



TOWN OF AMENIA

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September 16, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, September 16, 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

Member Absent

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

Public Hearing

Motion to open the Public Hearing for Declaring Structure Unsafe at 5282 Route 44, Town of Amenia

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Public Comment

Kelly Marino- owner of property. She informed the board that she has filed for a permit to demo it. The contractors she had lined up, but they disappeared on her. She has reached out to others for help. Its just been time, resources and money that has caused the delay. She is working on it. She was informed that she may communicate with the building inspector, supervisor or attorney moving forward.

Leo Blackman, Chair of the Housing Board requested the demolition to be delayed for time for someone from Hudson River Housing or Dutchess County Housing to come out and look to see if its salvageable. Attorney shared the timelines for this project.

Motion to close the public hearing at 7:05pm

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to open the public hearing for Declaring Structure Unsafe at 31 Tally Ho Drive, Town of Amenia

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Mary Ellen, Manager of Tally Ho Estates acknowledges the desire to demolish the unsafe house. She will be in on Monday to get the permit.

Motion to close the public hearing
Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Absent (Gutierrez)

Regular Meeting

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

Public Comments:

Leo Blackman requested the board to support the Woman League Voters to use the Town Hall for a meet the candidate's event. He shares his negative experience with Altice.
Klingner read aloud a written public comment received prior to the meeting from Darlene Reimer who commented against allowing marijuana dispensaries/lounges
Supervisor responded that she has already asked the Attorney to prepare the information necessary to opt-out and report at our next meeting the process

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti presented the following:

Water District Upgrade – the Water Operator was given Comptroller's Office Capital Planning Guide to follow for Capital Plan including immediate needs, 3 year plan, and 5 year plan for Town Board review.

Altice-negotiations are in progress

American Rescue Package- working on Capital Plan and Asset Inventory requirements for the Water District upgrade

Highway Garage-The Town Board is reviewing the bids from Wendel Engineering; Delaware Engineering; La Rocca Greene Architects; Lamont Engineering; Bergmann Engineering; C&S Companies; Battaglia Lanza Architects; McGoey, Hauser, Edsall Engineers; Lothrop Associates; Chazen/LaBella Associates. Supervisor Perotti added the bidders to BidNet.

CDBG sidewalk grant – sidewalk repairs are in progress after delay of Post Office Property owner fixing the ramp and railing which DOT upon inspection said did not meet ADA guidelines and waiting for DOT to give the town the highway permit required since the sidewalk is in their right of way.

2022 Budget- 2022 Tentative budget due to the Town Clerk by September 30th is being completed with information from budget worksheets and other sources

New Website-additions and updates are being added however all requests for changes to the website must be sent to administrators Annette Culligan, Nancy Nowak, or Supervisor Victoria Perotti

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. Masks are available in an envelope on the 2nd set of doors. Social distancing is recommended for Committee, Board, and Commission meetings. Signing the Visitor Log with contact information is required.

Covid-19 vaccine information-call the Dutchess County Coronavirus Information Line at 845 486-3555. For anyone who is homebound vaccine appointments can be made at 845 486-2555.

Free Covid-19 Testing Locations-Poughkeepsie Galleria-JC Penney site Tuesdays beginning Sept. 14 3-7pm and Saturdays Sept 18 9am to noon; CVS Plaza Dover Thursdays beginning Sept. 16 3-7pm. Online registration required.

Recreation-new programs or upgrades to park equipment have to be brought to the Recreation Commission who meets the 2nd Thursday in the auditorium. If you have any information about the sanitizer station that was ripped out of the ground at Beekman Park, please call the Dutchess County Sheriff at 845 373-4300

Town Clerk's Report, Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk

Clerk Klingner presented: the request of the use of the of the building; Shared the Recreation Commissions report submitted by Kelly Milano inclusive of a request to use the fields. Presented the vouchers for payment in the amount of \$120,919.38. Presented Lorenzo Siconolfi resignation from the CAC. Klingner announced that on Monday, she was elected to the position of President of the New York State Association of Magistrate Court Clerks.

Motion to authorize Brooks Belter to use the baseball field and use it for the October 3rd for a baseball game, paying the fee of \$100 with insurance requirements met.

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion to authorize the payment of the vouchers as submitted

General Fund A \$76,431.83

Highway Fund \$24,097.79

Amenia Lighting \$ 827.76

Wassaic Lighting \$ 303.04

Amenia Water \$19258.96

Total \$120919.38

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Morris

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

Motion to regretfully accept Lorenzo Siconolfi letter of resignation from the CAC

Motion made by Doyle; seconded by Perotti

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

Highway Report, Megan Chamberlin, Highway Superintendent

Chamberlin reported in addition to mowing, they completed the blacktop project in Wassaic. She is working with John Andrews regarding a property on Tower Hill to get them to control their water. Deep hollow project will be next. Chamberlin read aloud the bid results for 2021-2022 Highway Materials.

As a result of her report the following action was taken

Motion to accept the highway department bids as read

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Resolutions

Awarding Contract to Deepen Well #5 to Stabilize Water Production- Tabled

Authorizing Grant Application and Accepting Grant Award for Upgraded to Critical Life Saving Tools

Motion to accept Resolution #47 of 2021 Authorizing Grant Application and Accepting Grant Award for upgrading to Critical Life

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Transfer of Funds

Motion to accept Resolution #48 of 2021 Transfer of Funds for September 2021

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Other Matters

Motion to accept Resolution #49 of 2021 Authorizing the hiring of Dutchess Valley Appraisal Corporation to prepare a trial ready appraisal for Martin’s Hollow Farm LLC vs Town of Amenia

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Town Board Comments

Somogyi announced upcoming community events

Doyle added to the recreation report, sharing that they seek feedback on landscape architect for the parks; and shared the activities of the enhancement committee. She circulated to the town board, the video “the Ten Mile Watershed” and add the link to the website

Motion to authorize the production “Ten Mile River” airing on Channel 22

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Doyle shared a summary of the last Housing Board meeting

Doyle shared a concern she received regarding mass gathering permit requirements and the definition of non-profit

Doyle shared on the Comptroller’s website she located a five year comparison report

Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of Altice Contract Negotiations and then Pending Kent Hollow Litigation and the town clerk is excused at 8:10pm. Supervisor Perotti will take the minutes

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Morris

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

The following was provided by Supervisor Perotti

Councilwoman Doyle left the meeting
George Lithco joins the meeting

Motion to return to regular meeting
Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 3 Ayes (Morris, Somogyi, Perotti) 2 Absent (Doyle, Gutierrez)

Motion to adjourn
Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 3 Ayes (Morris, Somogyi, Perotti) 2 Absent (Doyle, Gutierrez)

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Klingner
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Town Clerk

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