

TOWN OF AMENIA
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2009
Amenia Town Hall

Deputy Supervisor Perotti called **Regular Board Meeting** to order at 7:15 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted.

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

PRESENT:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	C/Deputy Supv Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Absent
	Councilwoman Doyle	Absent *
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent

Deputy Supervisor Perotti stated that a majority of officers (**quorum**) must be present to conduct official business. Therefore, **public hearing** will commence when one town board member arrives.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Stanley Whitehead reported on reducing speed limits at rail trail crosswalks and town roads. NYS Department of Transportation would require a resolution from the town and does not anticipate an approval on this matter. Normally, 25mph speed limit is at school zones only.

Nelson Bridge Project

Morris Associates is preparing project to bid; engineering set of plans and obtaining permits.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported that Town Clerk's office will be closed on Thurs, Dec 24th, and Fri, Dec 25th. Amenia Transfer Station will be closed on Sat, Dec 26th.

Recreation position will be published in Millerton News on December 24, 2009, with applications to be returned by January 3, 2010.

2010 Budget Workshops held in September, October, and November 2009 have been transcribed in summary for Record Purposes and will be available in 2009 minutes book for review.

Town Clerk's office **hosted** BAS property tax update seminar for local town clerks and demonstration of water billing/utilities software for use in bookkeeper's office. Marco D'Antonio, Natural Water Services, (Town of Amenia Water District) attended demonstration and was pleased with program.

Grants

Michael Hagerty submitted updated grant report.

CDBG – AES (Amenia Elementary School) renovation has been **denied** due to the fact that building is not officially owned by the Town of Amenia.

Water Department

Marco D'Antonio submitted monthly report and stated that next meter readings will be on Dec 31st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Commission

Tom Werner, Chair, stated that commission is awaiting billing for equipment.

Neighborhood Watch

Deputy Supervisor Perotti reported that crosswalk signs have been placed and that everyone should be cautious when approaching the crosswalks.

Fountain Square

Darlene Riemer suggested that aggressive measures should be taken to re-establish the committee. Calls should be made to stakeholders; peace society, bank, veterans. Ms. Riemer will submit list of entities. Herb Eschbach has submitted interest to serve as volunteer on committee.

BUSINESS:

Amenia Elementary School (AES) SEQRA long form EAF is being formatted and should be submitted in February, 2010.

Snow/Ice Removal – Town/State responsibility. Town Attorney, Michael Hayes has sent letter on December 4, 2009 to Senator Liebell and Assemblyman Molinaro in hopes that representatives can provide some level of assistance.

Old Amenia Landfill – C.T. Male is continuing testing.

Vacancies on Committees

Letters will be sent to chairperson of each committee. Chairperson must notify town board with names of members/volunteers for re-organizational meeting and town roster.

Recreation Director

Required documentation has been filed with Dutchess County Personnel. Administrative duties have been split. Recreation Director has resigned and remains in Camp Director position.

Defibrillator – Medical Director is required to represent the town.

Deputy Supervisor Perotti opened PUBLIC HEARING for proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2009 at 7:40pm (quorum in session).

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Absent
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	C/Deputy Supv Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent

PUBLIC HEARING

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.”

Deputy Supervisor Perotti read legal notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No.3 of 2009, Amending Chapter 15 (Code of Ethics) Section 15-6 (Board of Ethics).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alfred Mudge, Chairman of the Ethics Committee, requested that record be made to reflect Board of Ethics recommendations for these changes and their endorsement.

MOTION by Deputy Supervisor Perotti, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to CLOSE the PUBLIC HEARING at 7:45pm.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Absent
	C/Deputy Supv Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent

MOTION CARRIED 3 AYES – 2 ABSENT

Deputy Supervisor Perotti called Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

RESOLUTION #46 OF 2009

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2009 AMENDING CHAPTER 15 CODE OF ETHICS.

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to introduce 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 that was;

ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Absent
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	C/Deputy Supv Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent

RESOLUTION #45 OF 2009

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO AMEND THE TOWN OF AMENIA
PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING BY INCREASING THE
THRESHOLD FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FROM \$20,000 TO \$35,000.

MOTION made by C/Deputy Supervisor Perotti, SECOND by Councilman Cayea that was;
ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL;	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Absent
	C/Deputy Supv Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent

RESOLUTION #47 OF 2009

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO APPOINT
MAUREEN L. BONDS, AS A MARRIAGE OFFICER FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

MOTION made by C/Deputy Supervisor Perotti, SECOND by Councilwoman Doyle that was;
ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Absent
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	C/Deputy Supv Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent

RESOLUTION #48 OF 2009

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO RECONCILE
HIGHWAY LINES.

MOTION made by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilman Cayea that was;
ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Absent
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	C/Deputy Supv Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to **Amend** Town Clerk/Registrar
Contractual Expense Line to Town Clerk Personal Services Line.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Absent
	C/Deputy Supv Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent

MOTION CARRIED 3 AYES – 2 ABSENT

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by C/Deputy Supervisor Perotti to ACCEPT Minutes of Town Board Workshop on October 8, 2009; Regular Town Board Meeting on October 15, 2009; 2010 Town of Amenia Preliminary Budget Public Hearing on November 4, 2009; Town Board Workshop on November 12, 2009 and Regular Town Board Meeting on November 19, 2009.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Absent
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	C/Deputy Supv Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent

MOTION CARRIED 3 AYES – 2 ABSENT

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Reviewed the potential of town's being charged with election costs; shared cost of police patrol may be eliminated for towns; and proposed county tax increase.

Town of Amenia 2010 Reorganizational Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 4th at 7:00pm at Town Hall.

Recreation Commission Reorganizational Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 4th at 5:00pm at Town Hall.

Interviews to be scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2009, beginning at 6:30pm for two (2) applicants – **Zoning Board of Appeals**. Town Clerk will schedule and notify town board members.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Doyle reported that Account Support line is overdrawn by \$4,000. Recommended that Accountant's prepared reports be shared with the town board members.

Arlene Iuliano has volunteered for the position of **Town Historian**, and will apply formally.

Councilwoman Doyle thanked Gary &Maureen Bonds for their video coverage of the Dance Program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Kroeger reminded the town board that an **Economic Committee** was approved by the board and should be filled by volunteers.

A National program is offered to save historical metal bridges. Ms. Kroeger recommended that town board review the program as Nelson Bridge construction may be an appropriate location.

MOTION by Deputy Supervisor Perotti, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ADJOURN Regular Board Meeting at 8:10pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: January 7, 2010
Approved by Town Board: January 14, 2010