

TOWN OF AMENIA  
**Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting**  
Thursday, February 21, 2008  
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called **Public Hearing** to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

Moment of Silence for Mr. Bob Cook of Amenia who passed away on Tuesday, February 19, 2008.

PRESENT:     Councilman Pelkey  
              Councilwoman Perotti  
              Councilman Cayea  
              Councilwoman Doyle  
              Supervisor Euvrard

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**RENEWAL OF CABLEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT CONTRACT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Charlotte Murphy is concerned about the channels that have been eliminated and what are the plans for replacement with equivalent programming.

Tom Werner announced that he is receiving Cable Access Channel 22 at Poplar Hill Road area.

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, stated that a uniformed policy, senior discount, protection of town rights, and other unresolved issues are being reviewed under this franchise agreement with Roger Connor, Director of Government Relations for Cablevision.

Councilwoman Doyle stated that results of recent petition indicate that citizens are interested in coverage for local news, weather, and events.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti at 7:25 pm to CONTINUE Public Hearing on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Euvrard called Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:26 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill Carroll commented that authorization of Bond in the amount of \$150,000 for the Town Highway Grader will cost the taxpayers additional monies over the next five years.

Mr. Carroll recommended that the Supervisor give a status report on the budget at every board meeting.

Arlene Iuliano suggested that Tax Exempt 485B Local Law, established in September 1997 remain in effect.

Charlotte Murphy agreed that Tax Exempt 485B law remain in effect.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Highway Department – Stanley Whitehead**

Proposals have been received for FEMA engineering work. Zarecki and Associates is recommended at lowest bid.

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to accept the lowest bid from **Zarecki and Associates** at \$28,500 for FEMA work.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

**Town Clerk – Maureen Bonds**

Refund in the amount of \$578.00 will be issued to the Town of Amenia from NYC Association of Towns due to clerk's illness and inability to attend. Monies to be credited to TC conference acct: A1410-400.

Submitted paperwork to town board to attend NYS Town Clerk's Association Seminar in Saratoga, New York – Apr 27<sup>h</sup> thru Apr 30<sup>th</sup>.

41% of Town of Amenia Property taxes have been received in the amount of \$1,324,840.00.

**Water Department – Gary Bonds**

Well #4A is officially on line and working well. Some fencing to cover chain-link fence at that site has been purchased.

DEC/DOH will require 72-hour pump tests for Wells #1, #5, and #6.

A list of physical addresses in the water district has been forwarded to the National Metering Services for their review.

Recommended meeting with DATA 2000 for structure of billing of water meters. Ti-Sales will provide software.

Submitted request to attend OSHA Rural Water Assoc. meeting on Mar 1<sup>st</sup> with Assistant, Mike Butts.

**RESOLUTION #4 OF 2008**

**TOWN'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY ("Authority")**

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti that was ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Councilman Cayea	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, to authorize the Town's request for an extension of the agreement with the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority ("Authority") to expire on **December 31, 2008**.

**RESOLUTION #5 OF 2008**

**AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF SMALL CLAIMS ASSESSMENT REVIEW PROCEEDING**

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti that was ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Councilman Cayea	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye

RESOLVED, to authorize settlement of small claims assessment review proceeding ("Proceeding").

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Elizabeth Whaley - CAC –Reminder: Silo Ridge Planning Board Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Silo Ridge facility. Public comments are welcome.

Tom Werner – Recreation – Trout Unlimited has offered to participate at Amenia Cleanup Day.

Mae Jones – Water – Reported that water district committee meeting will be on 1st Tuesdays, 6-7pm.

**HIGHWAY GRADER**

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, Seconded by Councilman Pelkey to ACCEPT the low bid from Tyler Corp. of Marlboro, NY in the amount of \$141,015 with five-year warrantee.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

**COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

**Enhancement**

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilman Cayea to appoint **Amy Goossens**.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

**Water District**

Motion by Councilman Cayea, seconded by Supervisor Euvrard to appoint **John Kelleher**.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

**Recreation**

Commission will be interviewing candidates on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**LIBRARY/TOWN PARKING LOT AGREEMENT**

Motion by Councilman Cayea, seconded by Councilman Pelkey to authorize Supervisor Euvrard to sign Library/Town Parking Lot Agreement and present to Alan Gamble, Amenia Library President.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye

Councilman Pelkey                      Aye

MOTION CARRIED

**PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT**

Motion by Councilwoman Doyle, seconded by Councilman Cayea to authorize Supervisor Euvrard to sign contract agreement with Professional Computer Associates Agreement

ROLL:                      Councilwoman Doyle                      Aye  
                                 Councilman Cayea                              Aye  
                                 Supervisor Euvrard                              Aye  
                                 Councilwoman Perotti                              Aye  
                                 Councilman Pelkey                              Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Euvrard introduced the following Resolution:

**BOND RESOLUTION – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A HIGHWAY GRADER OF AND FOR THE TOWN OF AMENIA, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$150,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$150,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.**

ADOPTED-VOTE

ROLL:                      Councilwoman Doyle                      Aye  
                                 Councilman Cayea                              Aye  
                                 Supervisor Euvrard                              Aye  
                                 Councilwoman Perotti                              Aye  
                                 Councilman Pelkey                              Aye

RESOLVED, to authorize purchase of a highway grader at a maximum estimated cost of \$150,000 and to authorize the issuance of \$150,000 Bonds **not to exceed five years.**

**Legal Notice of Estoppel** to be published in the Millerton News. A complete copy of the Resolution is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication.

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Councilwoman Perotti introduced the following Resolution:

**BOND RESOLUTION – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$100,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF AMENIA WATER DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE TOWN OF AMENIA, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK.**

ADOPTED-VOTE

ROLL: Councilwoman Doyle Aye  
Councilman Cayea Aye  
Supervisor Euvrard Aye  
Councilwoman Perotti Aye  
Councilman Pelkey Aye

RESOLVED, to authorize the issuance of \$100,000 serial bonds to pay the cost of the increase and improvement of Amenia Water District No. 1, in the Town of Amenia, New York.

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MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilman Pelkey to APPROVE Town Board Minutes of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup>, January 11<sup>th</sup>, and January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

ROLL: Councilwoman Doyle Aye  
Councilman Cayea Aye  
Supervisor Euvrard Aye  
Councilwoman Perotti Aye  
Councilman Pelkey Aye

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti, to authorize Supervisor Euvrard to sign letter of request for supplemental grant for town's cost of the **Amenia Dance Program**.

ROLL: Councilwoman Doyle Aye  
Councilman Cayea Aye  
Supervisor Euvrard Aye  
Councilwoman Perotti Aye  
Councilman Pelkey Aye

MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, seconded by Supervisor Euvrard, to authorize the payment of \$300 for the legal fees associated with the donation of land by Judge Manning, needed to complete Amenia sidewalk project on Mechanic Street.

ROLL: Councilwoman Doyle Aye  
Councilman Cayea Aye  
Supervisor Euvrard Aye  
Councilwoman Perotti Aye  
Councilman Pelkey Aye

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti, to waive fees for the Amenia Fire Company carnival on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, thru July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Abstain

MOTION CARRIED

**TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Doyle will work with Councilman Pelkey for replacement of lights in the town. Information can also be given to Town Clerk.

Councilwoman Doyle will contact Millerton Nursery and Twin Brooks Nursery to include the installation of signs at Borden Park in bid package.

Councilwoman Perotti reported on classes that she attended at the NYC Association of Towns seminar.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Ron Gazzoli, Town Assessor, will report on Tax Exempt 485B for businesses, and NYS Retirement Tier 1 at next month's meeting.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilwoman Doyle to ACCEPT resignation from **Sherry Johnson, Assistant Bookkeeper**, effective March 7, 2008.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cheryl Morse plans to post CAC meeting minutes on website.

Dan Killmer suggested that town board form a Safety Committee and volunteered to serve.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilman Cayea, to adjourn meeting at 9:35pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds

Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board on March 11, 2008.

Approved by Town Board on March 20, 2008 as AMENDED

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