

TOWN OF AMENIA
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2010
Amenia Town Hall

Deputy Supervisor Perotti 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:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

PROCLAMATION resolving April 2010 as GRANGE MONTH.

Proclamation read and signed by Deputy Supervisor Perotti, with Amenia Town Board members signing original document, this 18th day of March 2010.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway – Stanley Whitehead reported that **John Deere Wheel Loader** is at dealer and ready to be delivered to Highway Department.

Councilwoman Riemer will contact DEC to discuss parking space issue at Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

Water Department

Marco D'Antonio submitted monthly report. Quarterly water billing on March 31, 2010 will be created by current software. BAS software will be introduced to generate billing after training of bookkeeping staff.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported that some banks have made property tax payments, excluding penalties. These payments have been returned to banks. Process is time consuming for Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office.

TOWN BOARD MINUTES

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to ACCEPT Minutes of Town Board Workshop on February 11, 2010 and Regular Board Meeting on February 18, 2010.

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

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 ABSENT

Grants

Michael Hagerty submitted updates on pending and future grant applications. Councilwoman Doyle requested that correction be made on grant report to reflect Dance Program funding from Community Foundation of DC to \$2,400, and local match at \$2,000.

An Appropriations Request has been sent to Congressman Murphy in the amount of \$100,000 seeking extra funding for **Nelson Hill Road bridge** project.

Willow Lane and Tower Hill Road repairs will have priority for any **Mitigation grants**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enhancement

Councilwoman Doyle announced upcoming local events and invitations.

BUSINESS:

CLEAN UP DAY – April 24, 2010

Transfer Station hours will be 7am to 1pm; annual pass is required; fees will be required for all categories, as specified in transfer station fee schedule.

Amenia Elementary School – Long Form EAF should be completed in April 2010.

Silo Ridge – MOU - Michael Hayes, Town Attorney reported that he has contacted Dutchess County for update, but has not received any response to date.

Shope Mining Application – date to be established for CAC and Town Board Joint Field Trip. Town Board will then receive and review recommendations from CAC.

Transportation Survey will be supplied to anyone requiring assistance.

Health Insurance – Deputy Supervisor Perotti will meet with broker on March 19, 2010. Current health plan increase is projected at 25%. Other Insurance Plans will be reviewed.

General Code – Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, has answered all inquiries and reviewed findings with Joel Russell, Town Consultant.. Update is required for the amendment to Outdoor Wood Boiler Law. Resolution to adopt the amendment should be done at the next board meeting. An additional Public Hearing is not necessary.

BUSINESS - (Continued)

Town Prosecutor – Town Board continues to gather information for hiring Town Prosecutor.
Decision to be made by Town Board in April 2010.

Policies and Procedures for Town Employees – Phones and Computers
Staff employees will have input and the ability to review the examples of policies. Staff meeting
to be scheduled when Supervisor Euvrard returns.

RESOLUTION #12 OF 2010

AUTHORIZING THE AMENIA TOWN BOARD TO GRANT THE TOWN CONSTABLES SPECIAL DUTIES , TO INCLUDE CARRYING FIREARMS, AT FLOOD'S AUCTION ON MARCH 27, 2010. THE AUCTION SPONSOR SHALL PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOWN CONSTABLES PROVIDING THESE SERVICES.

Motion made by Councilwoman Riemer, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti, that was;
ADOPTED – VOTE

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

RESOLUTION #13 OF 2010

AUTHORIZING THE AMENIA TOWN BOARD TO GRANT THE TOWN CONSTABLES SPECIAL DUTIES, TO INCLUDE CARRYING FIREARMS, AT THE AMENIA FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL FROM JUNE 30, 2010 THROUGH JULY 3, 2010. THE AMENIA FIRE COMPANY SHALL REIMBURSE THE TOWN FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOWN CONSTABLES PROVIDING THESE SERVICES.

Motion by Councilwoman Riemer, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti that was;
ADOPTED – VOTE

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

RESOLUTION #14 OF 2010

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO RESCIND THE OPEN CONTAINER LAW FOR THE AMENIA FIREMAN’S CARNIVAL, TO INCLUDE GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE AMENIA FIRE COMPANY IN HIRING TOWN CONSTABLES AS NEEDED.

Motion made by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by Councilwoman Doyle that was;
ADOPTED – VOTE

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

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Local events announced.

Updated Town of Amenia Emergency Operations Plan will be completed for Town Board approval by April 15, 2010. Plan will then be distributed to required agencies.

Census 2010 questionnaire assistance will be available at Dutchess Community Action Agency in Dover Plains, NY from March 19 through April 19, 2010.

SAVE RUDD POND Committee has been formed by the Village of Millerton and Town of Northeast. Town of Amenia will send a letter of support to Governor Paterson and local legislators to prevent closure of this park.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Doyle will work with Michael Hagerty to complete required grant documents and applications. The Village of Millerton will be contacted to allocate their share from Dutchess County Youth Bureau for After School Dance Program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Kelsey, County Legislator, shared discussions at March 2010 Legislator’s meetings:
Board of Election charge-backs with formula, repealing sales tax on clothing, mileage reimbursement.
Mortgage tax- town share remains the same.

MOTION by Deputy Supervisor Perotti, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ADJOURN Regular Board Meeting at 7:53pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: April 5, 2010
Approved by Town Board: April 8, 2010