

TOWN OF AMENIA  
**Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting**  
Thursday, April 17, 2008  
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called continued **Public Hearing for Cablevision** 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	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Absent
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**RENEWAL OF CABLEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT CONTRACT**

Supervisor Euvrard advised that Roger Connor, Director of Government Relations, and Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, are discussing minor contract issues.

Michael Hayes suggested that Public Hearing be Closed. When proposed contract is ready for public review, re-notice will be published at Cablevision's expense.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea to **CLOSE** Public Hearing for Cablevision Contract and hearing notice published at later date.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Euvrard called Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Supervisor Euvrard complimented area police agencies in cleaning up recent drug ring in Amenia.

Supervisor Euvrard thanked Beacon Correctional inmates for cleaning and painting Town Hall.

Darlene Reimer congratulated Supervisor Euvrard on his retirement from State of NY Correctional facilities.

Pat Nelligan congratulated Gary Bonds on his retirement as Water Treatment Operator.

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**PRESENTATIONS:**

Arlene Pettersson, Town of Amenia Historian, submitted a Preservation Project of Amenia Times/ Harlem Valley Times historical newspapers from 1859-1989. Instructions for viewing this information is available on line at [www.fultonhistory.com](http://www.fultonhistory.com) Any questions can be referred to [Ameniahistorian@mac.com](mailto:Ameniahistorian@mac.com) or [tryniski@fultonhistory.com](mailto:tryniski@fultonhistory.com) Access to Fulton history website will be available at Amenia Library in the near future.

Joe Zarecki of Zarecki & Associates presented visual maps with concept and proposal to protect properties due to erosion from flooding at specifically identified roads. Mr. Zarecki will obtain input from DEC and FEMA and advise town board. Michael Hayes, Town Attorney stated that easements will be needed from private property owners.

Supervisor Euvrard submitted letter of appreciation from Joe Pietryka, resident, to Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent and crew for their excellent work on Butts Hollow Road.

Tonya Shoumatoff, NY Watershed Manager presented Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) review of ACOE Recon of the Ten Mile River. Comments and recommendations have been forwarded to Rep. Kristen Gillibrand for consideration. Copies of review available.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Highway Department – Stanley Whitehead**

Installed culvert pipes on Sharon Station Road, Kennel Road, Yellow City Road, and Butts Hollow Road.

### **Water Treatment Operator – Gary Bonds**

2007 Annual Customer Quality Report has been mailed to water district customers. DOH will be notified.

Pump tests on Well 4A are required after June 22, 2008, per DEC permit.

Inventory has been taken and submitted to Supervisor.

Training VRI Environmental Services representative this week.

### **Town Clerk – Maureen Bonds**

All applicants for the Water Treatment Operator position have been notified that position has been filled.

83% of property tax collection has been received in the amount of \$2,708,866.00.

Response received from Governor Paterson's office: Town of Amenia Resolution #8 of 2008, supporting the New York State Property Taxpayers Protection Act.

Working 10am – 1pm at Amenia Transfer Station on April 19<sup>th</sup> to issue 6 month permits at \$25 each.

### **Grants Update – Mike Hagerty**

More grants are available. NYS Budget has been passed.

Attended Department of Transportation Enhancement Program Workshop.

Grant for Farmland Protection Plan available.

**MECHANIC STREET PROJECT**

**Bids** will be opened on April 25, 2008 at noon in Town Hall.  
Curt Johnson of Zarecki & Associates will be invited to review bids with town board at May 8, 2008 business workshop meeting.

**ADA ACCESSIBLE RAMP**

Ramp Elevation at Rail Trail Parking Lot Old Rte 22 and Powderhouse Road needs to be addressed.

**WASSAIC VINTAGE LIGHTING**

Daley Electric has been contacted by Supervisor Euvrard to repair lights at Wassaic park. Awaiting response.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Tom Werner, Recreation – requesting approval for members to attend training seminars. Costs will be reviewed at budget time.

Betty Rooney, Affordable Housing Committee – At informal meeting, members discussed Pace University Land Use Program, and definition of Work Force Housing.  
Committee requested name change to **Town of Amenia Housing Committee** Michael Hayes concurred. Requested that Town Board review the next step in the hamlet plan with the committee, as this will help with committee’s work.

Darlene Reimer, Wastewater –Morris Associates presented committee with printout of property owners proposed district. (Silo Ridge project)

Elizabeth Whaley, CAC – provided explanation of Conservation Advisory Committee.  
Requested volunteers for street cleanup on April 19<sup>h</sup> Town of Amenia Cleanup Day.  
Announced local events to be published on Channel 22.

Vicki Doyle, Council, announced plans for Garden Tour.

**LAWN MOWING CONTRACT**

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, **SECONDED** by Councilman Cayea to **ACCEPT** bid from ATL Services of Dover, NY in the amount of \$8,500 for lawn mowing services.

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Recuse – personal relationship
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Absent

MOTION CARRIED

**WATER TREATMENT OPERATOR POSITION**

Supervisor Euvrard has negotiated VRI Environmental Services contract from \$34,500 to \$31,000 per year.  
Correction: Scope of services (A) Personnel staff duties from 5 days per week to 6 days per week.  
Sundays will be covered by Michael Butts, Town of Amenia Assistant Water Treatment Operator.  
Hours must be specified for 24 hour emergency coverage by VRI Environmental Services.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey to hire **VRI Environmental Services, Inc** at \$31,000 per year to be paid in (12) equal installments of \$2,583.33 pending changes from 5 to 6 days per week and approval of contract by Michael Hayes, Town Attorney.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**National Metering Company** will begin work on Birch Drive on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Gary Bonds has identified nine customers that have multiple services.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea to APPROVE payment balance of \$39,707.86 for materials to National Metering Company.

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

MOTION CARRIED

### TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Doyle is working with Rick Butler, VFW, with plans for Memorial Day celebration: May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

Councilman Pelkey and Councilman Cayea welcomed volunteers for Cleanup Day on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Dodson Associates hamlet concept plan is available at Town Hall and on Amenia website.

Recommends that town board members review Tax Exempt 485B for businesses and Veteran's exemption with Ron Gazzoli, Assessor.

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Per request from Maureen Moore, Amenia Court Clerk, retiring from Taconic DDSO on April 24, 2008, for NYS Retirement benefit coordination with Town of Amenia:

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to remove Maureen Moore, as Town of Amenia Court Clerk on April 24, 2008 and reinstate position as Town of Amenia Court Clerk on April 25, 2008.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea to vote for licensing of **electricians**.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	No
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Absent

MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dan Killmer thanked the citizens of Amenia for providing information to officials for recent drug bust in Amenia.

Tonya Shoumatoff stated that seven major developments in the Harlem Valley will have a cumulative impact on the aquifer. Towns should address natural resources protection.

Cheryl Morse commented on “Resorting to Madness” a movie on environmental issues. Call 546-2192.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilman Cayea, to enter **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 9:35pm to discuss All-Hazards Mitigation.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey to ADJOURN Executive Session and enter Regular Board Meeting at 10:10pm.

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

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, Seconded by Councilwoman Doyle, to ADJOURN regular meeting at

10:11pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds  
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board on May 5, 2008  
Approved by Town Board: May 15, 2008

