

TOWN OF AMENIA
Business Workshop Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2009
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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Darlene Reimer commented that public information session for proposed acquisition of Amenia Elementary School held on February 11th was very informative. Efforts should be made to pursue this opportunity.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Highway Department

Supervisor Euvrard declared a local **state of emergency**, as recommended by Stanley Whitehead, Hwy Supt, from February 11 thru February 16 for all dirt roads in the Town of Amenia. Roads are impassable and will be CLOSED.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds announced that Town Clerk's office will be closed on Monday, February 16th, 2009 in observance of Martin Luther King day.

Grants

Michael Hagerty submitted grants report.

DISCUSSION:

Salt Shed Town received from DEC addressing advanced payment of \$14,518 in 2000 for Amenia Highway Grant for construction of salt shed. Per Councilwoman Doyle, a plan must be determined and submitted by **February 28, 2009**, or monies must be returned. Supervisor Euvrard stated that site for salt shed location is in preliminary discussion.

Snow Removal Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, sent letter to Mike Temple, **NYS DOT**, explaining state's responsibility of **snow removal** on Main Street in Amenia.

DISCUSSION (cont'd)

Welsh Sanitation Services – Zoning text change – tabled until next town board meeting.

Public Hearing Subdivision Regulations – scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2009.

Quadra-Centennial project Arlene Iuliano presented a map prepared in 1982 by Mrs. Gifford O’Brien. Ms. Iuliano requested permission and acknowledgement from Town Board that map (in part) can be used for pamphlet under **National Heritage Trust** grant. Document of authorization from Supervisor Euvrard will be forwarded to Ms. O’Brien.

Three bids submitted for pamphlet design: Moore & Moore, Fountain Press, and Rooney Design.

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by Supervisor Euvrard, to authorize payment of \$1,000 to **Rooney Design Group, Ltd.** for 2500 fold-pamphlets to include map.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Recreation Commission

Chris Klingner, 2nd Chair – Recreation committee interviewed candidates and recommends hiring Shawn Howard, Recreation Maintenance Director.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti, to hire **Shawn Howard**, as **Recreation Maintenance Director**.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Two vacant positions to be advertised: Evelyn O’Connell – expiration March 2009
Shawn Howard – resignation letter required

Councilwoman Perotti requested that Recreation Commission contact **coaches** for interest in **defibrillator training** in the spring.

Dance Program Instructor – future salary paid through Town of Amenia **or** Youth Grant Program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd)

Wastewater

Darlene Reimer, Chair reported that Dutchess County Wastewater is reviewing Amenia draft map plan and report.

Outdoor Wood Burning Stoves

Michael Segelken, Building Inspector, submitted written recommendations to add to Local Law.

All Hazards Mitigation – URS Consulting compiling information.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey to authorize payment in the amount of \$3,966.31 to All Hazards Mitigation Planning Project –c/o Town of Dover, New York.

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #5 of 2009

ACCEPTANCE OF WATER RATES /Water Meter Installation and Usage

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilman Cayea, that was **ADOPTED – VOTE**

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

RESOLVED, that the established rates become effective on **April 1, 2009**.

MOTION by Councilman Cayes, SECONDED by Supervisor Euvrard, to ACCEPT Town Board Minutes of January 8, 2009 BusinessWorkshop Meeting; and January 15, 2009 Regular Board Meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Harlem Valley Times weekly publication -**discontinued** effective February 18, 2009.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to designate the **MILLERTON NEWS** as the Town of Amenia official newspaper.

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

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Euvrard congratulated local mechanic, **Jack Gregory** and family of Jack’s Auto Service in receiving 2009 Award from NAPA, AAA, ASE, as best auto technician in the country.

Town calendar monthly events announced.

Researching information for handicapped accessible van with North East Community Center. Federal grants may be available, per Mike Hagerty.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Pelkey and Councilwoman Perotti commented that some ambulance volunteers (EMT’s) are unable to respond during day hours. Efforts are being made to avoid paid services (ex: NDP EMS).

Councilwoman Doyle announced local community events.

Councilwoman Perotti announced meetings that she attended addressing monies available through grants for towns.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Evelyn O’Connell, representing the Recreation Commission, attended the Amenia/Wassaic Seniors meeting at the Wassaic Firehouse. Ms. O’Connell thanked Maureen Bonds, Town Clerk for updating senior members on current events, as some do not receive Channel 22 public access, and thanked other members for their volunteer work.

Arlene Iuliano requested that good audit trail be kept for the **National Heritage Trust Grant** activity.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti, to ADJOURN meeting at 8:40pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

