



TOWN OF AMENIA

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May 20, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, May 20, 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

Presentation and Discussions:

Housing Board Update- Leo Blackman announced 183 completed the Housing Survey and shared comments received

Proposal for Housing - James Pardoe and Jeff Barnett- Winsby shared their goal of creating a dense, walkable downtown, and to provide market rate rental options in multifamily units utilizing net zero passive building standards to ensure minimum or flat utility cost year round.

Water District Infrastructure Needs- John Andrews and Marco D'Antonio were present online. Marco references his report from 2016. Mr. Andrews reviews items in this report. He recommends the development of a priority list- beginning by looking at the rates and taxing structure. The wells around Lavelle Road, and analyzing and prioritizing a series of repairs/improvements to the distribution system

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti reported: **Lavelle Road Pump House Upgrade** –Town Board working with Town Engineer and Water Operator to decide the best approach to infrastructure needs and will be looking for grants and other monies to fund the upgrades.

Altice-negotiations are in progress

NYSEG LED Streetlight project – NYSEG has notified the Town of Amenia that the NYSEG contractor will be in the Town of Amenia within the first two weeks in June to convert all of the streetlights to LED.

American Rescue Package- Supervisor Perotti attended the Association of Towns American Rescue Package conference call on May 20. The Town of Amenia has not received any funds to date and the AOT is providing guidance about how this money can be used in addition to the reporting procedure.

Town of Amenia Covid-19 –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. Face coverings are required. Signing

the Visitor Log with contact information is required for contact tracing. Town Board meetings and Public Comments will be held in person starting in June. Court in person appearances has resumed. The Town Hall will be opened to modified Recreation activities with all Covid-19 protocols in place. In addition the Recreation Commission in addition to other Boards and committees will be able to meet in-person as long as Covid-19 protocols are followed. Please follow the Covid-19 protocols such as social distancing and masks that make you feel safe.

Covid-19 vaccine information. The Amenia Town Hall gymnasium was a site for a Dutchess County POD for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine on May 17. On that day they administered 21 J&J vaccines at the POD, plus they were able to deliver additional vaccine to 5 homebound residents in our area with assistance from DC Office for the Aging. Total J&J vaccines administered = 26.

Vaccine information can be found on the Amenia Town Hall 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 be 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.

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

Clerk Klingner presented the previous meeting minutes; \$494.25 was collected for State, County and Local Revenues with \$483.25 being remitted to the supervisor for Local Shares. Total taxes collected as of this date \$6,023,733.60 with penalties totaling \$14,087.62 and remaining uncollected \$387,378.61. Clerk presented the monthly Abstract totaling \$156,362.23; Shared public comments and announced upcoming community events.

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

Motion to accept the minutes of March 4, 2021 as presented

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to accept the minutes of March 18, 2021 as presented

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to accept the minutes of April 1, 2021 as presented

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to accept the minutes of May 6, 2021 as presented

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Abstract for March 2021-	
General Fund	\$ 119,165.86
Highway Fund	\$ 16,340.80
Amenia Lighting	\$ 1,454.04
Wassaic Lighting	\$ 542.02
Amenia Water	\$ 18,370.96
Amenia Library	\$ 488.55
Total	\$156,362.23

Motion to authorize the payment of \$156,362.23 as reported
 Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi
 Roll Call 5 Aye (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Resolutions

Authorizing Town Planner to review Zoning Code Regarding Affordable Housing
 Motion to accept Resolution #30 of 2021 Authorizing Town Planner, AKRF, Inc., to assist the Town of Amenia Housing Board in reviewing Town Zoning Code regarding Workforce Housing
 Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi
 Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Award bid for CDBG grant sidewalk repair project
 Motion to accept Resolution #31 of 2021 Awarding Contract for the Town of Amenia Downtown ADA Improvements and Sidewalk Replacement Project
 Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi
 Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Other Matters

Replacement of Host Server
 Motion to accept Resolution #32 of 2021 Authorizing Purchase of a Replacement Host Server for the Town of Amenia
 Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi
 Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Transfer of Funds
 Motion to accept Resolution # 33 of 2021 Transfer of Funds May 2021
 Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi
 Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Town Board Comments

Morris- reviewed the newest agreement received from USource and he finds it one sided and no accountability. Doyle thanked him for reviewing it again.
 Doyle- Memorial Day ceremony will begin promptly at 11AM at Fountain Square

Somogyi announced this weekend community events (Indian Rock School House's Bake Sale and South Presbyterian Roast beef Dinner) July 31st – Senior Picnic. Amenia Fire Company will be preparing the meal. Upcoming Senior Trips were announced for July and December. Gutierrez requested the Supervisor to send a letter to the State regarding the speed limit and signage at the intersection of Route 22 and Sharon Station Road

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:18pm

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Perotti

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 (6-17-2021)