



TOWN OF AMENIA

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November 4, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, November 4, 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 Hearing for 2022 Budget

Motion to Open the Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget at 7:00pm

Perotti motioned; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Public Comments-

Leo Blackman requested money to be added to the budget for Wastewater Engineer

Perotti motioned; seconded by Doyle to close the Public Hearing at 7:02pm

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

Regular Meeting

Motion to return to regular meeting

Perotti motioned; seconded by Somogyi

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

Public Hearing for opting out of the Marijuana Law lounges and dispensaries

Motion to open the Public Hearing for opting out of the Marijuana Law lounges and dispensaries at 7:03pm

Perotti Motioned; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Public Comment

Darlene Reimer provided comment against

Paul Winters provided comments for

Daniel Donnelly provided comments for

MaryAnn Snow-Pitts provided comments to the board to keep an open mind

Mary Ellen Brown commented for

Doug Brown commented for dispensaries

Two written comments were received prior to the meeting and read aloud from David Rosenberg and Ulli Romanoski, both in favor

Mike Segelken, Building Inspector was present, shared there are no guidance from the State as of yet regarding licenses. He feels the most it will affect the town is if they want to zone it to certain areas to help with crowds

Motion to close the public hearing at 7:28pm

Perotti motioned; seconded by Doyle

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

Regular meeting

Motion to return to regular meeting at 7:29pm

Perotti motioned; seconded by Somogyi

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

Public Comments

Attorney Lindars explains the opt-out law options and how the tax revenue will be distributed. Discussion ensued regarding the current language as present in its current form. Should they do nothing, then the town opts in automatically; should they opt out by passing the law by the end of the year, the town would be able to opt in at a later date.

Doug Brown, Bob Riemer provided comments against
Amy Bloomberg commented the benefits of use and access.

Board members shared their position and as a result of the pole of the board Gutierrez and Doyle were in favor of dispensaries and not lounges; Morris, Somogyi and Perotti were in favor of opting out of both dispensaries and lounges.

Attorney to prepare a resolution for the next meeting as the law has been presented.

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor reported the following:

Water District Upgrade – Town Board Capital Plan review to plan next steps

Altice-Resolution setting Public Hearing date

American Rescue Plan Funds – First allocation of \$224,671.79 and additional allocation of \$917.28 deposited into a Town of Amenia money market savings account. Second allocation will be received in Summer 2022

Highway Garage-Crawford and Associates are reviewing the eleven Highway Garage and Salt Shed engineering services bids received from advertised RFP

CDBG sidewalk grant – the Route 44 sidewalk extension to Beekman Park engineering plan is in progress

2022 Budget- Required 2022 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Town Board Workshop Meeting. The 2022 budget will be 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- Ameniany.gov website has a link to Dutchess County Covid-19 information or call 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

Town Clerk announced the open volunteer positions. Clerk announced the State, County and Local fees collected in the amount of \$574.50 with the local share being remitted to the Supervisor in the amount of \$491.50.

Clerk read allowed the monthly Building Report totaling \$52,071.50 .

Presented the resolution for reappointment as Marriage officer. As a result of the clerk's report the following actions were taken

Motion to accept Resolution #56 of 2021 Appoint a Marriage Officer

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Supervisor Perotti added-

Motion to authorize the town clerk to advertise for a 32 hour Building Department Secretary

Motion made by Perotti; seconded by Gutierrez

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

Resolutions

Resolution for Town of Amenia Scanning Grant contract with Kofile

Motion to accept Resolution #57 of 2021 Awarding Contract for the Amenia Historic Minutes Books Project

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Resolution Authorizing Placement of Road Signs Pursuant to Dutchess County Local Law

Motion to accept Resolution #58 of 2021 Authorizing the Placement of Road Signs on Town Roads Pursuant to Dutchess County Local Law

Motion made by Perotti; Somogyi

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

Resolution setting a public hearing date for Altice Franchise Agreement- Tabled

Resolution Setting a Public Hearing date for Community Development Block Grant Suggestions
Motion to accept Resolution #59 of 2021 Authorizing a Public Hearing on the Intended Use of Community Development Block Grant Funds and the Submission of the Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2022

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Resolution Awarding Contract for Removing Sludge and Cleaning Underground Storage Tank-
Tabled to spring

Town Board Comments

Doyle announced upcoming Veterans Day Celebration; and requested \$20,000 for a wastewater engineer in the 2022 Budget

Perotti announced Wassaic's Fire Department celebrated 90 Years of Service; and thanked Kelly Milano for arranging a Trunk or Treat event

Somogyi announced upcoming senior events

Executive Session

Motion to go into executive session for the purpose of contractual negotiations; the town clerk is excused, and the town supervisor will take the minutes.

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Morris

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

The following was provided by Supervisor Perotti

Motion to return to regular meeting

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)