

**TOWN OF AMENIA
Business Workshop Meeting
Thursday, May 08, 2008
Amenia Town Hall**

Supervisor Euvrard 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 Aye
 Councilwoman Perotti Aye
 Councilwoman Doyle Aye
 Councilman Cayea Aye
 Supervisor Euvrard Aye**

PRESENTATIONS:

Harry Dodson, of Dodson Associates offered a slide presentation of Concepts #1 thru #4 illustrating his plans for the development of the Hamlet of Amenia. Zoning regulations and the Comprehensive Plan were used as a foundation. The Hudsonia organization report, showing areas sensitive to development, were taken into consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Audience concerns: wetlands located south of Freshtown were included in development concept and would impact environmental balance; more discussion on traffic issues; increase in commercial development needed immediately; sewage treatment needs to be a priority for development of concepts presented; timeline for board to adopt one of the concept plans.

Pat Nelligan is concerned about Wassaic water being impacted by the Allen property Sand & Gravel business operation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Highway Department – Stanley Whitehead
Lake Amenia Road Bridge specifications should be completed by next board meeting and ready for bidding.**

**Justice Court – Dawn Klingner
Requested approval in the amount of \$1800 for licensing fee software upgrade for the Justice Court daily activity. To be reviewed by town board members and scheduled for discussion at next town board meeting.**

DISCUSSION:

Bond Resolution approved by town board in December 2007, for Mechanic Street project in the maximum estimated amount of \$200,000 tabled and will be discussed with Michael Hayes, Town Attorney. Lowest bid received for this work was in the amount of \$228,250.00.

Veteran's Exemption Request for Resolution and 485B business tax exemption to be discussed with Michael Hayes, Town Attorney.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti, to change name of Affordable Housing Committee to Town of Amenia Housing Committee.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to approve expense in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of a 32 ft dry box trailer on wheels for the Amenia Transfer Station.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to revise contract to 7-day week coverage with VRI Environmental Services in the amount of \$33,048.00 per year, to be paid in twelve equal installments of \$2,754.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Darlene Reimer, Wastewater stated that Memo of Understanding is being developed with Dutchess County Wastewater Authority, Silo Ridge Country Club, and Town of Amenia for affordable costs to residents in the water district with new proposal by Silo Ridge.

Elizabeth Whaley, CAC, reported 72 volunteers for recent Amenia Cleanup Day.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Cayea reported attending meeting at County level with Supervisor Euvrard, Bill Flood, and Rudy Eschbach, which addressed conservation issues. Councilman Cayea commented that Town of Amenia Comprehensive Plan is guiding us in the right direction.

Councilwoman Doyle is working on proposal for bid to upgrade our Welcome to Amenia signs.

Councilwoman Perotti stated that Cablevision has provided a Power to Learn internet program for 6th graders at Eugene Brooks Middle School at no charge.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Euvrard announced that sub-division regulations and application form update to be scheduled for next board meeting with Michael Hayes, Town Attorney.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Killmer suggested that bringing businesses to the town of Amenia should be priority.

Arlene Iuliano was interested in status of walkway from the Wassaic hamlet to the Rail Trail extension. Supervisor Euvrard advised that issue is being discussed and update expected from Mike Hagerty, Grant Writer.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to ADJOURN meeting at 9:55 pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

**Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk**

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