



TOWN OF AMENIA

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July 15, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, July 15, 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:

Clerk Klingner read aloud two public comments

Leo Blackman inquires on the process for the use of American Rescue Plan funds and suggests the use for the funds to include the hiring of an engineer to update the Wastewater Study and to apply funds to create a master plan to repair our water system

Stacy Mantel announced her completion of a sixteen hour certificate program – The New York State Citizens Public Health Leader Program

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti presented the following :

Lavelle Road Pump House Upgrade –Based on engineering reports we are not looking to upgrade the pump house on Lavelle Road since it is in a wetland and the current problems would only reoccur. We are looking at alternate sites to put wells in addition to a plan to have the main pump house oversee all of the wells.

Altice-negotiations are in progress

American Rescue Package- Supervisor Perotti on behalf of the Town of Amenia completed the required forms sent by New York State before the July 9, 2021 deadline to accept the projected \$449,344 fund allocation. The Town of Amenia has been identified as a NEU (Non-Entitlement Unit) by the Department of the Treasury. Per the Department of the Treasury, NEUS will receive funds in two 50% payments. The second payment will be sent 12 months after the first.

Economic Development in Downtown Amenia-in the last several months 9 new businesses have opened and there will be a tenth when a Massage business opens soon. Please stop by and support all of the new businesses on East Main Street, Route 44, and in the Fudgy's plaza.

Highway Garage- the RFP for engineering services for the Highway Garage will be sent out this week and put on BidNet. **CDBG sidewalk grants** – The Amenia Post Office area sidewalk project is waiting for the DOT Work Permit to be approved before businesses affected will be notified about the timeline for the scheduled repairs. Chazen who won the bid is working on the survey and plan for the Route 44 sidewalk project. **Town of Amenia Covid-19** –The Amenia Town Hall is open for business as usual Monday through Thursday at regular business hours and is following CDC guidelines which advise that fully vaccinated people do not need to wear masks or be socially

distanced, but unvaccinated people must continue to wear masks and be socially distanced. Signing the Visitor Log with contact information is required. **Covid-19 vaccine information-** Sign up on 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: Total State, County & Local Revenues for June were \$564.25 with the local share being remitted to the Supervisor in the amount of \$514.25. Shared Scott Russo’s resignations; Announced the LGRMIF grant for conserving and digitizing the early town record books has been approved pending final confirmation from the State Comptroller’s Office. Klingner announced the open positions that have been advertised for. Acknowledge the receipt and circulation of the June Building Department report totaling \$8,555.75, Zoning Report, Operating Statement and Balance Sheet. Klingner presented the monthly abstract totaling \$145,968.82
As a result of the Clerk’s report the following actions were taken:

Motion to accept with regret Scott Russo’s resignation from the Recreation Commission

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Perotti

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

Motion to authorize the supervisor to pay claims as presented

General Fund A	\$75,321.38
Highway Fund DA0	\$46,136.95
Amenia Lighting	\$ 7,324.78
Wassaic Lighting	\$ 2,718.19
Amenia Water SW0	\$14,467.52
Totaling	\$145,968.82

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Morris

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

Resolutions

Transfer of Funds

Motion to accept Resolution #40 of 2021 Transfer of Funds

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Other Matters

Resolution –

Motion to accept Resolution #41 of 2021 Authorizing the Purchase of a Tractor with a Boom Mower for Use by the Town of Amenia Highway Department

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Doyle

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

Town Board Comments



Skateboard Project Discussion - Councilwoman Doyle and Councilman Morris discuss their understanding of insurance coverages.

Motion to authorize going forward with having the instructor begin his skateboarding program as outlined in the grant application to Berkshire Taconic as a recreation program

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Gutierrez

Discussion ensued with the town attorney

Councilwoman Doyle WITHDREW her motion and will further investigate the cost

Hire Christopher May as a seasonal employee to staff the rec commission sponsored town skateboarding program here at Amenia Town Hall for a stipend of \$2,500 and contingent that he attend the questions from our insurance company and filing all the necessary paperwork for Berkshire Taconic for grant administration

Motion made by Gutierrez; Seconded by Doyle

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

Doyle- reported that she attended the recreation commission meeting; the Hudson River Housing Community Land Trust Information session; announced CAC next meeting July 21st

Skateboard ramps- discussed the donation of ramps. No action taken

Somogyi- shared information on the upcoming senior picnic and trip.

Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:50pm for personal matters and Altice Contract Negotiations and the town clerk is excused and for litigation matters

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Morris

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

The following was providing by Supervisor Perotti

Councilwoman Doyle leaves at 8:23pm

George Lithco joins the meeting at 8:25pm

Motion to regular meeting at 8:45pm

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Klingner

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Town Clerk

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