



TOWN OF AMENIA

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February 18, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York. Supervisor Perotti moved to open the meeting. Roll Call was taken by the Clerk with the following members present via video conferencing:

Supervisor Victoria Perotti
Deputy Supervisor Vicki Doyle arriving at 7:09pm
Councilman Damian Gutierrez
Councilman James Morris
Councilwoman Michele Somogyi
Also Present: Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor
Supervisor Perotti reported : **Lavelle Road Pump House and Generator Upgrade** -Town of Amenia engineer John Andrews will be meeting with water operator Marco D'Antonio in order to have the information he needs to move forward with the repair cost estimate. **Altice**-franchise agreement negotiations are still in progress. **DEC/EFC Wastewater Planning Grant**-Erin Moore of Tighe & Bond submitted the grant with additional letters of support from local businesses. **NYS Employer Mandatory Emergency Plan**-The draft of this plan was sent to the Highway Department Collective Bargaining Unit – United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) on January 28th which was before the deadline of February 4th as required. To date there has been no response to the draft. **Association of Towns Annual Training Conference**-Supervisor Perotti attended the conference virtually from February 15-17. Classes attended were: How to Fund Public Infrastructure Projects, The New LGS-1 Records Retention Schedule, Understanding the True Cost of Services, Managing Your Cash Flow, Employee Leaves and Accommodations: Navigating the Complicated Web of Pandemic-Related Rules, and Real Property Tax Collection Legislative Update. **Town of Amenia Covid-19 (Coronavirus)** –The Amenia Town Hall will remain closed but will be available to departments by appointment. Department extensions are posted on the front door. There is also a doorbell to the left of the main door. Each department is also available by phone, mail, email and secure lockbox on the building to the left of the front door. Town Board and other meetings will be held by Zoom. Public Comments for Town Board meetings can be made by email or mail sent to the Town Clerk who will read them at the meeting. Public Hearing meetings will be set up by video and telephonic conferencing advertised with information about how to attend. Court Administration has ordered court in person appearances adjourned until further notice. The Town Hall will be opened to modified Recreation activities such as pitching clinics with all Covid-19 protocols in place. In addition the Recreation Commission and other committees will be able to meet as long as Covid-19 protocols are followed. Please continue to wear face coverings and be mindful of social distancing. Also remember to not touch your face, wash your hands often, and use hand sanitizer. Be well and stay safe.

Town Clerk's Report, Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk

Klingner presented the total taxes collected to date \$2,579,096.29 and currently uncollected is \$3,832,015.92. The Special Districts consisting of the Amenia Library, Amenia Lighting, Amenia Water, Amenia Fire, Wassaic Lighting , Wassiac Fire and Relived Misc and Relieved Water have been satisfied

Public Comment was read aloud regarding parking on Route 343 in the area of the Post Office referencing two vehicles that have parked in the same spot all day

Voucher were present for payment in the total amount of \$1,614,592.07

Payment of Claims:

General Fund	\$204,764.26
Highway Fund	\$23,308.86
Amenia Fire	\$717,256.37
Wassaic Fire	\$439,470.08
Amenia Water	\$10,761.52
Trail to the Train	<u>\$94,030.98</u>
Total	\$1,614,592.07

Motion to authorize the payment of claims as listed on the Abstract

Motion made by Gutierrez; Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call 4 Ayes (Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Absent (Doyle)

Klingner shared upcoming community events- Annual Blood drive's new date of Feb. 23rd- due to today's weather. The Wassaic Fire Company Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 27th ; April 3rd Easter Egg Hunt at Beekman Park and Amenia Fire Company Chicken BBQ on April 10th. Clerk Klingner gave a special shout out and congratulations to Zachary and Karlie Klingner who recently successfully completed the NYS EMT course. She encouraged others who may be interested in volunteering to stop by their local Fire Company on a Monday evening for more information.

Resolutions

Approval of Pine Plains Veterinary Agreement

Motion to accept Resolution #13 of 2021 Authorizing the renewal of the Dog Control Housing Agreement with Pine Plains Veterinary Associates, PC

Motion made by Gutierrez; Seconded by Somogyi

Resolution Tabled. No vote taken.

Purchase of replacement laptop for Planning Department

Motion to accept Resolution #14 of 2021 Authorizing Purchase of a Laptop Computer for the Town of Amenia Planning Department

Motion made by Gutierrez; Seconded by Doyle

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Authorize Affordable Housing Board survey postage and materials expenditure

Motion to accept Resolution #15 of 2021 Authorizing the Printing and Mailing of Mailing of Amenia's Affordable Housing Survey Postcard

Motion made by Gutierrez; Seconded by Doyle

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Transfer of Funds

Motion to accept Resolution #16 of 2021 Transfer of Funds for December 2020 #4

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion to accept Resolution #17 of 2021 Transfer of Funds for January 2021

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Approval of Recreation Pitching Clinic dates and times

Motion to approve the Recreation Pitching and Catching Clinics at the Amenia Town Hall on the list of dates following Covid-19 protocols

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Town Board Comments

Morris presented the request from Jim Wright from the Wastewater Committee is requesting the Board to fund the first task of project. This request is prior to the award of a grant application that has been submitted. Gutierrez shared information he and and Doyle received from Erin Moore that the committee could do for the committee to make progress. Board discussed the project, the priority and next steps.

Doyle- congratulated Chris May on the grant. Recreation meetings are on the seconded Thursday of the Month. Doyle requested a copy of the draft recreation meeting minutes to be sent her, as they were not sent to her or Michele. She also asked that when grants are applied for, they should go through the Town Board; a copy should be filed in the Clerk's office. Doyle also shared the "am I eligible" site for Covid 19 Vaccinations offered

Somogyi- sent information for an electric sign in the front of the town hall. Per Mike Segelken language has to be added to the current code that allows for slow moving electronic LED lighting for municipal/emergency service buildings. Supervisor will speak with Mike. She also presented the request from the building department for another desktop computer for the office. Supervisor informed the councilmember that the request was not in the budget. Somogyi shared the new bus option that includes additional handicap seating for senior trips.

Gutierrez acknowledge the affordable housing need in the area

Motion to enter into executive session for potential contract liability issues and the town clerk is excused at 8:31, and Supervisor Perotti will take the minutes

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Morris

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

The following was provided by Supervisor Perotti

Motion to return to regular meeting at 8:57

Motion made by Supervisor Perotti and 2nd Jim Morris

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion to adjourn at 8:59pm

Motion made by Jim Morris 2nd by Michele Somogyi

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Klingner

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Town Clerk

 Accepted by town board on (4-15-2021)