



TOWN OF AMENIA

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November 18, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

Supervisor Perotti with Councilmembers Doyle and Morris interviewed candidates who have expressed written interest to fill advertised open positions. No actions were taken at this time.

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their regular meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, November 18, 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 James Morris
Councilwoman Michele Somogyi

Member Absent Councilman Damian Gutierrez

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

Public Hearing for Community Development Block Funds Grant

Motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:06pm

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Morris

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

Supervisor Perotti did not have any ideas and would like to work on closing the current grants Councilwoman Doyle inquired as to the priorities and if affordable housing or water were on the list. Deadline to apply is December

No other comments

Motion to close the public hearing at 7:08pm

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Public Comments

Gaye Parise commented on a particular property on Bog Hollow with regards to junk and cows going on her property. Supervisor Perotti advised that they cannot discuss potential litigation and advised that written letters should be submitted.

Leo Blackman – Housing Board used the town planner and suggests a use for the CDBG could be for changing the Zoning for Affordable Housing

Sharon Kroeger -provided a written comment regarding Altice service

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

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 presented Sue Metcalfe’s request to extend her departure; shared the Amenia Fire Company’s 10th Annual Parade; the Town Board is accepting nominations for Citizens of the Year; acknowledged in our packets tonight are the Balance Sheets and Operating Statements. Klingner presented the Vouchers totaling \$210,987.29 and requested authorization to advertise the 2022 Reorganization Meeting date.

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

Motion to extend Sue Metcalfe’s time from until Friday, December 17, 2021 as requested

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Perotti

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

Motion authorize the Supervisor to pay claims as submitted

General Fund A	\$126,856.44
Highway Fund	\$ 65,440.58
Amenia Lighting	\$ 904.37
Wassaic Lighting	\$ 321.83
Amenia Water	<u>\$ 17,458.07</u>
Total	\$210,987.29

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded Somogyi

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

Motion to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the re-organizational meeting for January 6th; 5:30pm Swearing In of Elected Officials 6:00 pm Meeting
Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Absent (Gutierrez)

Highway Department Report

Highway's written report was read aloud by the clerk

Recreation Commission Report

Recreation written report was read aloud by the supervisor

Other Committee Reports

Wastewater Committee update was provided by Councilman Morris
CAC update was provided by Councilwoman Doyle

Resolutions

Resolution for Marijuana Law Opt Out

Motion to accept Resolution #60 of 2021 To authorize the adoption of a Local Law entitled "Local Law x of the year 2021 Opting out of the Licensing and Establishment of Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and Onsite Consumption sites within the Town of Amenia"

Motion made by Perotti; seconded by Somogyi

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

Resolution setting a Public Hearing Date for Altice Franchise Agreement

Motion to accept Resolution #61 of 2021 Authorizing a second public hearing on the franchise renewal agreement between the Town of Amenia and Cablevision Systems Dutchess Corporation

Resolution to adopt the 2022 Budget

Motion to accept Resolution #62 of 2021 Adopting Annual Town Budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022

Motion made by Morris; seconded by Doyle

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

Discussion regarding upgrades to Beekman Park

Estimates presented for Wassaic Park and Beekman Park playground improvements. Board members will review the estimates. Matter tabled. Sample Dog Park rules were circulated and it was that estimates for fencing improvements were being obtained. No action taken

Other Matters

Motion to accept Resolution # 63 of 2021 Transfer of Funds for November 2021

Motion made by Morris; seconded by Somogyi

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

Town Board Comments

Somogyi announced the senior Christmas party and 2022 trip information
Doyle will arrange for Ashley Ley to attend a December meeting and share her draft recommendations to help make our Zoning Code efficient and encourage affordable housing
Doyle shared CAC being interest in the unified solar permit. She will circulate information to the town board, the zoning review committee and attorney

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 (12-16-21)