



TOWN OF AMENIA

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March 18, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, March 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
Councilman Damian Gutierrez
Councilman James Morris
Councilwoman Michele Somogyi
Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Attorney Ian Lindars

Also Present:

Lavelle Road Pump House Repair Cost Estimate – John Andrews Town Engineer

Mr. Andrews presented cost estimate for the design, permitting and construction of a replacement pump house for the Amenia Water District, Lavelle Road Pump House in the estimated amount of \$336,000. Mr. Andrew recommends that they consider alternatives at this cost.

Deidra Houston, County Legislature

Provided an update on the County – the County is due to received 57.5 million dollars for the American Rescue Plan with the first part of the funds to be received in the next 60 days. First the funding's are set to help with the cost of Covid expenses and second, the funding of the monies is help towns with infrastructure which in include water, sewer and broadband. She is happy to partner with Amenia as plans develop. She shared the 2-1-1 hotline for updating eviction information and resources. She shared Covid vaccines sites locations.

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti reported:

1. Lavelle Road Pump House and Generator Upgrade –The Town Board will be reviewing the town engineer report and looking into how to fund the repairs.
2. Altice-franchise agreement negotiations are still in progress.
3. NYS Employer Mandatory Emergency Plan-The Town of Amenia NYS Employer Mandatory Emergency Plan has been completed before the April 1 deadline and is ready for approval.
4. American Rescue Package- Supervisor Perotti attended the Association of Towns conference call with Senator Schumer on March 11. The Town of Amenia is projected to receive \$480,000. This amount can only be used for Covid-19 costs, grants to eligible employers with essential workers, to cover revenue losses, or to make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broad band. The funds for towns with populations under 50,000 using the 2019 Census to identify populations eligible for assistance will be sent to the states which can hold the funds for 30-120 days but are not allowed to add additional charges or requirements.
5. 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 that court in person appearances can resume. Vaccine information can be found on the front door, Channel 22, and on the website. Sign up on www.DutchessNY.gov/VaccineInfoForm or call the Dutchess County Coronavirus Information Line at (845) 486-3555. Select Option 1 to hear the weekly vaccine allocation updates THEN select Option 2 to be connected to the Office of the Aging and added to the notification list. There is also vaccine being distributed by pharmacies and large medical groups. The Town Hall will be opened to modified Recreation activities with all Covid-19 protocols in place. In addition the Recreation Commission and other committees will be able to meet in-person 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

Clerk Klingner presented the total taxes collected as of this date \$5,523,130.21 with penalties totaling \$2,827.34. Circulated prior to the meeting the annual audit performed by RBT for the Tax Collector and Justice Court. Clerk circulated another parking complaint received from a resident. Read into the record, that she and highway superintendent opened the bids on March 11th – Bids were received from TJR Excavating Contractors (\$49,750); LandVscape Inc (\$37,925); Land Works Excavating (\$31,236); Woodland Manor LLC (\$45,034.73); Champion Maintenance Contractors (\$16,966.75); Linda Holding Corp dba Maggio & Sons (\$59,750) and Con-Tech Construction Technology (\$30,000) .

Clerk received one volunteer application from Stacy Mantel who is interested on serving on a Broadband Committee. Supervisor Perotti has already had the opportunity to speak with her and explained that there needs to be at least three people on a committee before the committee can be formed.

Clerk acknowledged receipt of the following reports that were sent to her and Board- the usage and activity report from SEBI’s monthly report of February; February Balance Sheet and Operating Statement as sent to us by the Bookkeeper.

Presented the Vouchers in the total amount of \$316,609.11 for approval; and shared the upcoming community events.

As a result of the Clerk’s report the following actions were taken:

Motion to accept the recommendations from our audit from RBT for the Justice Court and Tax Collector

Motion made by Doyle; seconded by Gutierrez

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

Abstract for March 2021-

General Fund	\$92,117.12
Highway Fund	\$27,905.26
Amenia Lighting	\$ 1,590.57
Wassaic Lighting	\$ 585.22

Amenia Water	\$19,030.61
Trail to Train	<u>\$175,380.33</u>
Total	\$316,609.11

Motion to authorize the payment of \$316,609.11 as reported
 Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi
 Roll Call 5 Aye (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Resolutions

Discussion- Board discussed submissions received for Engineering Services for the sidewalk extension project. Supervisor Perotti read aloud the bids received; Councilman Gutierrez shared a matrix of his review of the bids submitted. Discussed bids stating that the price did not include inspection costs as set forth in the bids specs; verifying on-site oversight of the project

CDBG – Route 44 Sidewalk Project

Motion to accept Resolution # 22 of 2021 Awarding contract for Engineering Services for the Town of Amenia Route 44 Sidewalk Extension to Beekman Park

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Gutierrez
 Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Adopt Public Employer Health Emergency Plan

Motion to accept Resolution #23 of 2021 Adopting Town of Amenia Public Employer Health Emergency Plan

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Gutierrez
 Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

The plan will be posted to the Town Clerk’s bulletin board and on the Town Website.

Discussions-

Amendment to Sidewalk Law

Motion to authorize the town attorney to start the process of updating the current local law
 Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Morris
 Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Usourse Energy Advisor

Councilmember Morris reviewed the contract and shared his concerns in the form of the current contract. Councilwoman Doyle will look more into this and report back.

Other Matters

Street Sweeping

Highway Superintendent was invited into the zoom meeting. She presented that the current street sweeping company who was awarded the bid in 2020 will no longer be in business. She presented three quotes: Three-D Industrial Maintenance Corp (\$1,342.00/day); Custom Street Services (\$1,200.00/day); and East Cost Industrial Services (\$1,050.00/day) . She recommends the low bid of East Cost Industrial Services who will be available to start the street sweeping the week of April 12th .

Motion to accept the low bid of East Cost Industrial Services at \$1,050/day
Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded Perotti
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Absent (Morris)
(Councilman Morris exited the meeting during the report at 8:49pm)

Transfer of Funds

Motion to accept Resolution # 24 of 2021 Transfer of Funds March #2
Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Absent (Morris)

Little League Emails

Attorney Lindars explains the process to which the Little Leagues are run. Currently the Town is already part of the Taconic Little League. Discussion ensued with regards to the purpose of this request, the current request is for the Town to become their own charter and discussed insurance requirements.

Kelly Milano, Recreation Director joined the meeting – she shared that they were trying to join a larger league to allow for additional games by creating their own little league that would invite players who are in the Webutuck district. Discussed who would hold the charter, the responsibilities there would be, and how the insurance would work. – Matter tabled until further information is obtained.

Town Board Comments

Councilwoman Doyle presented: Recreation meeting was on March 11th, with no quorum, there were no minutes. There was a Housing Board Meeting on March 9th- the housing survey was sent to 2,200 households with 165 responses received so far. April 13th is the next Housing Board Meeting

CAC meeting was held last night. Next meeting will be held in person at the town hall. Town wide clean up on April 24th

Councilman Gutierrez presented: County Covid numbers are on the rise and asks residents to adhere to the CDC protocols


Supervisor Perotti shared that the Town of Amenia has a cyber security policy, we've had a phishing incidents and the town has a phishing and that all the committees are required to use their ameniany.gov and in order to protect the town.

Executive Session

Motion to adjourn at 9:26pm
Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Perotti
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Absent (Morris)

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Klingner
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Town Clerk

 Accepted by town board on (5/20/21)