

TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING  
November 8, 2007 - 7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Reagon at 7:00 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

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Reagon moved to open the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Amenia:

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.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

- Dawn Klingner requested a 3% salary raise for the court clerks.
- Bill Carroll mentioned the zero fund balance in the budget and also the payment method for the new grader for the Highway Department.
- Arlene Iuliano noted the dramatic difference between the tentative and preliminary budgets. She also commented on the assessor budget, central stores, and grant administrator.
- Pat Nelligan observed that the 2006 budget had more columns giving the history for more years. Supervisor Reagon said that the Cornell budget software provided only limited history.
- Sally Leafe questioned the \$25,000 salary for the new Town Clerk. She also commented on CPIC money in Planning & Coastal, and the expenses for refuse and garbage and Connie Mack.
- Jeanne Rebillard reminded everyone that money should not be spent directly from contingency. There should be a resolution for movement of money out of contingency.

CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

There being no further public comment, it was moved to close the Public Hearing at 8:50 p.m.:

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.

ADOPT PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Reagon moved to adopt the Preliminary Budget as the 2008 Final Budget. After a brief discussion it was decided to get a final copy of the budget and wait until next week's meeting to adopt it.

MOTION: S/Reagon  
SECOND: C/Doyle  
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - C/Doyle -  
C/Euvrard - C/Russell -  
S/Reagon -  
MOTION TABLED.

HUDSON RIVER HEALTH CARE PRESENTATION

Edward Frederick, operations manager, gave a formal presentation of the services provided by Hudson River Health Care.

WASSAIC PARK GRADING BIDS

The Wassaic Park grading project includes improving drainage, seeding, mulching, adding topsoil, creating informal rock seating, etc. Supervisor Reagon opened the three bids received:

1. Athletic Field Services, Larchmont, NY \$18,950
2. Jorrey Excavating, Middletown \$21,300
3. TJR Excavating, Poughquag \$32,850

The Town Board decided to postpone awarding the bid at this time.

DANCE PROGRAM, ACCEPT GRANT

Supervisor Reagon read Resolution #46 of 2007 authorizing the Supervisor to accept the \$1,153 grant from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for the Amenia dance program:

RESOLUTION #46 OF 2007: ACCEPT DANCE PROGRAM GRANT

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.

ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER RESIGNATION

Supervisor Reagon reported with regret that Sherry Johnson was resigning as assistant bookkeeper because of the degree to which the bookkeeper's office was involved in the political fray. After a brief discussion, the motion to accept the resignation was withdrawn.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER

MOTION: S/Reagon  
SECOND: C/Russell  
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - C/Doyle -  
C/Euvrard - C/Russell -

S/Reagon -  
MOTION WITHDRAWN.

TOWN COMMITTEE VACANCIES, ADVERTISE

Supervisor Reagon announced that positions are available on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. The position of assistant bookkeeper could be advertised at the same time. The ads should run for two weeks in both papers with an application deadline of November 30:

AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE VACANT POSITIONS

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.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Supervisor Reagon suggested that the Town Board meet on December 6 and 13 next month and everyone agreed.

*DISCUSSION ITEMS:*

INVESTMENT POLICY

GRANTS UPDATE - MIKE HAGERTY

TOWN-WIDE FALL CLEANUP DAY - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

VETERANS' DAY OBSERVANCE - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11 AT 11:00

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS - DECEMBER 2

*COMMITTEE REPORTS:*

WATER DISTRICT - GARY BONDS

CABLEVISION - GARY BONDS

BUILDING INSPECTOR - MICHAEL SEGELKEN

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

- Councilman Euvrard
- Councilwoman Doyle

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Elizabeth Whaley.
- Bob Riemer.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was unanimous at 10:20 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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Gail Hermosilla,  
Amenia Town Clerk

Approved by Town Board: Dec. 14, 2007

Draft to Town Board: Dec. 11, 2007 (email); paper to C/Euvrard, Perotti

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