

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 4, 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

NY CLASS INVESTMENT POLICY PRESENTATION

Nancy Weiss of NY CLASS presented an investment policy proposal that the Town is considering.

WASSAIC PARK LANDSCAPING

Supervisor Reagon noted that Wassaic Park still needs drainage work, grading, top soil and grass seed. The bid spec can be prepared by Mark Morrison, Morris Assoc., or town engineer Soyka. The parks and recreation line in the budget still has \$6,000 left. Stan Whitehead estimated that the cost of this project would be less than \$10,000.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO FINISH WASSAIC PARK GROUND WORK

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

MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0 WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

MINUTES

The following minutes of Town Board meetings were approved:

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2007 (AMENDED FOR SPELLING CORRECTION)

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

MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0 WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2007

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.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2007

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.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2007

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

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2007

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.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW

Stanley Whitehead Highway Superintendent represented the Highway Department in the budget review. Items discussed included: how to pay for the new highway grader, cost of the grader should be spread over the useful life of the item so that one year's tax payers do not foot the entire cost, could the \$150,000 in the highway budget for the salt shed be used for the grader since there is a storage shed to use for the salt, FEMA money that still may come back this year is \$40,000 to \$50,000, FEMA has guaranteed \$79,000 for Cascade Mountain Road, Highway Department will probably need no new equipment in 2008.

JUSTICES AND JUSTICE CLERKS BUDGET REVIEW

The Justice Department was represented by Justice Moore, Justice Devine, and Justice Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner. Items discussed included: justice clerks did not ask for a salary raise this year but would like to be increased to 20 hours a week (partly to accommodate mandated state training as well as attendance at monthly meetings), Justice Moore and Justice Clerk Klingner do not need medical insurance, budget should include money for language interpreters who cost \$140 for a half day. Councilman Euvrard asked Dawn Marie Klingner to do a salary comparison with the Justice Clerks from other towns.

ASSESSOR OFFICE BUDGET REVIEW

Ron Gazzoli represented the Assessor's Office for the budget review. Items discussed included: a salary increase of 20% was requested to cover more hours and more days that the office is open to accommodate the increased workload, Assessor Ron Gazzoli is currently working 4 - 6 days a week and his assistant Donna Morrison is working 2 - 4 days, the State will pay \$5.00 per parcel for five years, annual updates are needed to maintain 100% valuation, the

reevaluation costs \$25,000 per year for five years which is paid to JMW. Consultant.

TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR BUDGET REVIEW

Gail Hermosilla and Patty Barron represented the Town Clerk and Tax Collector office is the budget review.

RECREATION BUDGET REVIEW

Tom Werner, Evelyn O'Connell and Linda Gregory represented the Recreation Commission. The items discussed included: summer rec expense must include \$460 for the use of the Dover Pool, vouchers for rec expenses should be sent directly to the bookkeeper (not to the Rec Commission treasurer), the process does not work if vouchers are brought in late, Ken Pomeisl is hired for 5 hours per week, Joe Pomeisl is hired for 20 hours per week until after baseball is over when it drops to 10 hours per week, summer rec program was very successful so the participation numbers will be up next year perhaps requiring a second bus, summer rec program charged \$70 per week per child, the dance program has been free for 18 years because the Youth Bureau requires it to be free, the Amenia Fire Company will do the concession stand at Beekman Park, Connie Mack program was supposed to charge \$15 for Amenia residents and \$25 for out-of-towners but the money was never collected even though 21 youth participated and 14 were from out-of-town, Town pays for umpires and lights for Connie Mack program, Amenia Farm Team had about 100 participants many of whom come from Millerton because the Amenia program is less expensive, the soccer program involved 180 youth but did not pay anything even though they used the lights and required a port-a-potty after cold weather set in (and the Beekman Park water was shut off), soccer is hard on the field, Rec budget will be about \$250,000 total, some rec money is generated by developers' subdivision fees in subdivisions of at least 3 houses, if a developer does not subdivide the land (e.g. if condos are built) then the Town cannot collect rec subdivision fees (according to state law), the recreation checking account has been closed because vouchers were not being used, other towns pay umpires by check after the fact but Amenia does not, the NYS Comptroller warned Amenia to tighten up the bookkeeping in the Recreation Department.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gail Hermosilla,  
Amenia Town Clerk

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