



TOWN OF AMENIA

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August 19, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, August 19, 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
Councilman Damian Gutierrez

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

Public Comments:

Leo Blackman- thanked Supervisor Perotti for finding funds for hiring the wastewater engineer

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti presented the following:

Water District Upgrade –the Water Operator and the Town Board are researching places for new wells and will also be working on a capital plan and asset inventory of the Water District which is required as part of the requirements for the American Rescue Funds to be used for infrastructure improvements.

Altice-negotiations are in progress

American Rescue Package- Supervisor Perotti attended an informational webinar by the Government Officers Finance Association and also contacted the Association of Towns for a contact to the EPA Region 6 for New York. After contacting the EPA contact by email I was given additional information about the requirements for using the American Rescue Funds for water infrastructure capital projects in addition to contact information for the Treasury department which administers the program. Eligibility for a project is based on what would be eligible under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grants.

Highway Garage-the RFP bids were due today and have been received by the Town Clerk. The Town Board and the Town Attorney will have to review them before the winning bid is announced.

CDBG sidewalk grant – the DOT Work Permit for the Amenia Post Office area repairs has been received after sending a required \$5000 retainer to the DOT which will be returned to the Town of Amenia after the project is finished. There will be a meeting with the contractor and engineer at the Amenia Post Office at 10:00 am tomorrow to go over the project.

2022 Budget- 2022 budget worksheets have been distributed to all departments and other entities. The Recreation Commission worked on them at their meeting on Tuesday of this week. They are required to be completed by September 8th.

New Website- the Town of Amenia new website through a Shared Services contract with Dutchess County OCIS will go live on September 1st.

Town of Amenia Covid-19 –The Amenia Town Hall is open for business as usual Monday through Thursday at regular business hours. New CDC guidance is masks are recommended in substantial or high

transmission areas even if you are vaccinated. 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 July were \$512,955 with the local share being remitted to the Supervisor in the amount of \$487.95.

Shared the Webutuck Youth Soccer requests to use the fields at Beekman Field and use of the building for pictures.

Clerk presented the August Abstract in the amount of \$186,081.94

Publicly opened and read aloud the names of the 11 submissions received for the Highway Garage RFP. Acknowledging CTMale sent an email that they will not be submitting a bid.

Submissions received from-

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| 1. Battoglia Lanza Architectural Group | 6. LaBella Associates |
| 2. Bergmann Architects Engineers
Planners | 7. Lamont Engineers |
| 3. C&S Companies | 8. LaRocca Greene Architects LLC |
| 4. CPL | 9. Lothrop Associates |
| 5. Delaware Engineering | 10. MHE |
| | 11. Wendal |

As a result from the clerks report the following actions were taken:

Motion to allow the Webutuck Valley Youth Soccer League to use the fields at Beekman Park

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to authorize the supervisor to pay claims as presented

General Fund	\$128,928.93
Highway Fund	\$ 44,127.22
Amenia Lighting	\$ 1,048.94
Wassaic Lighting	\$ 281.28
Amenia Water	\$ 11,694.86
Total	\$186,081.23

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Clerk announced open Volunteer positions- Recreation Commission (2 open seats); Board of Assessment Review (1 seat); Open Paid Positions – Water Treasurer and Zoning Administrators

Recreation is seeking the restriping of the Basketball Courts - one written bid was received (JFC LLC Linebackers and no bid responses from the two other vendors that were solicited)
Motion to accept the bid of \$1,800 from JFC LLC Linebackers
Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Resolutions

Declaring Structures Unsafe

Supervisor presented the Building Inspector's request to declare structures unsafe. He was present and responded to the boards inquires.

Declaring Structure Unsafe at 5282 Route 44, Town of Amenia

Motion to accept Resolution #42 of 2021 Declaring the Structure Located at 5282 Route 44 Unsafe and Ordering the Repair or Removal
Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Declaring Structure Unsafe at 31 Tally Ho Drive, Town of Amenia

Motion to accept Resolution #43 of 2021 Declaring the Structure Located at 31 Tally Ho Drive Unsafe and Ordering its Demolition and Removal
Motion made by Perotti; Seconded Somogyi
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Resolution for Highway Garage Repair

Motion to accept Resolution #44 of 2021 Authorize Emergency Roof Repairs at the Town of Amenia Highway Garage
Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi; Perotti)

Discussions

American Rescue Plan

Supervisor shared the steps to be completed for the use of the American Rescue Plan Funds. The Town will need to put together a Capital Project Plan, addressing the infrastructure issues in the Water District, and an Asset Inventory of the Water District. A long-range Water District Plan will also be something that needs to be completed. Discussed using the current water operator's firm who prepared the 2018 report that prioritized a plan of how he would spend money if he had the funds. Discussed the option of hiring an outside group that would take a comprehensive look at the district with aging infrastructure, as there were several firms with water district experience who submitted RFPs for this project and the board liked Erin from Tighe and Bond. Discussed working with the Town's engineer John Andrews who had reviewed those submissions. It was decided to invite John Andrews to the next meeting and discuss further.

Gutierrez shared other alternate use ideas for using the monies for other special districts -ie generators for the fire districts and water district; creating an ambulance district; and using for Broadband, cyber security programs or digital literacy training

Other Matters

Motion to accept Resolution #45 of 2021 Transfer of Funds for August 2021

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to accept Resolution #46 of 2021 Approving proposal for Engineering Services from Tighe and Bond Engineering and Landscape Architecture PC to conduct Wastewater Feasibility Study

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Town Board Comments

Perotti announced Didi Barrett Emergency Rental Assistance appointments are available at the North East Community Center on August 24th.

Skate Park discussion ensued regarding properly accepting the donation and completing an inspection of the items. From the audience, building inspector, Mike Segelken advised that he would not be the person who inspects the ramps. He was asked to follow up with the village to find out who inspected them.

Doyle proposed a sign for rules at the park; she will send to the insurance to confirm the language. Supervisor will forward the sign company information to Doyle so she may order the signage. She shared a public comment from Stacy Mantel. Announced upcoming CAC meeting. Announced upcoming Free Yoga at town hall. Enhancement committee will be meeting at Fountain Square this upcoming Saturday at 7:30pm She attended a recreation meeting, they want to hire a landscape architect,

Gutierrez confirmed with the Attorney the current open meeting laws rules that are currently in effect. The rules have returned back to pre-covid rules.

Doyle requested to attend the upcoming Tri-Collation meeting.

Gutierrez clarified comments that Leo Blackman made regarding the real estate department of Hudson River Housing is not the position of the Town of Amenia.

Somogyi recognized 100 years of Women's Right to Vote by giving all the women a yellow rose. shared the upcoming senior events. She shared there are grants available for signage. Building inspector advised the board that they need to update the current law to allow for light admitting diodes. The attorney will follow up on this item. Somogyi announced upcoming community events.

Public Comment

Mike Segelken shared with the board that the building department has issued 22 permits for single family homes this year.

Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session for Personnel Matters and Altice Contract Negotiation matters and pending Litigation matters with the Town Attorney and Supervisor Perotti will take the minutes at 9:10pm

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Morris

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

The following was provided by Supervisor Perotti

Councilwoman Doyle leaves executive session at 9:48pm

Motion to leave executive session at 10:10pm

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to return to regular meeting 10:12pm

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to adjourn at 10:14pm

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

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