



TOWN OF AMENIA

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October 21, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.

Supervisor Perotti with Councilmembers Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris and Somogyi interviewed candidates who have expressed written interest to fill advertised open Deputy Building Inspector position. No actions were taken at this time.

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their regular meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York. Supervisor Perotti 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

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

Public Comments

Dan Sheridan, President of ARC38, presented the request to waive the fees for a building permit for a greenhouse.

Judy Moran spoke in regards to tax certioraris for the town and school budgets and the effects of lower town assessments.

Deidre Houston, Dutchess County Legislator shared Dutchess County has been approved for additional disaster assistance from FEMA in the wake of hurricane Ida; homeowners, renters and businesses can register for assistance. Reported the County is looking at passing the sales tax exemption for clothing and footwear under \$110. The 2022 budget will have a 10% rate decrease while expanding service to Veterans and Mental Health Services County wide. She congratulated, Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner who was recently named the New York State Association of Court Clerks President. She announced the upcoming Community Development Block Grant

DJ Reilly inquired about funding for sanctioned little league and use of the town hall for practice. He was advised to contact the recreation commission regarding the fund inquires and to speak with the Town Clerk regarding the use of the building.

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti reported:

Water District Upgrade – Water Operator getting bids for pump tests to see if more wells can be added to Washington Court site

Altice-Resolution will set Public Hearing date for December 16, 2021

American Rescue Plan Funds – Supervisor reviewing Treasury Department regulations regarding using funds for Water District upgrades

Highway Garage-Crawford and Associates setting up meeting date with Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Building Inspector to discuss bids

CDBG sidewalk grant – Supervisor setting up meeting date with engineer and Highway Superintendent to go over plans

2022 Budget- the 2022 Adopted Budget was turned in to the Town Clerk on 11/18/2021 and the Resolution to adopt will be presented at the Town Board meeting. The Tax Rate per thousand will be reduced from 2.12089 in the 2021 budget to 1.9518 for the 2022 budget. In addition, the 2022 budget will be \$42767 under the 2% tax cap.

New Website-Send website updates to Annette Culligan or Nancy Nowak.

Town of Amenia Covid-19-The Amenia Town Hall is open for business Monday through Thursday at regular business hours. Masks are requested. Masks are available in an envelope on the 2nd set of doors. Masks and Social Distancing are recommended for Committee, Board, and Commission in person meetings. Signing the Visitor Log with contact information is required.

Covid-19 Vaccine information- Ameniacity.gov website has a link to Dutchess County Covid-19 information or call Dutchess County at 845 486-3555 For anyone who is homebound vaccine appointments can be made at 845 486-2555

COVID-19 Vaccines are available at: Amenia Drugs (call for appointment 845 373-8000)

CVS Pharmacies (go online to schedule an appointment)

Poughkeepsie Galleria-former JC Penney site Tuesdays from 3-7pm and Saturdays 9am to noon; On line registration or walk in. (Free Covid-19 testing is also available at the Poughkeepsie Galleria-former JC Penney site during the same days and times)

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

Clerk Klingner read aloud the recreation report submitted by Kelly that included a building use request for the gym for pitching clinic on Monday and Wednesday's starting next week and announced the current recreation activities- as result of the recreation report the following action was taken-

Motion to allow the dates for the pitching clinic in the gym

Motion made by Perotti; seconded by Gutierrez

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

Clerk acknowledged receipt and circulation of the Balance Sheets, Operating Statement and Preliminary Budget; presented a resignation, an application for the broadband committee, the monthly abstract totaling \$240,454.48 and the Halloween curfew. As a result of the report the following actions were taken:

Motion to accept with regret to resignation of Sue Metcalfe's as of 11/30/2021

Motion made by Doyle; seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to authorize the town clerk to advertise for the potential vacant for the board members and committee members whose terms are ending this year

Motion made by Perotti; seconded by Doyle

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

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay claims

General Fund A	\$ 66,282.83
Highway Fund	\$ 167,781.04
Amenia Lighting	\$ 833.54
Wassaic Lighting	\$ 305.57
Amenia Water	<u>\$ 5,251.50</u>
Total	\$240,454.48

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded Morris

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

Motion to authorize a curfew to be set for Halloween 10/31 at starting at 8:00pm

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Perotti

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

Highway Department Report- none

Recreation Commission Report – presented under town clerk’s report

Other Committee Reports

CAC - report was read by Doyle

Wastewater Committee - summary of last night’s meeting was provided by Gutierrez and Morris

Housing Board - Doyle shared she and the Chair met with Hudson River Housing regarding a property on Route 343 for affordable housing

Resolutions

Resolution to accept payment in lieu of workforce housing from Silo Ridge Ventures LLC

Motion to accept Resolution #53 of 2021 Accepting payment in lieu of providing workforce housing from Silo Ridge Ventures, LLC pursuant to the Town of Amenia Workforce Housing Law

Motion made by Somogyi; seconded by Doyle

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

Resolution setting a Public Hearing Date for 2022 Budget

Motion to accept Resolution #54 Adoption of Preliminary Budget for 2022 and Establishing a Public Hearing Date

Motion made by Perotti; seconded by Somogyi

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

Resolution for Town of Amenia Scanning Grant contract with Kofile - Tabled

Other Matters

Transfer of Funds

Motion to accept Resolution # 55 of 2021 Transfer of Funds for October 2021

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

Request to waive fees from ARC 38

Attorney explains that under the Code there are no exemptions or general exemptions for not-for-profits for building permit fees. They are looking to build a greenhouse more than thousand square feet that would have a wood burning stove in it. The fees are in the amount of \$620

Motion that we do not waive the fees for ARC 38 for their construction
Motion made by Perotti; seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Town Board Comments

Somogyi announced community events

Gutierrez shared an upcoming community event and shared that he met with Edmunds and suggests a meeting

Doyle announced upcoming community event and Recreation meeting on 11/11. She sought clarification from Judy Moran regarding her comments on tax certituros, and shared that she will be working with a non-for-profit and Deidre Houston regarding applying to American Rescue Funding to purchase the sound systems for youth program

Motion to enter into executive session for employment history or appointment of an individual, the town clerk is excused; the supervisor will take the minutes at 8:11pm

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

The following was provided by Supervisor Perotti

Motion to return to regular meeting at 8:50pm

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

 Accepted by town board on (12-16-21)