

TOWN OF AMENIA
Business Workshop Meeting
Thursday, April 10, 2008 – 6:00 pm
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called Business Workshop Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Councilman Pelkey
Councilwoman Perotti
Councilwoman Doyle
Councilman Cayea
Supervisor Euvrard

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilman Cayea to enter EXECUTIVE SESSION for interviews to hire Water Treatment Operator and discuss personnel matters. Supervisor Euvrard invited Mae Jones, Chair Water District Committee; Gary Bonds, Water Treatment Operator; and Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent to attend.

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

Supervisor Euvrard called Business Workshop Meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

ROLL: All council members present and responded: Aye

Salute to the flag was conducted.

Moment of silence for the passing of Harry “Bud” Norbett, former Supervisor, Anne Sanford, ten-year member of Planning Board, and for our troops worldwide.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Ed Hoxie – DC Soil and Water stated that an All Hazard Mitigation Grant has been approved for ten communities in the Harlem Valley. Towns should identify potential hazards: flooding, earthquake, and develop a Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Inter-municipal Memorandum of Agreement must be signed in order to proceed.

Alan Shope, resident, welcomed suggestions or opinions for palatable project on north DDSO property. Board members discussed affordable housing, transit-oriented concept, senior housing.

Stephen Perotti submitted map proposal for hamlet development on west side of Rte 22 across from Freshtown plaza. Map referenced comparisons to Dodson Associates Option #4 proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Werner requested that any proposals for Shope property be submitted to Planning Board.

Alison Hale interested in opinions of Town Board members for procedure of hamlet development.

Arlene Iuliano requested support from Town Board for proclamation to dedicate April 2008 as Grange month.

Cheryl Morse – CAC, stated that community should be fully informed about future projects in the hamlet. Specifically; water issues and chemicals in environment.

MOTION introduced by Councilwoman Perotti, SECONDED by Supervisor Euvrard to PROCLAIM APRIL 2008 AS NATIONAL GRANGE MONTH.

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

MOTION CARRIED

NO DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grant Update

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

Mae Jones – Water District Committee reported meeting held on April 1st. (1) Committee extended their best wishes to Gary Bonds, retiring April 14th, (2) welcomed new board member, John Kelleher, (3) requested financial status reports of water district, (4) recommends that water district not be expanded, ref: Syms project.

Elizabeth Whaley – CAC welcomed volunteers for April 19th Amenia Clean-up Day.

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Grant Update

Vicki Doyle submitted updated graph from Mike Hagerty. Three grants for Dance Program were omitted from graph.

Wassaic park vintage lights are unstable. Original contractor that installed lights will be contacted.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to nominate nine volunteers for the **AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE**: **Nina Peek, Janet Reagon, Elizabeth Whaley, Alison Hale, Betty Rooney, Donna Durbridge, Susan Gregory – Secretary, Joy Johnson and Tracy Salladay**

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Doyle and Councilman Cayea, liasons to this committee.

Lawn Mowing Bids - Opened and contract to be awarded at April 17, 2008 board meeting.

Northwest Lawn & Landscaping	\$10,653.00
ATL Services of Dover	\$ 8,500.00
Tri-Voorhees Services	\$11,500.00

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to hire **VRI ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC**, effective April 14, 2008 for water treatment services.

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

Contract to be negotiated by Supervisor Euvrard and reviewed by Town Attorney, Michael Hayes. Gary Bonds to assist company for one (1) week, with flexibility for subsequent time, and be paid by voucher.

MOTION CARRIED

National Metering Services is scheduled to begin work on April 28, 2008 with letter of notice to proceed to water district customers.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Pelkey announced Amenia Fire Company pancake breakfast on April 20, 2008. Councilwoman Doyle reported that local Harlem Valley information can be obtained at www.fultonhistory.com.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Attended DC Supervisors & Mayors Association meeting in Poughkeepsie, NY.
Guest speaker: Judith Crawford, Tax Collector - Beekman, who addressed the pending bill in legislature to consolidate Dutchess County tax collectors. Home Rule discussed at meeting and majority of DC board members are not in favor of consolidation.

Town calendar is very successful. Appreciation to Arlene Iuliano, Judy Carlson, and Maureen Bonds for monthly updates.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti, to**APPROVE** Town Board Minutes of March 13, 2008 and March 20, 2008:

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECONDED by Supervisor Euvrard, to**APPROVE** Town Board Minutes of September 20, 2007, October 4, 2007, October 18, 2007, and December 14, 2007.

Amendment: Correction to September 20th meeting, page 7 - \$9,000 to \$90,000 water meters. Corrections to be made by Gail Hermosilla, former Town Clerk

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED with 3 Council VOTING

Motion **WITHDRAWN** and tabled by Supervisor Euvrard: To support proposed legislation requiring electricians be licensed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darlene Reimer, Wastewater Committee, inquired about measurement of usage with water meters. Supervisor Euvrard stated that usage would be measured in gallons.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey to ADJOURN meeting at 9:13pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

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Approved by Town Board: May 15, 2008

