



# TOWN OF AMENIA

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**May 6, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York. Deputy Supervisor Doyle moved to open the meeting, there was a Salute to the Flag and the emergency exits were pointed out.

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk with the following members present:

Supervisor Victoria Perotti  
Deputy Supervisor Vicki Doyle  
Councilman Damian Gutierrez  
Councilman James Morris  
Councilwoman Michele Somogyi

Absent: Supervisor Victoria Perotti

Also Present: Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner

## **Housing Board Update**

Councilman Gutierrez the survey closed on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The committee has come across a resident who is a data analyst, Michael John's. He has volunteered to assist the committee on analyzing the data. The committee is working on this project, and he has sent an email to the board members with the preliminary summary for their review. Next meeting will be May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

## **Supervisor's Report**

Deputy Supervisor Doyle read aloud the following report: Criminal Activity in the Town of Amenia – Supervisor Perotti called the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office when informed of cars being stolen and items of value being taken from unlocked cars. Kirk Imperati who is the Undersheriff called me back and I told him about the issues in the Town of Amenia. I was informed that several towns in Dutchess County were encountering the same problems due to a group of teens ages 15-18 from Hartford Connecticut behind the thefts. He told me I would be called by a sheriff who works locally. Sheriff Brian Wilbur called me and told me that the Dutchess County Sheriffs were working with the State Police to apprehend the individuals and find the stolen vehicles. They are also increasing daytime and evening patrols in the Town of Amenia. If anyone has information about any of the thefts, they can call the local Dutchess County Sheriff's sub-station in Amenia at 845 373-4300. In the meantime please lock your vehicles and do not leave the keys to your vehicles in them.

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

Clerk Klingner read aloud a public comment from Samantha Culligan who reported that two cars were stolen out of her driveway on Lango Road.

Read aloud a comment from Leo Blackman regarding the use of the American Rescue Plan towards workforce housing and a wastewater system. He recommends to the Board that they meeting in the auditorium or on Zoom to allow residents to be able to participate live.

Tax collection to-date is \$5,918,622.45 and an additional \$9,883.16 under penalties. Total uncollected remaining \$492,489.76; reminder notice has been mailed to 110 parcels

Clerk Klingner acknowledged receipt and the circulation of the Building Department Report totaling \$15,795.13; SEBI's April Report and Quarter 1 Meter Reads

Volunteer Application: Paul Winter's submitted his volunteer application

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

Motion to appoint Paul Winters to the Wastewater

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Councilwoman Somogyi read aloud the following

**Proclamation**

***52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK***

May 2- May 8, 2021

**Whereas**, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

**Whereas**, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

**Whereas**, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

**Whereas**, Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

**Whereas**, The Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

**Whereas**, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations.

**Whereas**, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishment so the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk.

**Now, Therefore, We the Town Board**, Town of Amenia do recognize the week of May 2 through May 8, 2021, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they preform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

**Resolutions**

Motion to accept Resolution #28 of 2021 Adopting Town of Amenia Employee Handbook

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to accept Resolution #29 of 2021 Authorizing Transfer of Bank Account from M&T Bank to the Bank of Millbrook

Motion made by Gutierrez; Seconded by Somogyi

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

**Other Matters**

Councilman Gutierrez request meeting with the Water Department and Engineer on the agenda;

Discussion regarding offering subsequent meetings in-person and offering the public the opportunity to participate and offer their comments in person or via the various platforms; no actions were taken

**Town Board Comments**

Somogyi- thanked the Amenia Fire Company and Highway who responded to the recent tornado. She announced the upcoming senior trip and picnic. Covid vaccines are available.

Gutierrez shared a correction to a recent new article in the new newspaper- he did not donate the water, however he did help carry it outside. He shares that he is working on new website, and will like to provide a board with a view.

Doyle shared a citizen’s preparedness class being offered by the Cornell Cooperative; Memorial Day ceremony will be held at 11 am at Fountain Square on Memorial Day. She thanked those who participated in Amenia’s Clean-Up Day on April 24<sup>th</sup>

Morris commented that he never heard back from the solar consultant that he reached out to.

**Executive Session**

Motion to enter into executive session for the proposed of current litigation: Julie Doran- Juan Torres Article 78 against the Town of Amenia at 7:52 pm excusing the Town Clerk

Motion made by Morris; Seconded Somogyi

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

The following was provided by Deputy Supervisor Doyle

Motion to adjourn from executive session and return to regular meeting

Motion made by Gutierrez; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Respectfully submitted:

*Dawn Marie Klingner*

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Town Clerk

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