



TOWN OF AMENIA  
TOWN BOARD

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**Resolution No. 12 of 2021**

**RE: RESOLUTION APPROVING HIRING OF HUDSON VALLEY APPRAISAL CORPORATION FOR APPRAISAL REVIEW RE: MARTIN'S FOX HOLLOW FARM, LLC v. TOWN OF AMENIA, ET AL., INDEX NO. 2020-52031**

**WHEREAS**, there is now pending in the Dutchess County Supreme Court a tax certiorari proceeding relating to property located at 10-39 Fox Hollow Drive, Amenia, NY, identified by Grid No: 7067-00-332636 (hereinafter, Property), seeking a reduction of the assessment from \$36,000,000 to \$21,000,000, for a total of \$15,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the petitioner submitted an appraisal which values the Property at \$21,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Webutuck Central School District intervened as a party in the subject proceeding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Assessor, Attorney to the Town and School District Attorney have recommended hiring Hudson Valley Appraisal Corporation, Michael J. Bernholz, SRA, CCIM, MAI, President, to complete a review of petitioner's appraisal, including summary discussions of the data, reasoning, and analysis that were used in the review process, to enable the Town and School District to engage in effective settlement negotiations with petitioner; and

**WHEREAS**, the services to be provided by the appraiser to the Town constitute professional services which are exempt from the bidding requirements under General Municipal Law Section 103; and

**WHEREAS**, the fee for the appraisal review is \$250 per hour, and the appraiser anticipates it will take 10-12 hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the Webutuck Central School District has authorized contribution of up to \$1,500.00 towards the cost of the review appraisal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that:

1. The recitations set forth above are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein; and

2. The Town Supervisor, Town Assessor and Stenger, Diamond & Glass, LLP, attorneys to the Town of Amenia, are hereby authorized to hire Hudson Valley Appraisal Corporation, for up to \$1,500 for appraisal review for the Property as hereinabove set forth.

Motioned By: Somogyi

Seconded By: Morris

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

Supervisor Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilman Gutierrez	Aye
Councilman Morris	Aye
Councilwoman Somogyi	Aye

Dated: Amenia, New York  
February 4, 2021

  
DAWN MARIE KLINGNER, TOWN CLERK