

TOWN OF AMENIA
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2008
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called **Regular Board Meeting** 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.

PRESENT: Councilman Pelkey
Councilwoman Perotti
Councilman Cayea
Supervisor Euvrard

ABSENT Councilwoman Doyle

Supervisor Euvrard appreciated the efforts of the town board and office staff during his absence.

Supervisor Euvrard announced that continuation of **Public Hearing** for renewal of **Cablevision Franchise Agreement** is postponed due to absence of Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, and Roger Connor, Director of Government Relations with Cablevision.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea to CONTINUE Public Hearing on Cablevision Franchise Agreement on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

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

MOTION CARRIED

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway Department

Stanley Whitehead reported that installation of pipe will begin on Sharon Station Road, Butts Hollow Road, and Deep Hollow Road.

Survey has been completed and plans are being drawn by Zarecki and Associates for work on Tower Hill Road and Cascade Mountain Road. Joe Zarecki will address the board next month.

Transfer Station

Jim Fraleigh requested permission to purchase a state-mandated dry box truck for storage of batteries and

gas tanks.

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, SECONDED by Supervisor Euvrard to purchase a dry box truck, in an amount not to exceed \$300.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Clean Up Day at Transfer Station will be on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 7 am – 3 pm.

Building Department

Mike Segelken, Building Inspector, submitted written report to request that demolition permit fees be waived for the Amenia Fire Company.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to waive the fees on the demolition permit for the Amenia Fire Company.

ROLL	Councilman Pelkey	Recused (member of Fire Dept)
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Absent

MOTION CARRIED

Grants Update

Michael Hagerty reported the award and approval of the Greenway Grant for Harlem Valley Rail Trail Extension in the amount of \$7500.

Bids for Borden Park, Wassaic work have been received
Twin Brooks Garden Center: \$7420, Millerton Nursery: \$7350.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey to ACCEPT the bid from Millerton Nursery in the amount of \$7,350 for the Borden Park project.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Town of Amenia March 20, 2008 Page 2 of 8

Quality Communities Grant: Final report and claim can be submitted when bill received from Harry Dobson Associates.

Tonia Shoumatoff spoke about conceptual plans for boardwalk thru marsh to Freshtown Plaza.

Plans are in early stage, but Tonia is working on implementing grant.

RESOLUTION #6 OF 2008

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SIDEWALK AND LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION ON MECHANIC STREET

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia hereby authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for a sidewalk and landscape installation project on Mechanic Street, pending review and approval by the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION #7 OF 2008

AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A NEW YORK STATE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilman Cayea that was **ADOPTED – VOTE**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be authorized to sign an application for the Town of Amenia, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a project to construct a boardwalk from Mechanic Street and Route 343 to connect to the existing sidewalk on Route 22 and to also help pay for the construction of a new sidewalk extension from the Amenia Elementary School north, to Freshtown Plaza.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds thanked everyone for their cards and good wishes during her absence, and to Patty Barron, Deputy Clerk, for covering workshop meeting on March 13, 2008.

81% of Town of Amenia Property taxes have been received in the amount of \$2,644,883.00. Penalties collected since March 1st in the amount of \$1081.00 paid to Supervisor.

Water Treatment Operator position ad has been published in Poughkeepsie Journal Career Builders insert and Millerton News Classified.

Town Clerk's office will be closed on Monday, March 24th. Property Tax Receivers Seminar in Beekman, NY.

Town of Amenia March 20, 2008 Page 3 of 8

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elizabeth Whaley - CAC will be participating in Clean Up Day on April 19th. High School students require community service credit hours to graduate, so volunteers are welcomed. Ms. Whaley announced upcoming workshops and meetings for those interested.

Tom Werner – Recreation Chair – reported that Easter Egg Hunt at Amenia Fish & Game was a great success and thanked everyone for their participation.

Darlene Reimer – Wastewater – reported that latest information can be viewed on website.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Recreation Commission

MOTION by Councilwoman Perotti, SECONDED by Supervisor Euvrard, to appoint **Chris Klingner** to fill vacancy of Pete Clair for a term expiring March 2014.

MOTION by Councilwoman Perotti, SECONDED BY Supervisor Euvrard, to re-appoint **Linda Gregory** for a term expiring March 2015.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Wastewater Committee

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey, to appoint **Bill Carroll**.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to ACCEPT the revised lease agreement for a period of **two years** with the Library/Town Parking Lot.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Amenia Hills project discussion had been tabled from March 13, 2008 workshop meeting. Supervisor Euvrard will follow-up with call to Mr. Syms this week.

RESOLUTION #8 OF 2008

THAT THE TOWN OF AMENIA SIGN SAID RESOLUTION FOR THE NYS PROPERTY TAXPAYERS PROTECTION ACT

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

ADOPTED - VOTE

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

RESOLVED, that Town Board sign Resolution for the NYS Property Taxpayers Protection Act.

RESOLUTION #9 OF 2008

PROVIDES ADDITIONAL PENSION BENEFITS OF SECTION 75-E, 75-G, AND 75-I OF THE NYS RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER TIER 1 IN THE TOWN OF AMENIA

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilman Cayea that was **ADOPTED - VOTE**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia hereby elect to provide the additional pension benefits of Section 75-e, 75-g, and 75-I of the Retirement and Social Security Law, as presently or hereafter amended.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, **SECONDED** by Councilman Pelkey to **ACCEPT** resignation of Gary Bonds, Water Treatment Operator.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Town of Amenia March 20, 2008 Page 5 of 8

Supervisor Euvrard stated that interviews for Water Treatment Operator position will be scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2008, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Supervisor Euvrard thanked Gary Bonds for his 14 years of dedicated service as Water Treatment Operator.

Supervisor Euvrard announced that Sherry Johnson, Assistant Bookkeeper has offered to continue working at two days per week. Applicants for this position will be contacted by Lana Anguin-Cohen.

Resumes will be kept on file.

MOTION by Councilwoman Perotti, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to ACCEPT the offer from Sherry Johnson, to continue working as Assistant Bookkeeper for two days per week.

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

MOTION CARRIED

National Water Metering Services contract

Councilwoman Perotti announced that signed contract has been faxed to National Water Metering Services. Discussion with John Lazarony of Morris Associates to identify concerns with pending invoice. The town proposes partial payment of \$60,000 and further discussion of start date. Supervisor Euvrard to contact National Water Metering Services, Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, and discuss conference call.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey to APPROVE Town Board Minutes of February 14, 2008 and February 21, 2008 with following Amendments:

1. Public Hearing for Cablevision Franchise agreement to **CONTINUE** (Page 1 of 8) 2/21/08
2. Monies to be credited to Town Clerk **CONFERENCE** account (Page 2 of 8) 2/21/08

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

MOTION CARRIED – AS AMENDED

Town of Amenia March 20, 2008 Page 6 of 8

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Cayea announced Cub Scout Pack #29 Car Wash on April 20th 11 am to 2pm at Amenia Fire House. Will share profits with Fire Company and will accept pet food donations.

MOTION by Councilman Pelkey, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for **Lawn Mowing** in the Millerton News for two weeks and Bids to be submitted no later than Noon on April 10, 2008.

ROLL	Councilman Cayea	Aye
------	------------------	-----

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Perotti attended meeting at Farm and Home Center that discussed Dutchess County Tourism. Brochures will be available at town hall.

Supervisor Euvrard announced that Town of Amenia safety deposit box will be closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tonia Shoumatoff requested that Town Board consider a resolution addressing a fine for any littering on Town of Amenia roads. Supervisor Euvrard will review town laws and discuss with Town Attorney.

Tom Werner requested that the Recreation Committee be included in any activities proposed for Wassaic. Mr. Werner questioned Tonia's job duties for \$200 per week and whether duties should be considered under Civil Service requirement.

Alan Gamble, Board of Trustees, Amenia Free Library thanked board for approval of lease.

Pat Nelligan suggested that town board notify water district residents of water meter installation, not letter from National Water Metering Services. Information could be decided by a Town Water Commission (to be discussed at a later date). Supervisor Euvrard stated that a Town Water Commission is illegal.

Betty Rooney requested Supervisor Euvrard's source of information that a Town Water Commission was illegal. Supervisor Euvrard stated that he was advised by Town Attorney and NYS regulations.

Councilwoman Perotti would like the Affordable Housing Committee to be resurrected and asked Betty Rooney if she would be interested. Councilwoman Perotti offered to be liason.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilman Cayea, to adjourn meeting at 8:40 pm. with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board on April 7, 2008
Approved by Town Board: April 10, 2008

