

TOWN OF AMENIA
Business Workshop Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2010
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called **Business Workshop Meeting** to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted and moment of silence for the passing of Ariel Ingoglia, Rae (Petty) Ducillo, and Fred Murnane, father of Michael Murnane on our Recreation Commission, and for our brave troops serving worldwide.

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

PRESENT:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Stanley Whitehead reported that the Highway Department is advertising to accept bids for a 3 cubic yard wheel loader. Highway Superintendent tested Volvo and John Deere this week.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported that town property taxes have been received and legal notice has been published in Millerton News. Town of Amenia 2010 total tax warrant for property tax collection is in the amount of \$3,818,108.80 (1826 bills).

Trailer Park permit fees in the amount of \$1,225 have been received to date.

Northeast Community Center in Millerton, New York is offering free income tax preparation for area residents. Appointments are required, and flyers are available at the town hall.

Water

Marco D'Antonio submitted monthly report to town board.

Building – Fire Inspection Fees – Town of Amenia

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to charge \$75.00 per business for fire inspection. This fee would not be charged for not-for-profit organizations.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Grants

Supervisor Euvrard announced that he has been appointed as a voting member on the Poughkeepsie Dutchess County Transportation Council.

Mike Hagerty submitted report on pending and completed grants.

Recreation Commission

Evelyn O’Connell, member, and town board discussed job description for Recreation position; \$10,350.00: Salary at \$15 per hour, 15 hours per week, 46 weeks. Further discussion that job description must be specific for filing with Dutchess County Personnel.

DISCUSSION:

Snow Removal

Town/State snow clearing issues and responsibilities are still unclear. The Town has no responsibility for clearing snow from the curb, shoulder, and parking or other buffer areas that exist between a State highway and the sidewalk, per letter of correspondence dated January 17, 2008 from Michael Hayes, Town Attorney to Michael Temple, NYSDOT.

Municipal Parking Lot

Councilwoman Doyle requested that Highway Superintendent determine where parking spaces will be located in the municipal parking lot.

Amenia Highway Salt Storage Facility Project – Advance Funding

Supervisor Euvrard announced that payment in the amount of \$14,518.75 must be returned to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for above project that was not completed. Funding for this project has been withdrawn by the NYS DEC.

Fountain Square Committee

Councilwoman Riemer will submit final list to town board at next meeting.

Amenia Elementary School

Supervisor Euvrard made commitment to Amenia Fire Company that Town Hall will be relocated by end of spring, early summer 2010.

Harlem Valley Rail Trail request to reduce speed limit at rail trail crossings.

Vacancies on Committees/Boards. Councilwoman Doyle suggested that Wassaic Rail Trail Committee be formed.

BUSINESS:

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea, to establish **Meal Allowance: Breakfast: \$20, Lunch: \$30, Dinner: \$50**, at Association of Towns 2010 Training Seminar in NYC.

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

MOTION CARRIED

General Code

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to pay General Code invoice for updates in the amount of \$12,087 and E-Code/on line maintenance in the amount of \$1,195.

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

MOTION CARRIED

BAS (Business Automation Services) Utility Billing System

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to pay BAS 50% down payment in the amount of \$1,860 for Utility Billing System.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #2 OF 2010
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO RECONCILE
DECEMBER 2009 BUDGET LINES.**

MOTION by Councilwoman Perotti, SECOND by Supervisor Euvrard that was;
ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	No
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 NO

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to ACCEPT Minutes of Town Board Workshop on December 10, 2009, Regular Town Board Meeting on December 17, 2009 and Special Town Board Meeting on December 21, 2009.

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

MOTION CARRIED 3 AYES – 2 ABSTENTIONS

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Euvrard announced local events.

Proclamation: December 21, 2009 Mayor Jean-Michel Villaume and Supervisor Wayne Euvrard share local government positions. Hericourt, France/Amenia, NY USA

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Doyle suggested that items should be discussed at business workshops, and necessary voting should be held until next regular board meeting.

Councilwomen Doyle and Perotti will create a policy for better documentation of time off, Sick leave, vacation leave.

Councilwoman Riemer attended a three-day training conference for new officials.

Councilwoman Perotti announced local events.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Kelsey, County Legislator, reported that County Budget has been passed with double digit increase.

Sharon Kroeger suggested that surrounding businesses be contacted regarding the repair of Nelson Bridge. **Economic Committee** should be advertised by press release to invite volunteers to discuss economic situations as public service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Cont'd)

Arlene Iuliano thanked the town board for appointment as Town Historian, and invited town board goals.

Charlotte Murphy is in favor of hiring town prosecutor.

Pete Clair commented on pending Recreation position and stated that Michael Hayes, Town Attorney deemed that Town Board members should **conduct** interviews, with Recreation Commission members present. Goals should be established for the position.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ADJOURN Regular Board Meeting at 9:10 pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

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