

TOWN OF AMENIA  
**Town Board Meeting**  
Thursday, October 1, 2015  
7:00PM  
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor V. Perotti moved to open the meeting at 7:00PM. Emergency exits were pointed out and roll call was taken by the Clerk.

**Members present:**

Councilman Michael DeLango  
Councilwoman Vicki Doyle  
Councilwoman Gretchen Hitselberger  
Councilman Stephen Perotti  
Supervisor Victoria Perotti

**Also present:**

Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner

**Public Hearing**

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by V. Doyle to open the public hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant

5 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

**Public comments**

Wayne Euvrard commented in favor of submitting the grant for the new kitchen at the town hall.

Mike Hagerty commented on the purpose of the grant and eligibilities.

V. Doyle inquired about the sidewalks in the Hamlet of Wassaic

The board discussed the two ideas.

V. Perotti closed the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant at 7:30pm

5 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by S. Perotti to return to the regular meeting at 7:34pm

5 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

The board discussed prior to making a motion and selecting the project allowing the supervisor to speak to Ann Sailor.

**Public Comment**

Wayne Euvrard announced pickleball has returned to Tuesday evenings in the gym. He inquired about the Town's website and the ease to accessing email addresses.

Stephen Perotti read aloud a prepared document regarding the Rail Trail Crossings. The report had pictures of the areas, he commented that additional signage is necessary at these road crossings.

**Supervisors Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor**

V. Perotti announced the 2016 Tentative Budget is complete and is \$30,249 under the .73% cap. She has met with Didi Barrett, who has written a letter to the Governor regarding the unused site of TDDSO.

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

DM Klingner addressed the complaints and concerns she received regarding the September 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and the verbal outburst and conduct of Mike DeLango. Clerk Klingner provided copies to all of the board members Resolution #7 of 2014 Rules of Procedure for Public Comment and Resolution #33 of

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2012 Workplace Violence Prevention Program. The Clerk read and reminded the Board members that the speaker must observe rules of courtesy and not engage in verbal interruptions, shouting and other outburst, as well as slanderous or obscene language or signs and movement. According to the Workplace Violence Policy intimidation, bullying, verbal abuse, harassment, shouting, and obscene gestures are types of violence that are prohibited. Clerk Klingner also reported that she was in receipt of Monique Montaigne's from the supervisor's office and William Kroeger's resignation from the Planning Board; shared snow specs that were used last year and presented contracts for renewal. The following actions were taken as a result of the Clerks report:

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by V. Doyle to accept Monique Montaigne resignation effective October 8, 2015 and William Kroeger effective immediately.

5 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by S. Perotti to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for the open planning board position

5 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

Board discussed a planning board member who has missed several meetings and the options of removing the member from the board.

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by M. DeLango to authorize the Town Attorney to send the planning board member who has missed three or more meetings a notice, public hearing scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to address this matter

5 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

Board discussed snow removal on town sidewalks, no actions taken. Board members will look further into this matter and follow up at the next meeting.

Upon discussing the contracts that were presented the board took to following action-

V. Doyle motioned, seconded by S. Perotti to authorize the supervisor to sign the contract for Sedore & Co., Denise Fitzpatrick Esq. as town attorney and council for the Amenia Landfill Closure Project and Dave Everett Esq., as Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals attorney and special council for the Town Board

3 Ayes (V. Doyle, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

2 Nays (M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger)

### **Building Department**

V. Perotti read aloud the monthly building department reporting the totaling \$13,436.20

### **Committee Reports**

CAC- V. Doyle shared the discussions of the last CAC meeting; discussed the composting project.

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by V. Doyle to hold a special meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm to discuss the Bulfamante Petition and the budget

5 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

V. Perotti read aloud the following resolutions

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V. Perotti motioned, seconded by S. Perotti to accept resolution # 35 of 2015 Resolution to Approve Inter-municipal Agreement between Towns of Amenia and North East for Shared Costs of Required Training of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer/Deputy Building Inspector  
5 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by S. Perotti to accept resolution # 36 of 2015 Authorizing Town Constable to Carry Firearm  
4 Ayes (V. Doyle, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)  
1 Nay (M. DeLango)

**Introduction of Local Law for Water Laws**

Board discussed the draft law and as a result of the discussion the following action was taken-

V. Doyle motioned, seconded by S. Perotti to go ahead and approve the fees our attorney outlined and choose option 1 each month that the bill remains unpaid, compounded monthly and the additional fee of \$25.00 to cover the staff cost.

4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)  
1 Nay (G. Hitselberger)

**Sidewalk repairs**

V. Perotti presented bids for sidewalk repairs

M. DeLango motioned, seconded by V. Perotti to accept the low bid of Carl Rienna in the amount of \$760 with a stipulation of a guarantee

4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)  
1 Nay (S. Perotti)

**Town Board Comments**

V. Doyle announced the meeting she attended hosted by the Housatonic Valley Association.

M. DeLango commented on the actions taken by the Board.

**Adjourn**

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by S. Perotti to adjourn the meeting at 9:52pm

5 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

*Respectfully submitted:*



Dawn Marie Klingner  
Town Clerk

The foregoing represents unapproved minutes of the Town of Amenia Town Board from a meeting held on October 1, 2015 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

Approved as read on 10/15/15 Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions