



TOWN OF AMENIA

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August 5, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

At 6:34pm Supervisor Perotti, Councilpersons Doyle, Morris, Somogyi and Planning Board Chairman interviewed a candidate for the unexpired planning board seat.

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their regular meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, August 5, 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

Public Comments:

Leo Blackman- addressed the board regarding the American Rescue Funds- he shares the Housing Board has already agreed to use the first monies received to be used for hiring the wastewater engineer.

Chris May addresses the board with the install of the donated skate park ramp from the Village of Millerton. Doyle presented quotes for sealing the basketball courts- (no response from JW Smith Paving from Poughkeepsie); \$4,500 from Nicholas Moustakas Blacktop SealCoating and \$5,050 from Mr. Blacktop

Motion to accept the low proposal of \$4,500 from Nicolas Moustakas

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Perotti

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

Discussed authorizing an insurance rider in the amount of \$279.40 – no action was taken, will await for the blacktopping to be completed and the equipment received.

Doyle shared that she has been in contact with Berkshire Taconic and since they are not offering lessons, Chris May makes the recommendation to purchase a third ramp.

For the agenda next meeting- purchase of an additional ramp, add the insurance and signage for the park.

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 June were \$564.25 with the local share being remitted to the Supervisor in the amount of \$514.25. Acknowledge the receipt and circulation of the July Building Department report totaling \$11,291.50; the July Water report from SEBI and shared the posting on Channel 22 and our Website regarding the SEBI flushing the hydrants and how that may lead to discoloration or change in water pressure. Klingner reminds residents to visit our website at www.ameniany.gov for current information and answers. She also shared that as a result of the last meeting’s executive session the supervisor noticed her that she was authorized to advertise for a Zoning Administrator. Currently the town is accepting applications/letter of interest for Part-Time Zoning Administrator. As a result of the report the following actions were taken:

Motion to appoint Neil Kusnetz to the unexpired term of 12/31/2026 as a Planning Board Member

Motion made by Doyle, Seconded by Morris

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

Motion to approve the July 1, 2021 minutes as submitted

Motion made by Doyle, Seconded Somogyi

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

Motion to approve the July 12, 2021 special meeting minutes as submitted
Motion made by Doyle, Seconded by Morris
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Absent (Gutierrez)

Water District

Marco D’Antonio was present and references the report his company prepared regarding the Well Replacement locations and multiple options available. He shares the necessary first steps of the process. Regarding Well 5 he will obtain estimates to redrill and reset the pump and motor at a different depth. Will revisit next month when additional information is obtained.

Authorize the Town Supervisor to do whatever she needs and to approach a property owner regarding other wells

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Morris Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Absent (Gutierrez)

American Rescue Funds

Supervisor Perotti shares information regarding the use of the funds for the water district – eligibility would be the same as applying for either the Clean Water State Revolving Fund or the Drinking Water Revolving Fund. Supervisor will follow up to see if the feasibility study for wastewater would be eligible per the EPA. Once the specific items are decided she will confirm what uses are appropriate. If she can, she will have a resolution at the next meeting.

Town Board Comments

Doyle – read a public comment from Bowie Zunino regarding skateboarding; shared she met earlier this evening regarding the audio and visual needs for the auditorium and the town board meeting room. Announced Millbrook Horse Trials is currently happening.

Somogyi inquired about the repair the sidewalk around the building. Suggested transfer some of the overgrown dense plants in front of the building around the town hall property. Fountain Square in need of weeding. And inquired about the installation of the remaining two basketball backboards. She thanked, those who prepared and participated with the Senior Picnic. She shared information on upcoming senior events.

Motion to adjourn at 8:16pm
Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Doyle
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Absent (Gutierrez)

Respectfully submitted:

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Town Clerk

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