

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 5, 2007 - 5:00 PM
TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Reagon at 5:05 p.m.
Salute to the Flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits were pointed out by the Supervisor.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Perotti	Present
Councilman Euvrard	Present
Councilwoman Doyle	Present
Councilman Russell	Present
Supervisor Reagon	Present

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Reagon moved that the Board go into executive session to obtain privileged and confidential information from special environmental counsel regarding negotiations with Old Amenia Landfill contractor and landscape architect:

MOTION:	S/Reagon		
SECOND:	C/Perotti		
ROLL CALL:	C/Perotti	- AYE	C/Doyle - AYE
	C/Euvrard	- AYE	C/Russell - AYE
	S/Reagon	- AYE	

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. the Board voted to close the executive session and enter the public session:

MOTION:	S/Reagon		
SECOND:	C/Perotti		
ROLL CALL:	C/Perotti	- AYE	C/Doyle - AYE
	C/Euvrard	- AYE	C/Russell - AYE
	S/Reagon	- AYE	

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

SUPERVISOR STATEMENT

Supervisor Reagon announced that Constable Leon Vincent was present at tonight's meeting as a result of the incidents of the prior week (vandalism of cars in Town Hall parking lot during or after the Town Board meeting). The microphone is not to be used for personal attacks; discussion should be conducted in a helpful and respectful way.

Diana Ritter, new commissioner of OMRDD (Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities) is willing to meet with officials from the Town.

In response to a question from Councilman Euvrard, Supervisor Reagon explained that for "Special" Town Board meetings, public comment is reserved until the end of the meeting, unlike "Regular" Town Board meetings which have public comment at both the beginning and end of the meeting. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

OLD AMENIA LANDFILL

Supervisor Reagon reported that an executive session meeting had been held with C.T.Male head engineer Liz Rovers, Mark Morrison (landscape architect), Frank Palumbo, Dick McGoey, Kimberlea Rea and others. Much of what the Town wants to do with the Old Amenia Landfill clean-up and reclamation must have DEC

approval. A public information session will be held when there is more information to share.

AMEND TOWN'S POLICY FOR INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

Kimberlea Rea explained the need for a change in the Town Investment Policy now that the Town has over \$1 million (from generators) to invest.

Supervisor Reagon read Resolution #11 of 2007 changing the Town's policy for investment of funds. This resolution names four banks as "designated depositories" rather than the former two banks.

RESOLUTION # 11 OF 2007: AMEND TOWN INVESTMENT OF FUNDS POLICY

MOTION: S/Reagon
SECOND: C/Russell
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE
C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Reagon - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

INVEST \$1 MILLION IN M&T BANK

Kimberlea Rea, special environmental counsel, advised the Town to invest \$1 million (from Old Amenia Landfill generators) in M&T Bank at a rate of 5.15% for a 6-month timed deposit (CD). (\$125,000 must be kept available for initial payments.) Councilman Euvrard made the motion:

INVEST \$1 MILLION IN M&T BANK AT 5.15%

MOTION: C/Euvrard
SECOND: C/Perotti
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE
C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Reagon - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

ANTI-VIRUS PROGRAM PURCHASE

Supervisor Reagon noted that the Town needed to buy an anti-virus program for a cost of approximately \$448.50 (Norton product). This is the product recommended by Randy Gibbs:

PURCHASE ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE FOR A MAXIMUM OF \$500

MOTION: C/Perotti
SECOND: C/Russell
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE
C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Reagon - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

EMAIL AND WEBPAGE PROVIDER

Supervisor Reagon said that the Town needed to change webpage providers in order to get more capacity for the Town web site. Randy Gibbs recommends Bret Knopf from Kingston. All emails will be pre-filtered in Kingston and the web page will have no upper limit. The cost will be \$576 for the year, about the same as the Town currently pays ADI:

CHANGE EMAIL AND WEBPAGE PROVIDER TO KROPF COMPUTER SERVICES

MOTION: S/Reagon
SECOND: C/Doyle
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE

C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Reagon - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

QUALITY COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT

Grant writer Mike Hagerty announced that the Quality Communities Grant contract has been approved by the State for a \$40,000 grant on a \$50,000 project. The Town must now solicit RFQs (Request For Qualifications) or letters of interest from planners. Joel Russell suggested putting a non-detailed announcement in the paper with a reference to the Town website for details.

ADVERTISE FOR RFQ FOR HAMLET PLANNER FOR THE QUALITY COMMUNITIES GRANT

MOTION: C/Doyle
SECOND: C/Russell
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE
 C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE
 S/Reagon - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING LAW - DISCUSSION

Joel Russell went through eight pages of recommended changes to the Comprehensive Plan March 12 draft. The majority of the changes were related to removal of references to Taconic DDSO closure and discussion of commercial development on the west side of Route 22 north of the hamlet of Amenia. Joel suggested giving the public "amendments to the Plan" and also putting them on the website, rather than incur the expense of another printing at this time.

Councilwoman Perotti asked for clarification of the stream set-backs. Joel Russell explained that the set-backs refer specifically to streams shown on the "stream map".

Supervisor Reagon asked Joel Russell: "If the Town accepts these changes, can we send the documents (Comprehensive Plan and Zoning) to County Planning?" Joel Russell confirmed that we might as well send the documents to County Planning if we are giving them out to the public.

EAF (ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM) FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Ashley Ley of AKRF went through changes to the EAF. In response to a question from Councilman Euvrard, Ashley explained that while the new Zoning Law has less land specifically designated as "commercial", commercial development is allowed in the mixed use zones. Joel Russell requested that AKRF prepare a new table to compare the old "commercial" area to the new Hamlet Mixed-Use area (which allows commercial) plus the new "commercial" area. Ashley said the new table would be ready within a week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Terry Kraus, CSEA local 426 president, asked that some other phrases referring to DDSO be removed from the Comprehensive Plan.
- Jim Kevenash wanted certain areas to be reserved for commercial or industrial (in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Law).

- Glen Caldarelli asked why the Comprehensive Plan does not include a 500-foot buffer zone around the DDSO property. Joel Russell replied that the State is immune to zoning and there is already a built-in buffer on the site.
- Mernie Hoanzl related a problem she had in getting information from the assessor's office. Supervisor Reagon suggested that she (Hoanzl) come in to Town Hall on Monday to meet with the assessor.
- Neila Cardus pointed out that the DDSO property is the only area in the Town marked as 'M' which allows adult entertainment, an activity that is obviously inappropriate for that site. Joel Russell reminded everyone that none of the zoning laws apply to DDSO as long as the State owns it. Joel requested that Neila Cardus put her detailed comments in writing for Town Board consideration.
- Tara Osborne commented on the letter written to Governor Spitzer by Supervisor Reagon discussing the DDSO facility.
- Cheryl Morse suggested that the Comprehensive Plan discussion of DDSO site distinguish the "privately owned" portions from the State owned portions. Joel Russell and the Town Board agreed that this was a good suggestion and should be implemented.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was unanimous at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hermosilla,
Amenia Town Clerk

Approved by Town Board: 5/17/07
Draft to Town Board: 5/13/07 (email), paper to Wayne

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