



# TOWN OF AMENIA

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**April 1, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 1, 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

Also Present: Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner  
Town Attorney Ian Lindars

## **Affordable Housing Survey**

Leo Blackman and Damian Gutierrez shared the number of completed surveys thus far. They will be extending the survey for another two weeks to allow for others to complete the survey.

## **Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor**

Supervisor Perotti reported: **Lavelle Road Pump House Upgrade** –Upon recommendations from town engineer John Andrews to put all wells at the Washington Court site in addition to not rebuild the Lavelle Road pump house at its current site in the wetland the Town Board will seek proposals from hydrogeologists. Altice negotiations are in progress **American Rescue Package**- Supervisor Perotti attended the Association of Towns conference call on March 25. The Town of Amenia is projected to receive \$480,000. 50% of the allocated amount is scheduled to be sent to New York State 60 days from when the bill was signed. New York State has to distribute the funds in 30 days but can get two more 30 day extensions, however will not be allowed to attach additional requirements or fees. The town will receive the other 50% in 12 months after the first date the initial payment was sent to New York State.

**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 until May 6<sup>th</sup> when Town Board meetings will resume in-person with social distancing protocols in place. 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. Court in person appearances has resumed. Vaccine information can be found on the front door, Channel 22, and on the website. Sign up on [www.DutchessNY.gov/VaccineInfoForm](http://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**

Previous meeting Minutes of January and February. The March monthly collections for State, County and Local revenues totaled \$566.25 with the local share being remitted to the supervisor in the amount of \$563.25.

Tax collection to-date is \$5,566,941.10 and an additional \$3,703.56 under penalties. Total uncollected remaining \$844,171.11; the extension request has been signed by the Supervisor and sent to the county. This will authorize the tax collection through June 1<sup>st</sup> with the town receiving the penalties.

In response to the Concession Stand RFP- received one complete packet

In response to the Lawn Mowing advertisement received three sealed bids

- Smyths Landscaping- \$30,000.00
- Kindred \$27,755.00
- Peltch Caretaking \$48,000.00

Clerk Klingner acknowledged receipt and the circulation of the Building Department Report totaling \$26,882.00

Public Comments – Stacy Mantel requested if she could have WHDD make an announcement of the committee she is seeking to form. Supervisor said that if she goes on the radio, they can contact her.

Should anyone have a complaint regarding their service provider they should be contacting the State's Public Service Commission

Clerk asked the board liaisons to remind their committee members to please use their town assigned email address and announced upcoming community events.

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

Motion to accept the January 21, 2021 minutes

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to accept the bid from Jerry Heiser in the amount of \$200 for the Concession Stand

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to authorize the acceptance of Kindred Care in the amount of \$27,755 for the mowing

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded Somogyi

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

**Resolutions**

*Authorizing Amended Consent Judgement for the Settlement of the Tax Certiorari*

Motion to accept Resolution #25 of 2021 Authorizing amended consent judgement for the settlement of the Tax Certiorari proceeding regarding Heathcote Farm LLC

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Doyle

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

### **Webutuck Baseball to use Town Amenia Baseball Fields**

Motion to accept Resolution #26 of 2021 Authorizing Revocable License Agreement to Northeast Central School District

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

### **Little League Charter for Town of Amenia baseball fields**

Attorney researched information regarding the Town Recreation Commission forming a Charter. This is not permitted for the commission. This would be permitted for a private entity. The town already offers town rec ball and they can already participate with the Taconic League.

### **Town Board Comments**

Doyle- shared the following: Clean Up Day - Sat. April 24, 9 to noon - sponsored by CAC and Enhancement Committee. Meet in Ft. Square in Amenia or Borden Park in Wassaic. Focusing on hamlets of Wassaic, Amenia, Smithfield so far.

Dutchess County CAC / EMC Roundtable - 5 members of Amenia CAC attended March 30 and reported on activities we are working on. CAC will be holding in-person meetings on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm at the Amenia Town Hall. Covid-19 protocols will be strictly observed. Recommended enforcement of solid waste management law at 549 Old Route 22, including a thorough investigation to determine whether the current business is operating in accordance with local laws

Ten Mile River Watershed Management Plan: Projects currently listed for inclusion:

Install pedestrian amenities and educational signage at the Old Amenia Landfill on Route 22 for a grand opening of this reclaimed superfund site as a public park. Move salt pile and salt shed at Amenia Highway Garage on Borden Lane in Wassaic (behind Pawling Corp) out of the floodplain to fully enclosed salt shed on new highway garage property on Rte. 22. Create handicapped-accessible entrance to Wassaic playground and fishing access to Wassaic Creek.

Doyle presented the need to approve Chris May's skateboard lessons beginning on Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm at basketball courts on East Main St, Amenia- Attorney Lindars shared the need of a service agreement for a private entity to run a program and be compensated.

Doyle is working with the Housing Board to get the minutes Dawn Marie to be posted on the website.

Gutierrez requested a Moment of Silence for Donna Whalen to honor for her passing

Somogyi requested a Moment of Silence for the five residents in Tally Ho who have passed away

### **Executive Session**

Motion to enter into executive session for the proposed for litigation Proposed, pending or threatened litigation regarding Glen Avenue and Amodio's (former Roxbury Sand and Gravel site) Further contract negotiations with Altice at 8:39pm excusing the Town Clerk and the Town Attorney will be in attendance

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded Morris

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

The following was provided by Supervisor Perotti  
Motion to return to regular meeting at 9:15pm  
Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi  
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

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

Respectfully submitted:

*Dawn Marie Klingner*  
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Town Clerk

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