



TOWN OF AMENIA

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January 20, 2022 7:00P.M.
Via Zoom

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their regular meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, January 20, 2022 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 arrived 7:05pm
Councilman Leo Blackman
Councilman Brad Rebillard

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

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti read aloud her monthly report-

Water District Upgrade and American Rescue Funds-working on plan to best utilize funds for water district improvements

Highway Garage-Grant writer working on RFP for engineering feasibility study

CDBG Route 44 sidewalk grant – Engineer is working with DOT to get necessary permits to prepare for construction bidding

Town of Amenia Covid-19-The Amenia Town Hall is open by appointment only for business Monday through Thursday at regular business hours. Masks are required and are available in an envelope on the 2nd set of doors. Signing the Visitor Log is required. Committee, Board, and Commission meetings are currently being held remotely.

Covid-19 Vaccine information- 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)

Vaccinations and booster shots are an important part of a multi-layered approach to protecting yourself and your family from COVID-19. DBCH and Medical Reserve Corps of Dutchess County volunteers offer vaccinations and boosters - with all three brands Pfizer, Moderna and J&J - at our convenient JCPenney site at the Poughkeepsie Galleria. Visit www.DutchessNY.gov/COVIDVaccine for our expanded clinic dates and times and to make an appointment. Clinics this week are as follows:

Saturday, January 22, 9am-12pm (Moderna and J&J)

JCPenney Testing Site Hours

Poughkeepsie Galleria – former JCPenney site, 2nd floor (entrance on upper parking deck, near Best Buy) 2001 South Rd, Poughkeepsie

- Tuesday, 1-7pm

- Wednesday, 1-7pm
- Thursday, 1-7pm
- Friday, 1-7pm
- Saturday, 9am-1pm

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

Clerk Klingner reported the total State, County and Local share for the month of December 2021 was \$431.00; the local share was remitted to the supervisor in the amount of \$429.00.

Presented the Abstracts for December and January totaling \$228,796.48

Clerk Klingner presented the minutes December 16, 2021 and January 6, 2022;

Read aloud the legal notice Receipt of the 2022 Tax Warrant; announced payment options including the online option.

Announced a reminder for those who need to complete their Oaths of Office;

Clerk read aloud the December Building report totaling \$13,130.00; the Highway written report and the Water Usage Report. She also announced there was no Recreation Report as they did not meet in January.

Clerk announced the Received Public Hearing Notice from the Planning Board re Siland Commercial Property LLC

Announced applications were placed in the Board Members mailboxes.

Discussion ensued regarding the circulation and posting of minutes and video recordings for committees, boards and commissions.

As a result of the Clerk’s report the following actions were taken:

Motion authorize the Supervisor to pay claims as submitted

General Fund A	\$150,172.08
Highway Fund	\$ 72,260.77
Amenia Lighting	\$ 980.15
Wassaic Lighting	\$ 350.82
Amenia Water	\$ 5,032.66
Total	\$228,796.48

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Blackman, Doyle, Gutierrez, Rebillard, Perotti)

Doyle motioned, Seconded by Gutierrez *to accept the minutes of December 16, 2021 as submitted*

Roll Call 3 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Perotti) 2 Abstain (Blackman, Rebillard)

Doyle motioned, Seconded by Blackman *to accept the minutes of January 6, 2022*

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Blackman, Doyle, Gutierrez, Rebillard, Perotti)

Other Committee Reports

Councilwoman Doyle read her report :

Rec mtg. - rescheduled for Feb. 10th at 7 pm (second Thursdays of the month).

Enhancement Committee to remove Christmas decorations in Amenia and Wassaic this week, weather permitting.

CAC – read aloud report from Michael Peek, Chair

Paul Curran, Managing Director of BQ Energy Development, is available for our Feb 3 or 17th Town Board meeting to present BQ Energy’s “OPTION TO LEASE REAL PROPERTY” and answer any questions we might have.

Affordable Housing – The January meeting was rescheduled for Feb. Date TBD.

Ashley Ley is available to attend our Feb. 3 meeting to review her memorandum summarizing ways the Town might update the existing Workforce Housing Law and other relevant Zoning Code Sections to:

- Preserve and encourage affordable housing units within the Town;
 - Promote the construction of moderate-income housing units within the Town; and
 - Clarify the approvals and administrative process within the Workforce Housing Law.
- AKRF, Inc. has reviewed the existing relevant chapters of the Town Code (i.e. Zoning, Subdivision of Land, etc.) and Comprehensive Plan to identify the specific sections of code that could be updated to promote affordable housing and to clarify the process.

We should remind **Stoneleaf Partners LLC** of their responsibility to paint parking space lines on Town Hall parking lot to ensure efficient use of our parking lot.

Leo and I met with Donald Bataille of Hearing Loops Unlimited and Hudson Vly Audiology to investigate ways to make the planning board room ADA accessible for those with hearing impairments. We hope to have a quote from for a **hearing induction loop to be installed in Planning Board Room** so that those with t-coil hearing aids would be wirelessly connected, automatically, to the PA system.

Bog Hollow Road Neighbors are looking forward to a status report regarding the zoning issues they have been documenting and submitting to the Zoning Enforcement Officer and other officials. I've been receiving these complaints regularly since May 2021.

Gutierrez inquired about the legality of sole sourcing without public procurement (re: Solar)

Resolutions

Standard Work Day Resolution

Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to accept Resolution # 15 of 2022 *Resolution for Standard Work Day and Reporting For New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System*

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Blackman, Doyle, Gutierrez, Rebillard, Perotti)

Transfer of Funds Resolution

Perotti motioned, seconded by Doyle to accept Resolution #16 of 2022 *Transfer of Funds for December 2021 #2*

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Blackman, Doyle, Gutierrez, Rebillard, Perotti)

Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Rebillard to accept Resolution #17 of 2022 *Transfer of Funds for January 2022*

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Blackman, Doyle, Gutierrez, Rebillard, Perotti)

Discussions

Wassaic Train to the Trail Lighting- Supervisor will obtain a proposal from John Andrews to complete the lighting for the trail task.

Other Matters

Blackman motioned, seconded by Doyle to accept resolution #18 of 2022 Appointing Part-Time Temporary Building Inspector 1 to the Building Department

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Blackman, Doyle, Gutierrez, Rebillard, Perotti)

Town Board Comments

Blackman will be stopping in at town hall to meet with department to check in and he offered to help facilitate some ongoing projects ie. Fountain Square and Kitchen; he asked the process when addressing constituent complaints. It was suggested to email the board.

Gutierrez announced the tech meeting scheduled for next week.

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

At 8:17pm Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to enter into executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person, the town clerk is excused, we will be going into executive session with the town attorney, two candidates for judge; supervisor perotti will take the minutes

The following was provided by supervisor Perotti

Motion made by; seconded by Blackman to return to regular meeting at 9:11pm

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Blackman, Doyle, Gutierrez, Rebillard, Perotti)

Blackman motioned, seconded by Rebillard motion to adjourn at 9:13pm

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Blackman, Doyle, Gutierrez, Rebillard, Perotti)

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Klingner

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Town Clerk

 Accepted by town board on (2/3/2022)