

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 14, 2006 - 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Reagon at 7:00 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

RECOGNITION OF NEW BUSINESSES

Garret Corcoran, president of the Amenia Chamber of Commerce, introduced several new businesses:

- Horse Leap
- Rattle Snake Farm
- Oblong Valley Real Estate
- Rooney Design and Red Hen Sign Company

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Pat Nelligan:

- The Harlem Valley Times printed an error when it said that the next step in the Old Amenia Landfill project was to purchase the Allen property. Supervisor Reagon clarified that the next step was to purchase the property on which the Old Amenia Landfill is located.
- What will it cost to appoint another consultant for the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Environmental Impact Assessment?

APPOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PLANNER

Mark Doyle, chair of CPIC, speaking for the committee, announced their strong recommendation to hire AKRF. Supervisor Reagon notified the Board that only one bid had been received for this position - from AKRF for \$29,000 (with possible additional work if necessary). Although Ted Fink has been used by Amenia as a planner for several purposes, he has too much work right now and declined to submit a bid. Supervisor Reagon moved that the Town accept the proposal from AKRF to shepherd the Town through the SEQR process. Councilman Euvrard voted against this motion because only one bid was submitted, even though he had previously requested that a second bid be obtained. Supervisor Reagon indicated that multiple bids are not needed to hire professional services, and Ted Fink had been approached but declined to bid.

HIRE AKRF FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

MOTION: S/Reagon  
SECOND: C/Russell  
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE            C/Doyle - AYE  
              C/Euvrard - NO            C/Russell - AYE  
              S/Reagon - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 4 TO 1.

GRANTS UPDATE

Mike Haggerty gave an update on the status of the various grants:

- SAFE-TU
- Greenway grant
- DEC salt shed grant
- Quality Communities grant
- D.C. Planning grant
- Pat Manning member item
- Berkshire Taconic grant
- D.C. Youth Bureau grant
- Leibell member item
- Dutchess Communities grant
- CDBG for 2007
- Poughkeepsie - Dutchess County Transportation Council grant

OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACES

Supervisor Reagon reported that Michael Hayes is working on the language for a proposed local law.

MANDATORY WATER TESTING

Supervisor Reagon said that the county would like to know how Amenia feels about mandatory testing of wells when property is sold. This is not binding on Amenia.

EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR AMENIA

Wassaic Fire Chief Robert Boyles advised the Town Board to include money in the budget to cover paid emergency services as a supplement to volunteer services.

ADOPT NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

Supervisor Reagon read Resolution #45 which states that Amenia will adopt the NIMS concept of emergency planning and unified command as required by the Office of Homeland Security.

RESOLUTION # 45 OF 2006: ADOPTION OF NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR BRIDGE ON LAKE AMENIA ROAD

Supervisor Reagon moved to set the Public Hearing for the CDBG for September 21 at 7:00:

SET PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG PROPOSAL FOR SEPT. 21 AT 7:00

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

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

MYGATT ROAD CLOSING

Supervisor Reagon read Resolution #46 to close Mygatt Road on Community Day September 30.

RESOLUTION # 46 OF 2006: CLOSE MYGATT ROAD ON SEPT. 30 FOR COMMUNITY DAY

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.

BALL PARK MAINTENANCE, TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Resolution #47 states that \$3,000 is to be transferred from Personal Services (line A00-06-7150) to Amenia Parks (line A00-06-7110-400) to cover unanticipated ball park maintenance expenses.

RESOLUTION # 47 OF 2006: TRANSFER \$3,000 TO AMENIA PARKS FOR BALL PARK MAINTENANCE

MOTION: S/Reagon  
SECOND: C/Euvrard  
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE  
C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE  
S/Reagon - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

WASSAIC FIRE COMPANY 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY - RESCIND OPEN CONTAINER LAW

Resolution #48 rescinds the Open Container Law on September 23 for the Wassaic Firemen's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

RESOLUTION # 48 OF 2006: RESCIND OPEN CONTAINER LAW ON SEPT. 23 FOR WASSAIC FIRE COMPANY 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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.

ABANDONED CEMETERIES IN AMENIA

Supervisor Reagon noted that there were several cemeteries in Town that were possibly "abandoned", as brought to her attention by Tom Werner. Before any action can be taken clarification is needed from the state. Are these public or private? Are they really abandoned, or is there some money for their upkeep?

EAF FOR NEW WATER TOWER AND EXPANSION OF WATER DISTRICT

Copies of the EAFs for the new water tower and the expansion of the water district were received by the Town Board just before this meeting. They will be discussed at a future meeting.

HIGHWAY STORAGE SHED

The structure constructed at the Town highway garage is a storage shed for material and equipment. It will be used as a temporary salt shed this winter but will not be filled to capacity with salt. The EAF for this structure was brief, and a narrative will be added.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Segelken gave his monthly report.

Highway Department - no report.

Water Department - no report.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Town Clerk Gail Hermosilla will give the monthly status report next week.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilman Euvrard mentioned a clipped off telephone pole in Wassaic, a parked car problem near the Amenia library, and someone burning garbage on Main Street in Amenia.

Councilwoman Doyle discussed the Ballroom for Kids program and IES nature walk.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Reagon discussed the upcoming Business Expo (Oct. 15), the SPCA supplies collection, and next week's executive session on the Miles issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Nelligan invited everyone to get a copy of the proposed new zoning law and study it.

Pete Clair questioned why the contributions of the Recreation Commission are always overlooked by the Town Board when recognition is being given.

Darlene Reimer noted that the zoning districts (in the proposed new zoning law) are different than the old ones and easier to understand.

Betty Rooney observed that the last Master Plan failed precisely because there was no zoning law to go with it. She commended CPIC on getting both done together.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gail Hermosilla,  
Amenia Town Clerk

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