

TOWN OF AMENIA
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2008
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted.

Moment of Silence for brave troops serving world-wide.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

PRESENT:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	*Arrived at 7:45 pm

PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor Euvrard introduced members of the Amenia Fire Company and presented the fire company with a (1950's) Amenia Fire Chief hat. Andy Murphy, President, accepted, and welcomed any items for memorabilia.

Richard Cantor, Esq, presented proposal from **(MDRA), Welsh Sanitation Services** to construct and operate a state-of-the-art clean Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) on present site located on Rte 44. Requesting review for amendment to or interpretation of Zoning regulations.

Arlene Peterssen, Town Historian, announced that Harlem Valley Times history (1852-2007) is available on www.fultonhistory.com. Hard drive data is available at the Dover Plains Library.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Osborne supports proposed Dodson Hamlet Plan #4 to provide for town's business growth and expansion of tax base.

Nina Peek, Planning Board, stated that decisions made by her at planning board meetings, are based on her extensive knowledge of planning and environmental laws of the state of New York.

Darlene Reimer suggested that town board visit Material Recovery Plant on Fulton Street in Poughkeepsie, NY, when evaluating proposal by Welsh Sanitation Service.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Stanley Whitehead reported that blacktop has been completed on Lake Amenia and West Lake Amenia Roads – expenses will be paid by CHIPS.

Guardrails have been installed on Cascade and Deep Hollow Roads.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds announced that TAP van transportation to poll locations will be available on Election Day, November 4th from 6am to 9pm.

Grants

Mike Hagerty reported that grant claim proposal in the amount of \$3,000 has been completed for **Trout Unlimited**.

Will proceed with proposal for Town of Amenia **New York Main Street Program**, due by November 13th.

Tonya Shoumatoff, HVA, stated that MOU between Metro North Transit, DOT, and Town of Amenia for Harlem Valley Rail Trail project has been referred to Michael Hayes, Town Attorney.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Commission

Tom Werner, Chair, reported that arrangements have been made for additional parking at Crop Productions, Amenia, for access to Harlem Valley Rail Trail. Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, will research prior approval of site plan.

Recommends that handicapped accessibility become available under the proposed Trout Unlimited Borden Park grant project.

Darlene Reimer reported that several bricks need repair at **Fountain Square** location.

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Supervisor Euvrard reported that an additional volunteer is required to form board of five members.

**RESOLUTION #31 OF 2008
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO TRANSFER
FUNDS TO RECONCILE GENERAL FUND LINES**

WHEREAS, Line 01-1220-420 (Supervisor Conference) and 01-1355-420 (Assessor Contracts) incurred unanticipated expense; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the authority to transfer funds when necessary; and

WHEREAS, Line 01-1220-420 (Supervisor Conference) requires \$700, and Line 01-1900-430 (Assessor Contracts) requires \$1,348.77, and

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti that was ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilman Cayea	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, that the Amenia Town Board authorizes a transfer of \$2,048.77 from A00-01-1900-430 (Contingency) to increase said Lines as noted.

Hamlet Concept Plan

After discussion by town board members, and reference made by Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, that Resolution would provide endorsement to specific Option, but would not be binding document until SEQR review at later date, the following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION #32 OF 2008
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA CONCLUDES THAT THE CONCEPT
PLAN DEPICTED IN SITE PLAN OPTION #3 PROVIDES A REALISTIC FRAMEWORK
FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HAMLET AND SURROUNDING AREAS.**

Councilman Cayea made the Motion, seconded by Supervisor Euvrard that was ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Abstain
Councilman Cayea	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	No
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES - 1 NO - 1 ABSTENTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board endorses the concept plan depicted in Site Plan Option #3 as an accurate illustration of the future development of the hamlet.

Defibrillator Training

Councilwoman Perotti announced that EMS Institute to Sharon Hospital will provide training for anyone interested. Fees are:\$5 for certification card; \$12 for required booklet. Contact Town Clerk to sign up.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey to ASSIGN Curfew for 8:00pm on Thursday, October 31, 2008 for those 18 years and older in the Town of Amenia.

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Town of Amenia 2009 Preliminary Budget

Supervisor Euvrard reported that Preliminary Budget should be prepared for the Town Clerk and available to the public by next week.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to AUTHORIZE the Town Clerk to advertise for **Public Hearing** for the **2009 Town of Amenia Budget** for Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 7:00pm at Town Hall.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey to APPROVE Town Board Minutes of September 11, 2008 Business Workshop Meeting and September 18, 2008 Regular Meeting.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

All Hazards Mitigation Planning Project

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey to AUTHORIZE payment in the amount of \$6,932.85 from Town of Amenia (as part of nine-partner community) municipality participation.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Cablevision Franchise Agreement

Supervisor Euvrard has requested and negotiating increase for video equipment from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea to schedule Public Hearing for **CABLEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT** for Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 7:00pm, to include increase for video equipment to \$10,000, and proposed Senior Discount.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

The Town Board is accepting nominations for “Citizen of the Year”: award to be presented at the Holiday of Lights ceremony in December 2008.

Written request from the Town Board to the Ethics Committee will be required for review of current ethics issue (reference Councilwoman Doyle).

Working with Foundation for Community Health in Sharon and Northeast Community Center regarding wheelchair accessible van for transportation. Councilman Cayea to research NYS Surplus Agency for used vehicle or handicapped apparatus.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Perotti and Supervisor Euvrard attended seminar in Millbrook that reviewed sustainable living communities for senior citizens. DC Department of Planning and Development website will be available for information.

Councilwoman Doyle suggested that more work be done on 2009 Amenia Budget with Supervisor’s salary line. Original request was \$18,000 to \$25,000. (39% increase) Town Board had agreed that increase was high. Councilwoman Doyle is requesting that Budget preparation (fiscal officer)salary increase of \$7500 to \$10,000 also be defined.

Councilman Pelkey reminded all citizens to vote on Election Day, November 4th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Darlene Reimer stated that endorsement by the town board of Concept #3 of the Hamlet Plan shows serious lack of vision and total irresponsible.

Pat Nelligan complimented the town board endorsement of Option #3 of the Hamlet Plan.

Jeanne Rebillard requested direction from town board to have guardrails installed on County Rte 81. Supervisor Euvrard suggested that Ms.Rebillard draft letter. Supervisor will follow up with DOT.

Gail Hermosilla suggested that Concept #1 would best preserve the rural setting for tourism.

Peter Clair requested that defibrillator training be offered in six months for Recreation personnel.

Caroline McEnroe complimented the town board endorsement of Option #3 of the Hamlet Plan. Concept plan is similar to downtown Pine Plains, New York

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey, to ADJOURN meeting at 9:10pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: November 5, 2008

Approved by Town Board: November 13, 2008 **S/Euvrard, C/Cayea, C/Pelkey**

