

TOWN OF AMENIA
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2009
Amenia Town Hall

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

Salute to the flag was conducted and moment of silence for our brave troops serving worldwide.

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

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

Supervisor Euvrard thanked all voters for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Myrnie Hoanzl commented on the illegal business on Powder House Road.

Darlene Riemer thanked the voters for their support to her newly-elected position as Town Councilwoman. Ms. Riemer stated that she would vote NO on the proposed budget and commented that a wage freeze should be implemented across the board, with no exceptions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Supervisor Euvrard reported on the controversy for snow removal on state roads (State and Town responsibility). Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, referred to letter written to Michael K. Temple, Resident Engineer – State of New York on January 17, 2008, on behalf of the Town. Per Town Board, Marcus Molinaro, State Assemblyman, will be advised of this controversy.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported that vacancies for committees and boards have been posted on Channel 22.

The Town Clerk's office is unable to issue hunting licenses until further notice, due to a defective mylar printer part. Replacement part has been ordered. Arrangements have been made with the Towns of Dover, Northeast, and Millbrook, to issue licenses in the interim.

The Town Clerk's office will be closed on Friday, November 27, 2009. To accommodate the public, office will be open on Wednesday, November 25, from 9am to 7:30pm.

Transfer Station Fee Increase

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to increase transfer station fees, effective January 1, 2010. **Permits:** annual \$60; six month \$30; **Permits Seniors:** No increase annual \$40; six month \$20, **Coupons:** 5-pack \$20.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Building/Zoning

Supervisor Euvrard reported that Nancy Brusie, Zoning Administrator, has done site inspection at 14 Powder House Road, Amenia (Dave Connors, owner) regarding illegal business and unregistered, abandoned vehicles . Michael Hayes, Town Attorney will begin process for violation of zoning code.

Water

Councilman Cayea reported that Natural Water Services is willing to submit bid for repair work on Well #4A. Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, stated that bids must be submitted per specifications and town procurement policy,

Amenia Elementary School

Supervisor Euvrard reported that SEQR long form EAF is being prepared.

Old Amenia Landfill

C.T. Male is reviewing tests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Commission

Tom Werner, Chair, reported presentation by the National Presbyterian Woman’s Association to **Beatrice Nelligan** for her many years of work.

Wastewater

Darlene Riemer has resigned as Chair, and recommended Janet Reagon to assume the vacant position.

Amenia Town Historian

Arlene Pettersson submitted letter of resignation. Volunteer applications will be accepted.

CAC

Arlene Iuliano submitted letter from David Reagon regarding unresolved issue at Allen Sand & Gravel and four other sites in the Town, and has not received a definitive reply. Supervisor Euvrard stated that Zoning Administrator has addressed the issues and letter of response will be located.

Quadri-Centennial brochures have been distributed to local businesses and surrounding towns and Historical Society. This event will continue through May 2010.

Enhancement

Councilwoman Doyle announced Decorating Day on November 29, 2009, for the upcoming Holiday of Lights in Amenia and Wassaic.

Neighborhood Watch

Ernie Lowell submitted cost for pedestrian crosswalk signs to be located at Depot Hill and Route 343 near Cumberland Farms.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea, to purchase two (2) pedestrian crosswalk signs in the amount of \$173.45 each from **ProMark Signs**.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Grants

Michael Hagerty submitted updated grants report.
Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund grant has been denied.
Discussion to plant perennials on **Mechanic Street** at Ducillo location. Councilwoman Doyle to review with Ducillo. Three written quotes for landscaping has been postponed to the December 2009 board meeting.

BOOKKEEPING SOFTWARE UPGRADE

Supervisor Euvrard reported that BAS software enhancement is available for utilities, payroll, and budget programs at the cost of \$4,181, with account support in the amount of \$775. Demonstration is scheduled at the town hall on December 16, 2009.

RESOLUTION #42 OF 2009

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NYSERDA) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES AT AMENIA TOWN HALL.

MOTION made by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti that was;
ADOPTED – VOTE

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

**RESOLUTION #43 OF 2009
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2009, ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING
CHAPTER 15 (CODE OF ETHICS)”**

Councilwoman Perotti, SECOND by Supervisor Euvrard, introduced proposed local law, to be known as Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2009, entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 15 (Code of Ethics), Section 15-6 (Board of Ethics), by allowing the Town Attorney to provide legal representation and advice to the Board of Ethics”.

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

ADOPTED – VOTE

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

TOWN OF AMENIA 2010 BUDGET

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to **ADOPT** the 2010 Town of Amenia Budget.

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

MOTION CARRIED 3 AYES – 2 NO

GENERAL CODE CODIFICATION

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to authorize the Town Supervisor to review prices to order the codification of General Code Books and E-Code internet access.

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

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

“Sunday in the Country” Thanksgiving Food Drive successful for local pantries.
Local Events announced.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Doyle announced Amenia After School Dance Program Recital on December 6, 2009. Councilwoman Doyle thanked Jim Devine for volunteering to provide music; Gary and Maureen Bonds for volunteering to video, and airing recital on Channel 22.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Kelsey, County Legislator, thanked the Town of Amenia and four other Districts for their support in the election. Mr. Kelsey reported on County Budget with proposed costs to towns for sheriff's patrol and board of election.

Sharon Kroeger commented that the budget should not have been passed in this form and all salaries should have been frozen. Congratulated Councilwomen Perotti and Doyle for voting against the adoption of this budget.

Arlene Iuliano suggested using Tri-Wall monies for proposed Amenia Elementary School project. Ms. Iuliano thanked the town board members that voted against the 2010 Budget.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to enter **Executive Session** at 8:50pm to discuss personnel matters with motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey to return to Regular Board Meeting and **ADJOURN** Regular Board Meeting at 9:15pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

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