

TOWN OF AMENIA
Public Hearing and Business Workshop Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2009
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called **Business Workshop Meeting** to order at 7:00 pm.
Salute to the flag was conducted.
Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

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

Supervisor Euvrard read Legal Notice published in the Millerton News to accept bids for the construction of an **ADA PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBLE RAMP**, along the Harlem Valley Rail Trail parking lot, off Old Route 22 and Powder House Road in the town of Amenia.

ADA PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBLE RAMP – Bid Opening	
Con-Tech Construction Technology, Inc Yorktown Heights, NY	\$19,070.00
T.J.R. Inc. Poughquag, NY	\$19,500.00

Further discussion by town board at next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Euvrard thanked volunteers Tilly Strauss, Rudy Eschbach, Gary Bonds, and Michael Hagerty for their participation in the **Walkway over the Hudson project**.

Vincent Biase, 38 Railroad Avenue, requested a projected timeframe for the installation of a swale due to the overflow of water from an adjacent property. Supervisor Euvrard stated that he has spoken to Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent, and coordination is expected in the fall. Mr. Biase stated that he will discuss with Highway Superintendent also.

Myrnie Hoanzl stated that salary (raises) should not be accepted this year by anyone.

Bill Carroll stated that in these economic times; senior citizens social security benefits will be frozen for two years, supervisor's salary should be taken in increments, disagreed with the monies (\$61,000) that is required to run the town clerk's office; why town clerk's office needs two full time clerks with benefits for (one), and the fact that the Town Assessor received an illegal raise or bonus and is requesting over 3% salary increase. Mr. Carroll suggested that 3% raise should be across the board. Further explanation from Supervisor Euvrard.

Bill Carroll requested more information on costs for the Amenia Elementary School and for the town to hold another public hearing.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Supervisor Euvrard submitted **bids**, on behalf of Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent, to **install roofing system** at the highway garage as follows:

PJ Exteriors, Inc Wappingers Falls, NY	\$4,125.00
Sea Gull Roofing & Siding, Inc Millerton, NY	\$4,400.00
J&A Roofing Company Kingston, NY	\$20,000.00

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey to ACCEPT bid from **PJ Exteriors, Inc.** in the amount of \$4,125.00 for roof repair at the town highway garage.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Euvrard submitted report from **Eco-Systems Strategies** for ground water analysis at Town Garage. Report suggested that town continue to monitor ground water.

Water

Councilman Cayea reported that water usage is down from 120,000 gal per day to 95,000 gal per day.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported that the Town Clerk’s office will be closed on Monday, October 12th in honor of Columbus Day.

General Code will be sending an updated estimate to the town for latest request for codification of local laws.

Grants

Michael Hagerty submitted updated grant summary.

Discussion:

- CDBG – AES – copy of grant submitted to Supervisor
- NYSERDA grant proposed
- Mechanic Street project – perennial plantings at Ducillo’s and Curves locations.

Recreation

Tom Werner, Chair, requested update for pending Farmer’s Market and Trout Unlimited grants.

Public Access – Assistant Videographer

Supervisor Euvrard reported that Marco D’Antonio is only volunteer applicant for position. Further discussion at next board meeting.

**RESOLUTION #37 OF 2009
TRANSFER OF HIGHWAY FUNDS**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2009 Budget to pay engineering costs for Nelson Bridge; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer \$4,310.00 from (Contractual Expenses Line) DAO-04-5110-400 to pay said engineering costs; and

WHEREAS, the (Engineers/Attorney Line) DAO-01-1420-400 will be increased by \$4310.00; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Amenia Town Board authorizes the decrease and transfer of \$4,310.00 from Contractual Expenses Line DAO-04-5110-400 to the Engineers/Attorney Line DAO-01-1420-400 to amend the 2009 Budget.

MOTION made by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey that was;

ADOPTED – VOTE

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

Mechanic Street Revitalization Project – tree planting

Letter of Agreement read by Councilwoman Perotti, as written by Michael Hayes, Town Attorney for replacement of trees by Con-Tech Construction Technology, Inc.

Councilwoman Doyle stated that reference to Twin Brooks should be deleted from third paragraph, and that Friends of Amenia should have an opportunity to review letter of agreement.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey to authorize Supervisor to sign letter of agreement, with minor changes, between Con-Tech Construction Technology, Inc. and the Town of Amenia.

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	No
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 NO

DISCUSSION:

Amenia Elementary School project requires SEQR process and property survey. Additional public hearing will be held if town board deems it necessary after budget workshops.

Old Amenia Landfill – more test sampling required.

Citizen of the Year

Harlem Valley Rail Trail

ADA Pedestrian Ramp

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND BY Councilwoman Perotti to schedule Budget Workshops for October 12th and October 13th at 5:00pm; October 15th at 6:00pm.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for **2009/2010 SNOW REMOVAL** bids, **to include town hall exits**. Bids to be returned by November 12, 2009 at 12:00 noon with bid opening at 7:00pm.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to authorize Councilwoman Doyle, with Michael Hagerty, Town Grant Writer to apply for monies between \$2,000 and \$3,000 for the Dance Program under Ann & Abe Efron Fund.

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

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Clean Up Day scheduled at Tally-Ho Estates for October 17th and Town Clean Up Day scheduled for October 24th.

New Open Burning Regulations, effective October 14, 2009, as mandated by NY DEC.

Community events announced.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Doyle requested for volunteers for clean-up of barrels and planting of daffodil bulbs on October 24th at various locations.

Councilman Pelkey reported that new fire truck with foam system is very successful.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Werner suggested that Town of Amenia not participate in recreational Ski Program.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to ADJOURN Workshop Meeting at 8:49pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: November 30, 2009
Approved by Town Board: December 17, 2009