

TOWN OF AMENIA
Business Workshop Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2008 – 7:00 pm
Amenia Town Hall

Deputy Supervisor Perotti called Business Workshop 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
Councilwoman Doyle
Councilman Cayea
ABSENT: Supervisor Euvrard

Absent: Maureen Bonds, Town Clerk
Present: Patty Barron, Deputy Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Morse stated that recent severe rainstorm had washed out her driveway on Sharon Station Road and requested assistance from the town for repairs. Councilwoman Perotti stated that she and Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent, had visited site area and the town cannot make repairs to personal property.

Pat Nelligan requested status of the Public Hearing for the expansion of the water district. Councilwoman Perotti stated that Public Hearing had been closed. Mr. Nelligan disagreed, and requested that board review minutes to confirm. Mr. Nelligan suggested that application process start over (Syms). Site plan for Well #4A should also be a priority.

Michael Sirignano, Attorney for Mr. Syms, restated his project offer of February 22, 2008 to donate ¼ acre of land for new well site, up to \$25,000 to drill new well on that site, and \$175,000 towards purchase, installation, and hook-up of new water tower. Requesting consensus of the town board as to whether Syms project join existing water district or start own water district. Mr. Rob DeGiorgio, Engineer, and Gary Bonds, Water Treatment Operator, answered questions from town board, regarding yield of existing wells.

Councilwoman Perotti stated that the town board would discuss with Supervisor Euvrard and Michael Hayes, Town Attorney and respond by March 20th.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk

Patty Barron submitted Town Clerk's draft minutes of February 14th and 21st meetings for board review.

Vicki Doyle reported that Hudson River Greenway Grant for extension of Harlem Valley Rail Trail has been approved in the amount of \$7,500.

Borden Park Grant Bids received: Millerton Nursery \$7,350 Twin Brooks Nursery \$7,400

Safe Routes to School Grant: Mike Hagerty suggested that town apply, not to exceed \$150,000.

Amenia Hamlet Concept Plan has been received from Harry Dobson Associates. Copy available in Assistant to Supervisor's office and on the website.

Mike Hagerty announced that NYS Archives Grant has been submitted in the amount of \$7,060 for purchase of scanner and clerical assistance for digital imaging of minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tom Werner – Recreation Chair recommended that **Christopher Klingner** has been appointed as member, and **Linda Gregory** be reappointed to new term. Thanked all applicants.

Ethics Committee: **Charlotte Murphy** – term will end **December 2009** as reported by C/Cayea.

Wastewater Committee: **Bill Carroll** has volunteered. Two seats available.

Town Monitoring Safety Committee: Dan Killmeer has volunteered. Town Board to review guidelines and gauge interest of applicants to possibly form a committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lawn Mowing specs to be reviewed by C/Pelkey and C/Doyle.

Cablevision Public Hearing to continue on March 20, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

C/Perotti announced resignation of Gary Bonds, Water Treatment Operator, effective April 13, 2008. Gary Bonds will continue his position as Audio Visual Technician for the Town of Amenia.

MOTION by Councilwoman Perotti, seconded by Councilman Cayea, to authorize Town Clerk to advertise for position of **Water Treatment Operator** for two weeks in the Millerton News and Poughkeepsie Journal.

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

Assistant Bookkeeper position interviews have been deferred. One application has been received to date.

DISCUSSION: Board to determine amount of partial payment to **National Metering Services** for equipment received.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Pelkey thanked Councilwoman Perotti, Highway Department, Lana Anguin-Cohen, and Judy Carlson with their assistance during emergency of recent storm and flooding.

Councilwoman Doyle and **Councilwoman Perotti** announced upcoming events and welcomed volunteers.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Councilwoman Perotti announced that Dawn Klingner, Court Clerk, has applied and been awarded a grant in the amount of \$17,723.48 for improvements to the Justice Court.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Killmer voiced his concern about the importance of forming a Town Safety Committee.

Sharon Kroeger suggested guidelines be developed for better publicity when pets are lost.

Pat Nelligan suggested that town board not release partial payment to National Water Metering Services for equipment, since contract has not been signed. Councilwoman Perotti advised that contract has been signed.

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, seconded by Councilman Cayea, to ADJOURN meeting at 8:10pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

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

