

TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING  
June 14, 2007 - 6:00 PM  
TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Reagon at 6:05 p.m.  
Salute to the Flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits were pointed out by the Supervisor.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Perotti	Present
Councilman Euvrard	Present
Councilwoman Doyle	Present
Councilman Russell	Present
Supervisor Reagon	Present

OLD AMENIA LANDFILL REUSE

Mark Morrison, Wassaic resident, is a landscape architect working with C.T. Male on the Old Amenia Landfill Reuse Plans. Using maps of the area, he described some of his ideas for reuse of the site.

Liz Rovers is the head engineer with C.T. Male working on the Old Amenia Landfill cleanup project. She gave an overview of how the cleanup will be done including a very high level time table.

Kimberlea Rea had been the Town's landfill attorney since 1998. She proudly stated that this is the most successful landfill project she has ever worked on. This is the first time that the reuse has been designed at the same time as the remediation is designed. There are numerous benefits to doing this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Susan Metcalfe - Route 22 speed limit and accidents.
- Tom Werner - Rec Commission.
- Pat Nelligan - Town should do a DGEIS rather than a long form EAF for the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Law. [Ashley Ley observed that the long form EAF could be used].

**ACTION ITEMS:**

MECHANIC STREET SIDEWALKS

Supervisor Reagon explained that a "negative declaration" means that the project will have no significant adverse environmental impact. She then went through the short form EAF reading the significant parts.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION ON MECHANIC STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT

MOTION: S/Reagon  
SECOND: C/Perotti  
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE                      C/Doyle - AYE  
                  C/Euvrard - AYE                      C/Russell - AYE  
                  S/Reagon - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.

JACK ROONEY RESIGNATION

The Town Board accepted the resignation of Jack Rooney (from his position of Transfer Station attendant) with regret and appreciation:

ACCEPT JACK ROONEY RESIGNATION

MOTION: S/Reagon  
SECOND: C/Russell  
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE  
C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE  
S/Reagon - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.

ADVERTISE POSITIONS FOR TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT AND DANCE INSTRUCTOR

The Town needs to fill the position of Transfer Station Attendant as soon as possible. The Town Clerk was instructed to advertise for one week in the daily paper and for two weeks in the weekly paper, June 21 and 28. Applications are due July 6 with appointment to be made July 12. To get the most from our advertising dollars, the position of dance instructor will be included in the same ad:

ADVERTISE POSITIONS FOR TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT AND DANCE INSTRUCTOR

MOTION: C/Doyle  
SECOND: C/Russell  
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE  
C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE  
S/Reagon - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.

WASSAIC SIGN AND BROCHURE PAYMENT

Leslie Ehlers has spent many hours designing interpretative signs for Borden factory and Wassaic Hamlet. She is also completing the walking tour brochure. Money is available in the \$10,000 member item from State Senator Leibell:

PAY LESLIE EHLERS \$1,000 FOR THE WASSAIC SIGNS AND BROCHURE.

MOTION: C/Doyle  
SECOND: S/Reagon  
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE  
C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE  
S/Reagon - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.

FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL

The Firemen's annual carnival will be held July 4 through July 7, 2007. During this period the Open Container Law will be rescinded for the carnival area. The Fire Company is authorized to do appropriate road closures and to hire sheriffs as needed, with chargebacks to the Amenia Fire Company:

RESOLUTION # 18 OF 2007: RESCIND OPEN CONTAINER LAW, AUTHORIZE ROAD CLOSURES AND HIRE SHERIFFS FOR FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL

MOTION: C/Euvrard  
SECOND: C/Perotti  
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE  
C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE  
S/Reagon - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.

RECREATION CHECKING ACCOUNT

Supervisor Reagon read resolution # 19 of 2007 authorizing a checking account for Amenia Recreation with a debit card to be used against it. Councilwoman Perotti offered the following amendment: "Resolved that the Recreation Commission will be given copies of all receipts and be informed of balances left in the Recreation budget lines, on a regular basis." Councilman Euvrard abstained stating that he needed more time to look over the resolution:

RESOLUTION # 19 OF 2007: AUTHORIZE CHECKING ACCOUNT AND DEBIT CARD FOR AMENIA RECREATION; INFORM RECREATION COMMISSION OF EXPENSES AND BUDGET BALANCES

MOTION: S/Reagon  
SECOND: C/Doyle  
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE  
C/Euvrard - ABSTAIN C/Russell - AYE  
S/Reagon - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 4 TO 0 WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

JUSTICE COURT: ESTABLISH CHANGE FUND

The Town Justice Court needs a change fund to accommodate people who may need change when paying a fine with cash:

ESTABLISH CHANGE FUND OF \$50 FOR THE TOWN JUSTICE COURT

MOTION: S/Reagon  
SECOND: C/Doyle  
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE  
C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE  
S/Reagon - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

EAF FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AND NEW ZONING LAW

Ashley Ley explained that the EAF (Environmental Assessment Form) is not a policy document so a public hearing is not needed. She then did a detailed review of the Extended EAF with parts 1, 2, and 3 for the Town Board. Many of the questions in the first part of the EAF have a "not applicable" response because the Comprehensive Plan is not a project and does not have a specific site. Ashley further noted that the EAF does not have to change every time the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Law change; changes would go into the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) or the negative declaration.

HELIPAD AT BEL-AIRE FARM

The permit for this helipad is up for renewal because it expires in November.

CONSTABLE: LOCAL LAW REQUIRED

Deferred to next meeting.

SPEED ZONES IN WASSAIC ON NYS ROUTE 22 AND COUNTY ROUTE 81

Supervisor Reagon noted that the Town could write to NYS DOT to request speed reductions from south at the DDSO entrance to north of Cousins Market.

GRANTS UPDATE

Grant writer Mike Hagerty reviewed the status of various grants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

Darlene Reimer reported.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Tom Werner reported.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mike Segelken reported.

ZONING

Nancy Brusie reported.

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Gail Hermosilla gave the following report:

The NYS Comptroller has completed the audit of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector operations. The Town has received their final "Report of Examination" which contains recommendations for procedural changes to improve the record-keeping and internal controls of the office. The majority of these changes have already been implemented, many of them while the auditors were still on site last summer. Although the Town has already submitted an initial "response" to the audit, we must now provide a formal response to the Comptroller Office and we are currently working on that.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

- Supervisor Reagon reported on the Berkshire Taconic breakfast and the NEDCORE group. She also mentioned the Simmons Scholarship Fund event on July 14 at Listening Rock Farm.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Doyle announced Hidden Gardens of Amenia Tour on July 14.
- Councilman Euvrard emphasized that you cannot take money out of contingency without a resolution.
- Councilwoman Perotti noted that when FEMA money comes in, it goes into the General Fund. The contingency fund will have to be replaced using a resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Evelyn O'Connell
- Pat Nelligan

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was unanimous at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gail Hermosilla,  
Amenia Town Clerk

Approved by Town Board: Aug. 16, 2007

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