially invited.

Public Comment – Jane Waters – noted that Grant Writer Michael Haggerty was not reappointed – Councilman David stated maybe he can be asked to attend the meeting on the Library. Coons said yes.
Legislator Deborah Blalock - gave update on their meeting.

Frank Volz - Stated the Town has the reval, teacher’s contracts and the Library and questioned the impact of the Durst situation – he asked if the Board has talked about this – it concerns him for the Town and asked any consideration given to the impact of this. Coons replied that the Board has been reviewing this project with the Attorney for Durst and the Attorney to the Town. Frank stated he feels the Town is “Durst busting” from the meeting he has attended.

Jen Mosher – suggests using the Community Center for the Feb. 26 meeting. Coons will check with the Bank. Jim Mara added that he suggests a positive focus for the meeting regarding the Library.

Dorean Gardner – Asked if we can find out the classification of the Library – is it a Free or Municipal Library? Attorney to the Town Replansky responded that it is a Municipal Library since 1960.

Joan Franzone – compliments Marguerite Hill as the Librarian and added that she would like to see something from the Town also on the Library.

Jim Mara stated that Durst is looking into putting his property into forestry.

Mary Woods – speaking on behalf of the CAC stated that they now have a draft newsletter and CAC has three requests - #1 permission that they can do the newsletter, #2 have it put on the Town website and #3 receive a stipend of $50 - 100 dollars quarterly. Coons said he thinks he can come up with the money. Motion by David second by Lyons-Chase to approve the three requests from the CAC. 4-0 passed.

Highway Superintendent Report – Hay gave the Board three (3) quotes regarding tree removal. Motion by Lyons-Chase second by Keeler to approve Justin’s Lawns owned by Justin Rabbideau for the tree removal. 4-0 passed.

Attorney to the Town Replansky stated that we need a Certificate of Insurance and a contract from him before he starts the work. Barry said he will get them.


Police Dept. Report – all have.

Building Inspector Report – all have.

Attorney to the Town Report – Replansky said a letter has been received from Jennifer VanTuyl the Attorney for Durst. He then contacted her and went to the Planning Board and discussed it with them. The Planning Board is ready to move forward with the Seqra process and feels there is no need at this time for Warren to “mark up the proposed Escrow Agreement. The Planning Board wants to know if the Town Board plans on giving their approval to move forward also. Supervisor said George Rodenhausen will reach out to Durst.

Replansky gave all Board members a proposed Local Law regarding the Planning Board (on file). He asked the Board members to review this and get any wanted changes to him. He asked Planning Board Chairman Don Bartles to also review with the individual Planning Board members their appointment terms and expiration dates and get back to him with that information.

He also stated that he feels that the information meeting regarding the Library is a little premature to get the input the Board is looking for. The Town needs issues to throw out to the public and it is short notice. He added a time limit on comments and no redundancy should be used at the meeting.
Recreation Department Report – Town Clerk stated that Catherine Prentice Recreation Director has submitted three requests for the Board’s approval.

#1 – Dawn Damon, Jessica Silvia and Thomas Kelly to be appointed to the Recreation Committee.
Motion by Keeler second by Coons to approve. 4-0 passed.

#2 – To purchase a pitching machine for $169.05.
Motion by Keeler second by David to approve. 4-0 passed.

#3 – To purchase “yellow cap” to be put on top of the ball field fencing at a cost of $665.00.
Motion by Lyons-Chase second by Keeler to approve. 4-0 passed.

Other – Councilman Keeler stated that the owner of an Echo housing mobile home need to move/sell it as the Mother has passed away. However per our Zoning he cannot do anything with it due to its size. Maybe a Variance will solve the issue. Attorney to the Town said to have the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer Weaver stop and see him.

Motion by Keeler second by Lyons-Chase to go to Executive Session regarding personnel. 4-0 passed.
Upon returning from Executive Session motion by David second by Coons to return to regular order of business. 4-0 passed.
Coons stated the informational meeting regarding the Library will be held Feb. 26 at 7:00pm, location to be confirmed.

Motion by Keeler second by Lyons-Chase to adjourn. 4-0 passed.