



# TOWN OF AMENIA

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September 2, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

At 6:40pm the board members met with candidate who expressed interest in serving as a volunteer on the recreation commission and a candidate for the open water treasurer position.

The Town of Amenia Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York. 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:

Stacy Mantel submitted written comment against the upcoming Hudson Valley Rodeo.  
Darlene Reimer submitted written comment against marijuana lounges and dispensaries  
Deidra Houston, County Legislator announced Amenia Library received \$50,000 from Dutchess County's Learn Play Grant

## Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti presented the following:

**Water District Upgrade** –the Water Operator and Supervisor are having discussions about what should be included in a Capital Plan for the district

**Altice**-negotiations are in progress

**American Rescue Package**- first 50% of main allocation \$224,671.79 (Summer 2021) has been received. First allocation of additional allocation \$917.28 (Summer 2021) has been received. Second 50% of main allocation plus second 50% of additional allocation combined \$225,589.06 will be received in Summer 2022. The additional funds were from the amounts allotted to municipalities who did not request funds or did not request them by the due date. The total amount of these funds were divided up among the municipalities who did meet the deadline to apply such as the Town of Amenia

**Highway Garage**-The Town Board and the Town Attorney are reviewing the eleven bids that were received before the winning bid is announced.

**CDBG sidewalk grant** – as a result of the DOT Work Permit for the Amenia Post Office area repairs received at the pre-construction meeting held on August 20<sup>th</sup> with the DOT engineer, contractor Con-Tech, Crawford Associates engineer, Highway Superintendent, and Supervisor sidewalk repairs are scheduled to begin on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**2022 Budget**- 2022 budget worksheets are required to be completed and turned into the bookkeeper by September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**New Website-** the Town of Amenia new website created by a Shared Services contract with Dutchess County OCIS has gone live on September 1<sup>st</sup> but adjustments are still being made. Comments and suggestions will be reviewed.

**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. Social distancing is recommended. 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:

Prior to the start of the meeting the Board had the opportunity to interview for open positions.

Motion to appoint Barbara Rotovnik to the Recreation Commission for the unexpired term

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Perotti

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

Motion to hire Victoria Jasmine as the Water Treasurer with an annual salary as set in the reorg \$4,086

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Clerk acknowledged receipt and circulation of the September Water monthly Report; September Building Department Report totaling \$11,630.26 and no Zoning Violations issued during the month of August.

Announced the current open positions of Zoning Administrator, Board of Assessment Review members and Recreation Commission. Clerk Klingner shared the friendly reminder of school is back in session and reminded all to be mindful of our school buses. She also congratulated all who attended this year's Dutchess County Fair, praising their year round work.

### **Resolutions**

Motion to accept Resolution #45 of 2021 Authoring Town Board of the Town of Amenia to accept a donation ~~for~~ from the Village of Millerton

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to accept Resolution #46 of 2021 Authorizing additional Street Light Conversions by New York State Electric and Gas NYSEG

Motion made by Morris; Seconded Somogyi

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

**Other Matters**

**Marijuana Regulations**

In March 2021 the marihuana regulation and taxation act was passed to legalize the use of recreational marijuana with a deadline to opt-out of allowing commercial sale of cannabis and lounges where the drug can be openly use is December 31, 2021. Doing nothing automatically allows for the dispensaries and the lounges and cannot opt-out later. If you opt-out now, you can opt-in later. Regulations can be set by municipalities. As a result of the discussion, this will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**Town Board Comments**

Somogyi announced the cancelation of the 2021 senior trip to the Log Cab and upcoming Christmas Party.

Doyle thanked Sarah who offered free yoga out on the lawn; announced upcoming Housing meeting; announced the September 1<sup>st</sup> modification to the open meeting law allowing for remote meetings again through January 15, 2022; announced the upcoming Recreation Commission and Planning Board meetings. And invited all to participate with the Enhancement Committee’s clean up at Fountain Square.

Gutierrez spoke with David Rosenberg of Wassaic Fire regarding the need of a new generation and using the ARP funds. He will speak with Amenia Fire. Gutierrez inquired the status of the water district capital plans, Supervisor Perotti will be meeting with Marco. He also provided a correction to his comments from the last meeting and provided that he researched the last time there was a repair to the highway garage roof was in last in June of 2021 not in January.

Motion to enter into executive session for Pending Litigation and the town clerk and Councilwoman Doyle are excused at 8:01pm. Supervisor Perotti 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 at 8:39pm

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Gutierrez

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 ( 12-26-21 )