



TOWN OF AMENIA

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April 15, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 15, 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:

Presentation: Moving Dutchess Forward

From Dutchess County Transportation Council, Mark Debald, Transportation Program Administrator and FHI Studio, Shawna Kitzman, Project Manager presented a summary of a survey that was taken between November 2020 and February 1, 2021

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti reported: **Lavelle Road Pump House Upgrade** –Town engineer is getting hydrogeologists proposals for new wells at Washington Court

NYS Budget for 2021-2022 – the Association of Towns successfully lobbied for no change to AIM payment for towns instead of 20% proposed cut in addition to a CHIPS funding increase of \$100 million for highway roads, an additional \$50 million increase for PAVE-NY, \$100 million increase for Bridge NY, and \$35 million increase for Extreme Winter Recovery.

Altice negotiations are in progress

American Rescue Package- Supervisor Perotti attended the Association of Towns conference call on April 13. The Town of Amenia is projected to receive \$480,000 however NYS is projected to receive half of the allocated amount in May or June which will be forwarded to the town within 30-90 days.

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 6th 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 have resumed. 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. For anyone who is homebound vaccine appointments can be made at 845 486-2555 to arrange for a vaccine appointment to be administered at home. 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 presented the Minutes of February 4th and February 18th; presented the total taxes collected as of this date \$5,804,718.89 with penalties totaling \$6,692.81 with a remaining \$606,393.32

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

Motion to approve the minutes February 4th as submitted

Motion made by Doyle; seconded by Perotti

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

Motion to approve the minutes February 18th as submitted

Motion made by Doyle; seconded by Somogyi

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

Abstract for April 2021-

General Fund	\$133,944.60
Highway Fund	\$ 13,070.68
Amenia Lighting	\$ 18,334.89
Wassaic Lighting	\$ 585.12
Amenia Water	\$ 4,435.81
Total	\$170,371.10

Motion to authorize the supervisor to pay claims totaling \$170,371.10

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Public comments received -

Andrea Walton – provided written comment regarding three poles that NYSEG has deemed needing replacement before they will commit to leasing to Altice.

Barbara Meili – provided written comment regarding Altice's commitment to provide Broadband service to the four residents along Route 343.

Supervisor Perotti shared that she reached out to her contact at NYSEG, and has been informed that this project has been expedited. Supervisor will provide regular reports on how this project is processing.

Clerk acknowledged receipt of the Highway Activity Report; SEBI's Monthly Report; and a Recreation Report;

Clerk presented a request from the Webutuck Valley Soccer to use the softball field for practices.
Discussion regarding *myrec* website.

Motion to allow the Webutuck Valley Youth Soccer League permission to use the fields at Beekman Park to use the fields

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Discussion ensued with regards to developing process/guidelines, a fee schedule and developing a usage form or a license agreement for reserving/ renting Beekman Park

Clerk shared Amenia Historical Society's upcoming event

Discussion

Results of Amodio property composting complaints investigation

Attorney Lindars provided a report to the board indicating that there is no evidence of any composting be conducted at the site. The only activities being completed are mining, topsoil mixing and mulching.

Wassaic Boarding School skateboarding agreement

Councilman Morris researched the matter, and agrees with Attorney, that a revocable agreement should be in place. Discussion ensued regarding obtaining permission slips from the participants and providing his insurance. Board discussed the two issues (a) unconstitutionality of giving money without either statutorily or contractually and (b) liability. Supervisor will follow-up with Chris May and the insurance agent. Attorney will look into creating a facility form

Other Matters

Resolution- Transfer of Funds

Motion to accept Resolution #27 of 2021 Transfer of Funds for April 2021

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Town Board Comments

Morris- will follow-up with Usource and report next meeting

Doyle- Clean-up day will be April 24th; Amenia Housing Board – survey is ongoing. Gutierrez spoke with resident to offer to help analyze the survey. Ten Mile Watershed meeting is tomorrow. They will be discussing future water quality projects. Need to review the zero reads in the water district. Issue with the water meters and would like to see a water committee

Somogyi- Tally-Ho had their park clean-up today. Senior trips are hopeful for this year. She Gutierrez – draft website is up; he is working on the integrations; working on the auditorium suggestion. No decisions have been received on the Wasterwater grant. Suggest some of the monies to be received to be used toward the repair to the budget cuts from last year. Supervisor shared the allowed uses of the funds.

Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session at 9:10pm for the purpose of Kent Hollow Mine litigations, excusing the Town Attorney, Town Clerk and Councilwoman Doyle

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

The following was provided by Supervisor Perotti

Motion made to return to regular meeting at 9:24

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to adjourn at 9:26pm

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

 Accepted by town board on (6/3/2021)