

TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2007 - 6:00 PM
TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Reagon at 6:00 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

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Supervisor Reagon moved to open the Public Hearing on proposals for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant application:

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.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

Town Wastewater Committee Chair Darlene Riemer spoke about the need for affordable, workforce housing in Amenia. A centralized sewer system is another priority. She also stated that there was a significant need for a sidewalk on Route 22 north of the hamlet of Amenia from the Amenia Elementary School to FreshTown Plaza.

Town grant writer Michael Hagerty reported on a conversation he had with Beth Doyle of the Dutchess County Department of Planning, Division of Housing and Community Development. The County views creating pedestrian linkages to downtown areas as a priority. Hagerty said it made sense to apply for funds for a project that will extend the existing sidewalk along Route 22, north to FreshTown Plaza. He is working with Zarecky Associates to revisit the site and prepare an updated cost estimate for the project. The application is for a maximum of \$150,000 in grant funding.

Michael Hagerty will seek letters of support from businesses on the project. Supervisor Reagon pointed out that the Town applied previously for a grant under the SAFETEA LU program and placed fourth in the county for this project. She said the town would continue to seek additional funding to support the project.

The Town Board discussed the possibility of expanding the project to include a sidewalk from Beekman Park ball field to the hamlet center (along Route 44). Supervisor Reagon suggested limiting the application to the FreshTown sidewalk now, considering the grant is capped at \$150,000.

Councilman Wayne Euvrard, who lives on Route 22 where the new sidewalk will be constructed, spoke in favor of the grant application and said the project is definitely needed.

Supervisor Reagon asked Highway Superintendent Stanley Whitehead if there were any possible highway projects that could be funded with CDBG money. In light of the heavy workload on the Highway Department caused by the major flooding of April 2007, no new projects are being considered at this time.

CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

There being no further public comment, it was moved to close the Public Hearing:

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESENTATION

Ann Saylor of D.C. Planning and Mary Linge of Hudson River Housing, Inc. gave a presentation about affordable housing. The County has money to administer affordable housing programs for towns. The service includes developing guidelines for affordable housing, working directly with developers, developing application packages, community outreach and marketing, review of applications for eligibility, notification and awarding of applicants, help with lenders (for the applicants), monitoring compliance once the affordable housing unit is on-line, and more.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW # 3 OF 2007: BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

At 7:00 Supervisor Reagon moved to open the Public Hearing on Local Law #3 of 2007: New Part 1203 Building Code Amendment:

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.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

None.

CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

There being no public comment, it was moved to close the Public Hearing and enter the regular business meeting:

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

PRIVATE ROAD NAMES

Supervisor Reagon read Resolution #34 of 2007 accepting private road names for Westerly Ridge Drive, Hunter Lane, and Winding Creek Lane:

RESOLUTION #34 OF 2007: PRIVATE ROAD NAMES

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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR 2008

Supervisor Reagon read Resolution #35 of 2007 authorizing the submission of fiscal year 2008 Dutchess County CDBG program application. The project proposed is the Amenia Hamlet Sidewalk Extension Project to extend the sidewalk along Route 22 north from the Amenia Elementary School to FreshTown plaza:

RESOLUTION #35 OF 2007: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR 2008

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

LOCAL LAW # 3 OF 2007: BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Supervisor Reagon summarized Resolution #36 of 2007, the resolution of adoption for Local Law #3 of 2007 amending the building code administration chapter by replacing it with a new version:

RESOLUTION # 36 OF 2007: LOCAL LAW # 3 OF 2007: BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

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.

WALKING PATH TO BALL FIELD - CONSTRUCTION BID

Town Highway Superintendent Stan Whitehead reported that three bids had been received to fix the walking path to the ball field. The lowest bidder was KECT Construction Corporation, Donald Flood for \$9,600. The other two bids were for \$11,850 (Holback's Construction) and \$15,100 (Clove Excavators).

ACCEPT CONSTRUCTION BID FROM KECT FOR \$9,600

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

GRANTS UPDATE

COMMUNITY DAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2007 IN WASSAIC

WASSAIC PARK UPDATE

BEL-AIRE HELIPORT PERMIT

BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

September 30: Tentative Budget due.

October 1: budget and worksheets delivered to Town Board by Supervisor.

Budget workshop meeting dates:

Thurs. Oct. 4 at 6:00.

Mon. Oct. 15 at 6:00.

OCTOBER 18 TOWN BOARD MEETING - CHANGE OF VENUE

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

Possibly Sat. Nov. 10.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Will be deferred to next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

WATER DEPARTMENT

Gary Bonds reported that he is waiting for DEC permit for well #4A.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mike Segelken reported that he is starting fire inspections.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

- Councilman Euvrard mentioned prostate screening at Sharon Hospital.
- Councilwoman Doyle reported on dog show and dance program registration deadlines, and the Holiday of Lights festival.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Reagon reported on:

- outdoor wood-burning furnaces (county proposed ban);
- Old Amenia Landfill propane tank cleanup;
- Old Amenia Landfill possibility to use recycled C&D (construction & demolition) material as cover for landfill. The material is free from Taylor Recycling and the Town of Monroe saved \$1.5 million by using this material. The material would be used as the daily cover for the dredged material and would eventually be covered by the impermeable membrane.

- D.C. Supervisors and Mayors Association meeting discussed an investment company which could handle all of the Town's money, with many advantages to the Town. Town of Clinton is very happy with this firm.
- Chamber of Commerce meeting with Ann Conroy;
- Fall conference to improve government efficiency, Sept. 17 at SUNY New Paltz.
- D.C. Land Use training and certification class on Nov. 30 or Dec. 1.
- FEMA/SEMA money received so far.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Tom Werner.
- Glenn Caldarelli.
- Cheryl Morse.
- Pat Nelligan.
- Harold Noah.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was unanimous at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hermosilla,
Amenia Town Clerk

Approved by Town Board: 11/15/07
Draft to Town Board: 10/3/07

Supervisor's Report on the meeting with Diana Jones Ritter, Commissioner of OMRDD on Sept. 5, 2007.

In late August, Commissioner Ritter's secretary called my office to set up a meeting, which was held on the afternoon of September 5, 2007. Participants included Roger Akeley, Dutchess County Commissioner of Planning and Development; Tara Sullivan, Governor Spitzer's Regional Director; John Mizerak, Director of Taconic DDSO; and Carl Letson, of OMRDD, besides the Commissioner and myself. When I learned about the meeting I called to ask if OMRDD wanted it to be a public meeting, and I was told specifically that the Commissioner wanted to meet me privately, but that she was planning to attend a Town Board meeting in October to do a public presentation.

The purpose of the meeting was for us to meet each other, to clear the air about all the rumors and accusations that have been made, and to come to an understanding about improving communication in the future. All goals were met. The meeting was cordial and positive. The Commissioner intends to look at all of the OMRDD facilities in New York State, and she wants to work with the town in achieving the goals in the Comprehensive Plan while continuing and improving the services provided at Taconic DDSO. On behalf of Dutchess County, Commissioner Akeley promised his help in working through planning issues to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

Commissioner Ritter will have much more to say about plans and opportunities when she comes back to Amenia on October 18th. She intends to do a presentation and then have some discussion with the Town Board. The public is invited to attend, and may also ask questions of the Commissioner.

Supervisor's Report on Trip to Town of Monroe Landfill and Taylor Recycling in Montgomery, NY

On Friday afternoon, 9/7, I received an e-mail from Liz Rovers, our consulting engineer from C.T. Male. She had been called by James Taylor of Taylor Recycling to see if she would like to come see a landfill being closed using recycled construction and demolition debris provided by his company. She wanted to know if I was interested. They were putting down the impermeable membrane the next day, Saturday, so if we wanted to see the material in the field we needed to be there by 8:00 a.m. Dave and I met Liz there and watched as they rolled out the impermeable layer over what looked almost like wood chips or mulch. This material has been used in other landfills as daily cover, and this was the first time it was approved by DEC as the layer under the impermeable membrane.

After watching the process and talking with James and Hans Taylor, his son, we drove to Montgomery, NY to his recycling plant. That was fascinating. Everything gets dumped together in one area, and then a sorting process separates all of the C & D: treated and untreated wood, cement, metal (including the nails), wallboard, bricks, etc. After the other usable components have been separated out, the treated wood and what is left is chopped in two grades, one coarser and one finer. That becomes the fill for landfills to use instead of sand and gravel.

The most exciting thing about this material is the price: it's free, and Taylor Recycling will deliver it. The Town of Monroe saved approximately \$1.5 million out of a total cost of \$3.2 million. The company makes money by charging a tipping fee and by selling reclaimed material; they need to find places to take the processed C & D.

All of us agreed that this is worth looking into. The company will be sending Liz the specifications on their material, and a sample of the material for testing. She will follow up with the DEC to find out whether we would be able to use it for the Old Amenia Landfill. If so, we might be able to reduce the cost of covering the dredged material considerably.

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