



TOWN OF AMENIA

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December 16, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.

Supervisor Perotti with Councilmembers Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris and Somogyi present interviewed a candidate who has expressed written interest to fill advertised open positions. No actions were taken at this time.

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their regular meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 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 Damian Gutierrez
Councilman James Morris
Councilwoman Michele Somogyi

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

Public Hearing for Cablevision Agreement

Motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:00pm for Altice Franchise Agreement

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Morris

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

Public Comment

Sharon Kroger provided comment suggesting an amendment to the Agreement adding a section regarding Rates and Charges for the inclusion of public and private news channels; and for Rate Protection

Motion to close the public hearing at 7:08pm

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Public Comments- Regular Meeting

Deidre Houston, County Legislator shared FEMA has released recovery assistance for those affected by hurricane IDA that is now opened to residents, renters, non-for-profits and business. Free Covid testing available at the former JC Penny store in Poughkeepsie. The 2022 Budget was passed.

Clerk Klingner read aloud a written comment from Nancy McKenzie regarding the Town Boards Covid position.

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor reported the following:

Water District Upgrade— researching sites to relocate Lavelle Road wells

Altice- Franchise renewal Public Hearing is December 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm

American Rescue Plan Funds – Treasury Department just released additional information about new portal and report due in April 2022

Highway Garage-Recommendation by Crawford Associates is to reject all of the bids and schedule interviews with engineering firms that wanted to do a feasibility study for designating specific requirements of the garage and salt shed.

CDBG Route 44 sidewalk grant – Engineer will be doing construction RFP in the spring of 2022

2022 Reorganization - the 2022 Reorganization meeting on January 6 will begin at 5:30 to administer oaths of office for newly elected and re-elected town officials

Holiday Shopping - Please support local businesses and restaurants by shopping for gifts and gift cards there.

Town of Amenia Covid-19-The Amenia Town Hall is open for business Monday through Thursday at regular business hours. Masks are required and are available in an envelope on the 2nd set of doors. Masks and Social Distancing are recommended for Committee, Board, and Commission in person meetings. Signing the Visitor Log with contact information is required.

Covid-19 Vaccine information- go on the Dutchess County website or call Dutchess County at 845 486-3555 For anyone who is homebound vaccine appointments can be made by calling 845 486-2555. **COVID-19 Vaccines are available at:** Amenia Drugs (call for appointment 845 373-8000) CVS Pharmacies (go online to schedule an appointment) Poughkeepsie Galleria-former JC Penney site Tuesdays from 3-7pm and Saturdays 9am to noon; On line registration or walk in. (Free Covid-19 testing is also available at the Poughkeepsie Galleria-former JC Penney site during the same days and times)

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

Clerk presented minutes, the December Abstract totaling \$180,031.30; the resignations received and then presented the current and anticipated open volunteer positions for 2022. As a result of the report the following actions were taken

Motion made by Gutierrez; Seconded by Somogyi to accept the minutes of July 15, 2021
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Doyle to accept the minutes of August 5, 2021
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Abstain (Gutierrez)

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi to accept the minutes of August 19, 2021
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi to accept the minutes of September 2, 2021
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi to accept the minutes of September 16, 2021
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi to accept the minutes of October 7, 2021
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Gutierrez to accept the minutes of October 21, 2021
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi to accept the minutes of November 4, 2021
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Morris to accept the minutes of November 18, 2021
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Abstain (Gutierrez)

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Morris to accept the minutes of December 2, 2021
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi to accept the minutes of December 10, 2021
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Doyle to authorize the Supervisor to pay claims in the total amount of \$180,031.30

General Fund A	\$111,659.42
Highways Fund	\$62,199.07
Amenia Lighting	\$918.25
Wassaic Lighting	\$331.90
Amenia Water SW0	<u>\$4,922.66</u>
Total	\$180,031.30

Resignations

Motion made by Gutierrez; Seconded by Perotti to accept the resignation of Assessor Chris Boryk effective December 16, 2021
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi to accept the resignation of Nina Peek from the Housing Board
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Perotti to accept the resignation of Leo Blackman from Planning Board, Housing Board and Wastewater Committee effective December 31, 2021
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Perotti to accept the resignation of Stacy Mantel from Enhancement Committee
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Recreation Report

Clerk acknowledged receipt and read aloud of the Recreation report submitted by Kelly Milano.

Appointments

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Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez to appoint Stacy Mantel to Conservation Advisory Council

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

Wastewater Committee

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Doyle to appoint Charlie Miller and Shannon Roback to Wastewater Committee

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

Zoning Review Committee

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Doyle to appoint George Bistransin to Zoning Review Committee

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

Recreation Commission

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Morris to appoint Paul Winters to the Recreation Commission for the term 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2026

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

Ethics

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Doyle to appoint Barbara Rotovnik to the Ethics Board for the term 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2025

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

Housing Board

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez to appoint Alison Francis and Charlie Miller to the Housing Board

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

Board of Assessment Review

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez to appoint Lauren Levin to the Board of Assessment Review for a term to expire 9/30/2026

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

Planning Board

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez to appoint Bob Boyle to the Planning Board for the term 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2028

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

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez to appoint Robert Boyles as the Chair to the Planning Board for the term 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez to appoint John Terry Metcalfe as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022

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

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez to appoint Brian Distelberg as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term 1/1/2022 to 12/31/22

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

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez to appoint James Wright to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2026

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

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Gutierrez to re-appoint James Walsh as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term 1/1/2022 to 12/31/22

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

Planning Board- anticipated unexpired term

Holding open the unexpired term of 12/31/2022 for the Planning Board

Industrial Commercial Incentive Board

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Gutierrez to appoint Katherine Lee to the Industrial Commercial Incentive Board

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

Highway Department Report, Megan Chamberlin, Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent is schedule to talk to FEMA next week to discuss the damages and next process for reimbursement from Hurricane IDA; She has been working on the Hazardous Mitigation Grant submission; working with Lees Tree on unsafe tree removal. A resident of Wassaic is concerned with a tree, and presented the tree removal of using a crane – cost estimates range from \$5,500-\$15,000 and some will not provide a price due to the closeness of the powerlines. Supervisor will follow up with NYSEG. Chamberlin will follow-up with the property owner requesting a survey.

Other Committees

Waste Water- Morris shared the surveys were sent out and there are some talks of an independent foundation that would help defray the operation costs of a wastewater system.

Enhancement – Doyle thanked those who helped with the tree lighting, working with Megan on the missing Lamppost in Wassaic lead to conversation of improvements of the area.

Housing Board working on the survey

Recreation Doyle shared her enthusiasm to improvement to the Wassaic Park

Resolutions

Resolution authorizing franchise agreement with Altice

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Morris to accept Resolution # 65 of 2021 Authorizing the Town of Amenia to Renew the Cable Franchise Agreement with Cablevision Systems

Dutchess Corporation to Operate a Cable Systems in the Town of Amenia

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

Resolution authorizing renewal of dog control housing agreement

Motion made by Gutierrez; Seconded by Somogyi to accept Resolution #66 of 2021 Authorizing the Renewal of the Dog Control Housing Agreement with Pine Plains Veterinary Associates,

P.C.

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

Resolutions rejecting engineering bids for new highway garage

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded Somogyi to accept Resolution #67 of 2021 Rejecting all bids received in response to the Town of Amenia Request for Proposals for Engineering Services for a New Town Highway Garage and Salt Shed

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

Resolution authorizing disposal of surplus equipment

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Gutierrez to accept Resolution # 68 of 2021 Authorizing disposal of surplus equipment

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

Resolution for Transfer of Funds

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Doyle to accept Resolution #69 of 2021 Transfer of Fnds December 2021

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

Other Matters

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi to accept Resolution #70 of 2021 Authorizing Transfer of Unspent Highway Funds to be investing in a CD within the Highway Fund

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

Executive Session

To discuss matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez to enter into executive session for matters

leading to the appointment or employment for a particular person, the Town Clerk is excuse and attorney Ian Lindars at 8:43pm

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

Town Clerk was invited back into the meeting

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez to return to regular meeting

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

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi to accept Resolution # 71 of 2021
Acknowledging the Retirement of the Town of Amenia Assessor and Appointing a new
Assessor

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

Town Board Comments

Somogyi announced upcoming senior Christmas Party and thanked all those who participated this past year.

Morris and Somogyi were thanked for their years of service.

Doyle commented she's working on the decorative solar lights on the Rail Trail, Bog Hollow matter, Unified Solar Permit and the steps for enforcing

Perotti is working with the town attorney and the Planning Board attorney for a procedure to address the training requirements not being made. The supervisor and attorney are working on this for January.

Motion to adjourn

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi to adjourn at 9:16pm

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

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Klingner

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Town Clerk

hawk Accepted by town board on (1-20-22)