

TOWN OF AMENIA  
**Business Workshop Meeting**  
Thursday, March 12, 2009  
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called **Business Workshop Meeting** to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted and moment of silence for troops serving worldwide.

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:**

Christopher Timm of O’Handley Drive claimed that he has been overcharged in the amount of \$264 on water bill for the last six years (24 quarters @ \$11 per quarter) and requested that cost be absolved. Supervisor Euvrard stated that correction could be made to future billing only. Issue will be discussed at Executive Session on March 19<sup>th</sup> with Town Attorney.

Sharon Kroeger commented on article in the Poughkeepsie Journal referencing the closing of Amenia Elementary School with subsequent (occupancy) for Amenia Town Hall. Offered her opinion on excessive costs to the taxpayer, if this transpires.

Evelyn O’Connell commented that Town of Amenia needs commercial development and urged the town board to move forward on the Dodson hamlet plan.

Robert Boyles, Jr., commented on discrepancy of \$3,000 in Wassaic Fire District 2008-2009 Budget. Preliminary figures submitted \$192,625 Adopted should be \$195,625. Supervisor Euvrard stated that he did not receive these documents. Mr. Boyles had recently reviewed issue with bookkeeper and was advised that monies could be taken from contingency.

Town Clerk stated that Wassaic Fire District preliminary budget worksheet or request was **not** received in her office. Documents would have been stamped **date received** and submitted to Supervisor’s office. Town Board to review issue and decision to be made by next town board meeting.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### Salt Shed

Efforts continue by Town Board to obtain land for salt shed. Grant Writer to send letter to update county with latest information.

### Health Insurance

Quotes are being obtained by Bookkeeper's office for eligible town employees.

### Grant Applications

Berkshire Taconic for After-School Dance Program at the maximum of \$3,000.  
Local Government Efficiency Grant in the amount of \$25,000.

### Outdoor Wood Burning Stoves

Recommendations for changes to Local Law No.1, from Michael Segelken, Building Inspector, have been forwarded to Town Attorney for review.

### Recreation Committee

Volunteer applications extended to March 30, 2009 for two vacant positions. Millerton News will publish a press release.

### Maintenance Mechanic

Salary must be established. 2008- \$15.00 and \$15.50 hourly (two positions).  
2009- \$18.50 hourly, per Evelyn O'Connell  
Position should not exceed 20 hours per week. (Dutchess County Personnel).  
Tabled until March 19, 2009 regular board meeting.

### Task Force – Amenia Elementary School acquisition

School Board voted to close AES. School District to vote on sale to Town of Amenia May 19, 2009.  
**Capital Reserve Fund** for **\$200,000** established in 1995 to finance the cost of acquisition and construction of land and building for the town. The fund was created from some of the proceeds of the sale of the Tri-Wall building to the Pawling Corporation.

### Overall Costs to Town

Councilwoman Doyle recommended that costs of capital projects be reviewed for impact on the taxpayers over the next five to ten years.

### All Hazards Mitigation Plan

Proposed draft is available on Town of Dover website.

### Lawn Mowing Bids

Councilman Pelkey submitted changes to specifications for 2009.

### Water Meters

Councilman Cayea introduced draft letter that will be sent to water district residents at next billing, to include explanation of rates.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Town Clerk – Maureen Bonds reported to date:**

Amenia property tax payments received: \$2,661,713.00  
Town Clerk’s office has paid the Supervisor’s office \$1,544,056.00  
Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance has been paid \$1,000,000.00

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Workforce Housing**

Sue Gregory – Chair, will have joint meeting with **Affordable Housing Committee** and report to Town Board. Meeting will be announced on Channel 22.

**Recreation Commission**

Chris Klingner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair – Sign-ups for Baseball leagues. Pitching machine will be located at first base line.

**Planning Board**

Bill Flood, Chairman, announced procedural changes. Any applicant will be required to contact Nancy Brusie, Zoning Administrator, **prior** to Planning Board. Consultants for Planning Board will need contracts.

**BUSINESS:**

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey to ACCEPT resignation from Shawn Howard, Recreation Commission.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea, to AUTHORIZE **Kirk Horton**, to perform survey for proposed **Rail Trail Extension** in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #7 of 2009  
TOWN OF AMENIA ADOPTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK DEFERRED  
COMPENSATION PLAN**

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

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Amenia Adopt the State of New York Deferred Compensation Plan.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to ACCEPT Special Town Board Minutes of February 11, 2009; BusinessWorkshop Meeting of February 12, 2009; and Regular Town Board Minutes of February 19, 2009, to include **Attachment 1** letter of comment from Sharon Kroeger of Amenia, referencing Amenia Elementary School Acquisition.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Public Hearing Continuance for Amendment to Local Law No.1 for subdivision of land has been scheduled for March 19, 2009 at 700 pm.

General Code - codification update will be reviewed in Fall 2009. Costs not budgeted for 2009. Letter will be sent to General Code from Supervisor Euvrard.

Town of Amenia Clean-up Day at transfer station 7am-1pm on April 25, 2009.

Town calendar monthly events announced.

**Executive Session** scheduled for March 19, 2009 to discuss Article 78 filed by Amenia K Realty; and water billing issue (Mr. Timm).

Identity Theft brochures available at town hall, courtesy of Assemblyman Marc Molinaro.

## **TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Doyle will submit voucher for \$75 CAC membership dues for local events.

Councilman Pelkey announced local events.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Warren Gordon stated that rent currently paid by the town, in the amount of \$30,000 per year, is two-thirds of guaranteed income for the Amenia Fire Company. Costs for fire company range from \$140,000 to \$243,000 per year.

Sharon Kroeger suggested cutting administrative costs in school district. Volunteers in the community could act as consultants.

Pat Nelligan requested assurance from town board that Zoning Administrator is reviewing and signing all building permit applications prior to submission to Planning Board. Requested explanation on how water meters will be funded.

Stephanie Murphy requested clarification of monies with Tri-Wall sale in 1995. Supervisor Euvrard stated Tri-Wall sold for \$300,000; (\$200,000 in Capital Reserve Fund for town hall or buildings; \$100,000 for Highway, that was subsequently used for truck purchase. Ms. Murphy questioned why monies were not used to purchase salt shed. Supervisor Euvrard will research.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to ADJOURN meeting at 9:35pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds  
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: April 6, 2009  
Approved by Town Board: April 9, 2009