

TOWN OF AMENIA

**Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2008
Amenia Town Hall**

Supervisor Euvrard called Regular Town Board 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
Councilman Cayea Aye
Councilwoman Doyle Aye
Councilwoman Perotti Aye
Supervisor Euvrard Aye**

Supervisor Euvrard paid tribute to Charlie Toombs, WWII Army veteran, who will be remembered on Memorial Day for his guardianship of Fountain Square.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Bill Carroll requested amount of overall expenses incurred for Mechanic Street sidewalk project to date.
Some discussion and information provided by Town Board.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk – Maureen Bonds

Second Notice letters sent to property owners for unpaid property taxes. Property taxes can be paid at the Town Clerk’s office until May 31, 2008. Unpaid property taxes will then be forwarded to the Dutchess County Department of Finance in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Town Clerk’s bank accounts have been reconciled for 2007 by Scott Beyer, CPA. Mr. Beyer has submitted final voucher for his services to the Town of Amenia, to include 1st quarter 2008. Subsequent review of

Town Clerk funds and reconciliation of quarterly bank accounts for 2008 will be completed by outside party.

Town Clerk has updated 2008 Town of Amenia Official Roster and forwarded certified copy to the NYS Office of the State Comptroller.

Highway Department – Stanley Whitehead

Letter to town board members from Dutchess ARC, offering to assist in cleanup of road sides in Town of

Amenia. Discussion determined that Randall Road would be safest route for ARC clients/ staff.

Town Board agreed that Children at Play signs remain at current locations in the Town of Amenia.

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Wassaic vintage lights were installed by contractor, per bid specifications, as reported by Mike Segelken,

Building Inspector. Depth and stability of some fixtures is required. Repairs will be performed by the Highway Department.

Dan Wheeler, of D.F. Wheeler Engineers, presented bid specifications and map for the Lake Amenia Bridge project. Additional sets will be provided to the Town Clerk's office.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the Lake Amenia Bridge project on May 22nd & May 29th in the Millerton News.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Grants Update – Mike Hagerty

Presented Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Design Consultant to Prepare a Plan for

the

Proposed Harlem Valley Rail Trail Extension to Wassaic – Town of Amenia, New York. This scope of work proposal to distributed and/or sent out by Mike Hagerty.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to reject bids for Mechanic Street Sidewalk project and re-bid at a later date.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Town Clerk will notify all contractors that all bids have been rejected at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Betty Rooney with Town of Amenia Housing Committee members met with Hudson River Housing, Inc. Education on foreclosures, credit criteria for home purchases was very informative. A Resolution is required from the Town Board to set up an official board, per Section 121.42 of the Zoning Law.

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, recommended that qualifications and duties be defined for a Housing Board administration. Supervisor Euvrard will research and report.

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Veteran's Exemption changes. Town Board must establish a local law. Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, will prepare necessary documents for adoption of proposed law.

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, seconded by Councilman Pelkey, to authorize the purchase of an upgraded

multiple-user software program in the amount of \$1800 for the Justice Court Department.

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #12 OF 2008

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO HEREBY RESCIND THE OPEN CONTAINER LAW FOR THE CARNIVAL AREA AND APPROVE THE GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO THE AMENIA FIRE COMPANY FOR THE APPROPRIATE CLOSURES, IN ADDITION TO THE HIRING OF SHERIFF'S AS NEEDED FOR THE PARADE AND/OR THE CARNIVAL WITH CHARGEBACKS TO THE AMENIA FIRE COMPANY.

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti that was ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilman Pelkey Recused – (member of Fire Dept)
Councilwoman Doyle Aye
Councilman Cayea Aye
Councilwoman Perotti Aye
Supervisor Euvrard Aye

RESOLVED, to authorize the Town of Amenia to rescind the open container law, close appropriate roads, and hire sheriff's as needed for the duration of the parade on July 4, 2008.

RESOLUTION #13 OF 2008

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO ACCEPT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Councilwoman Perotti made the Motion, seconded by Councilman Pelkey that was ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilman Pelkey Aye
Councilwoman Perotti Aye

Councilman Cayea Aye
Councilwoman Doyle Aye
Supervisor Euvrard Aye

RESOLVED, to participate in the application for a FEMA grant to fund the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and to enter into an inter-municipal agreement.

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Subdivision Regulations

Supervisor Euvrard advised that issue is under Planning Board review and that he will attend workshop and report back to town board.

Bond Anticipation Notes

Supervisor Euvrard stated that issuance of Bond Anticipation Note has been authorized in the amount of \$206,000. (\$100,000 for water meters, \$106,000 for highway grader).

National Metering Service

Supervisor Euvrard reported that pressure relief valves are being delivered. When all parts are received, meter installation project will begin.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey to APPROVE the Town Board Minutes of April 10, 2008 and April 17, 2008.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to APPROVE the Town Board

Minutes of June 14, September 6, September 11, October 11, and October 15, 2007.

**ROLL: Councilwoman Doyle Aye
Councilwoman Perotti Aye
Supervisor Euvrard Aye**

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to WAIVE
Public Gathering
Permit fee for the World Peace Prayer Society event on Saturday, August 9, 2008.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

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SUPERVISOR REPORT

**Residents may dispose hazardous materials at Town of Amenia Transfer Station on Sat,
August 2nd, 2008.**

Hours of operation to be announced.

**Will obtain Inventory of defibrillators in the town and assess the need for an additional
purchase in the
amount of \$1800.00.**

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

**Councilwomen Doyle and Perotti announced community events to be held within the next
month.**

Councilwoman Doyle commented on Rail Trail Bridge/Wassaic. Possible future bid proposals with modification to bid specifications. To be discussed further.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Killmer commented on need for Safety Committee. Supervisor Euvrard will contact Dutchess County Sheriff's office to discuss police coverage for the Town of Amenia.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey, to ADJOURN meeting at 9:00pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

**Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk**

**Draft to Town Board: June 5, 2008
Approved by Town Board: June 12, 2008**

