

TOWN OF AMENIA  
**Public Hearing and Business Workshop Meeting**  
Thursday, May 14, 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:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2009 AMENDING SECTION 64-3 OF CHAPTER 64**  
**OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA “OUTDOOR WOOD BOILERS”**

Supervisor Euvrard read legal notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No.1 of 2009, Amending Section 64-3 of Chapter 64 of the Code of the Town of Amenia “Outdoor Wood Boilers” as published in Millerton News on May 7, 2009.

**NO PUBLIC COMMENT**

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey to **CLOSE** Public Hearing at 7:04pm.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey to **ACCEPT** Amended Local Law No. 1 of 2009 of Section 64-3 of Chapter 64 of the Code of the Town of Amenia “Outdoor Wood Boilers”.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**PRESENTATION**

Fred Schaeffer, Chairman, of the **WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON** organization, with Sam Shufelt, Assistant, presented a slide show that will preserve the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge. The project will transform the bridge to a scenic linear park and trailway; scheduled for its **grand opening** on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Visit [www.walkway.org](http://www.walkway.org).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Town of Amenia AES acquisition**

Darlene Reimer stated that she is in favor of the offer to the Town to acquire the Amenia Elementary School for \$1.

Sharon Kroeger stated her reasons for opposing this acquisition and referred to her opinion in recent article published in Poughkeepsie Journal.

Warren Gordon was concerned that Town of Amenia residents have not been informed of costs to improve the Amenia Elementary School, if acquired. Proposition ballot is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>, and residents do not have adequate information. After lengthy discussion, Supervisor Euvrard stated that an informal Task Force report will be presented this evening.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Highway**

Supervisor Euvrard reported cleanup by Highway Department at ballfield at Wassaic park.

**Town Clerk**

Maureen Bonds submitted a **Public Service Announcement** (PSA) policy and procedure document for the Town of Amenia’s municipal government access Channel 22. Procedures explained responsibilities of all department/committees/non-profit organization to advertise community events or emergency information.

MOTION by Councilwoman Perotti, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ACCEPT the PSA Policies and Procedures for the Town of Amenia.

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

MOTION CARRIED

## **Grants**

Michael Hagerty reviewed grants that are available.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Recreation**

Tom Werner, Chairman reported that Wassaic playground equipment will be ordered, pending insurance approval.

### **Wastewater**

Darlene Reimer, Chair, reported that final draft and map plan has been received and forwarded to Dutchess County Wastewater Authority for comments . Comments will be re-submitted to the Wastewater Committee.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **AES Task Force**

Supervisor Euvrard read his letter to the editor of Millerton News, indicating his support for Ballot Proposition II for the AES acquisition to the Town of Amenia.

Supervisor Euvrard, with members walked through the AES building and submit findings:

- . slate roof – repair of small section – brick repair
- . energy audit – replacement of furnace
- . annual expenditures at Amenia Fire Company building: \$50,000
- . annual expenditures at AES: \$80,000 (2007-2008)  
\$11,000 Insurance; \$40,000 Heat; \$18,000 Electric; \$11,000 Maintenance

Gary Bonds, Task Force Member, requested **opinion** from each board member on this issue:

- . Councilman Pelkey concerned about in-ground fuel tank; great recreation potential; rental opportunity to offset expenses.
- . Councilwoman Perotti in favor for its historical nature; retail rental opportunity; center for seniors; site for defensive driving courses; need energy efficiency cost study.
- . Councilman Cayea in favor; need tenants to offset costs.
- . Councilwoman Doyle stated that Town of Amenia is not in a position to take on another Capital Project. Town has more important priorities; crumbling highway garage, highway equipment maintenance; road maintenance. Current town hall location has potential for improvement. Plans could be made for expansion of building. Additional annual cost of \$30,000 to town if relocating to AES should be doubled with proposed expenses.

**BUSINESS:**

MOTION by Councilman Pelkey, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to APPOINT **Ryan Killmer**, Recreation Commission Member for a one (1) year term; and RE-APPOINT **Evelyn O’Connell**, Recreation Commission Member/Treasurer for a seven(7) year term.

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 HIRE **Sherry Johnson**, as Bookkeeper, for the General Fund Salary of \$28,600 and Water District Salary of \$3,000.

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

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 NO

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to HIRE **Kathleen Kelly**, as Recreation Director. Discussion of hourly salary between Recreation Commission and Town Board; based on Lifeguard and Summer Recreation duties of this position.

Supervisor Euvrard rescinded MOTION and tabled until next board meeting, as requested by Councilwoman Doyle.

**RESOLUTION #13 OF 2009**

**A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #9 OF 2009 “AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REMAINING BALANCE OF \$5,171.16 FROM RECREATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO SPECIFIC MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BEEKMAN PARK.**

**WHEREBY**, the Town of Amenia Town Board ADOPTED Resolution #9 of 2009 on April 16, 2009, with all members voting AYE to transfer the remaining balance of **\$5,171.16** from the Recreation Savings account to the Capital Improvement line #A00-06-7140-210; also the Certificate of Deposit for the Parks and Recreation not be rolled over and transfer half to the Recreation Savings Account and half to the Capital Improvement line #A00-06-7140-210 for the purpose of funding the improvements to Beekman Park and;

**WHEREBY**, an oversight in the actual amount of the Recreation Savings Account was determined as \$3,829.00 and;

**THEREBY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Amenia Town Board RESCINDS Resolution #9 of 2009 and ADOPTS the following Resolution;

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the remaining balance of **\$3,829.00** be transferred from the Recreation Savings Account to the Capital Improvement line #A00-06-7140-210; also the Certificate of Deposit for the Parks and Recreation not be rolled over and transfer half to the Recreation Savings Account and half to the Capital Improvement line #A00-06-7140-210 for the purpose of funding the improvements to the Beekman Park.

MOTION made by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey that was;  
ADOPTED VOTE

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

**RESOLUTION #14 OF 2009**

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2009, ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 109, ‘TAXATION’, ARTICLE III, ‘BUSINESS INVESTMENT EXEMPTION’, SECTION 109-4, ‘LEGISLATIVE INTENT’, SECTION 109-5 (A), ‘REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN TAX CREDIT; GEOGRAPHIC AREAS’, AND SECTION 109-5 (C) ‘EXEMPTION SCHEDULE’ BY RESTRICTING THE APPROVED GEOGRAPHIC AREA FOR THIS LIMITED EXEMPTION TO THE HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (HC), HAMLET MIXED-USE (HM), INDUSTRIAL/ MANUFACTURING (M), AND OFFICE/COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRY MIXED-USE (OC) ZONING USE DISTRICTS.”**

Supervisor Euvrard advised the Town Board that, pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, it was necessary to hold a public hearing upon this proposed local law.

RESOLVED, that at public hearing be held in relation to the proposed changes and set forth in the form of notice, hereinafter provided, at which hearing parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard, to be held at the Town Hall on June 18, 2009 at 7 o’clock pm, prevailing time, and that notice of said meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Amenia by the Town Clerk, at least five (5) days before such hearing.

Supervisor Euvrard introduced the above proposed local law, which was seconded by Councilwoman Perotti that was:

ADOPTED VOTE

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

**RESOLUTION #15 OF 2009**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO CHANGE THE NAME OF A PRIVATE DRIVE OF TROUT WALK FARM LANE TO OBLONG RIDGE LANE**

MOTION made by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by Supervisor Euvrard that was ADOPTED VOTE

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

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard to ACCEPT the Town Board Business Workshop Minutes of April 9, 2009 and Regular Town Board Minutes of April 16, 2009 with changes as noted.

MOTION was RESCINDED by Supervisor Euvrard, as requested by Councilwoman Doyle, for further review – tabled until May 21, 2009.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey to CHANGE Town of Amenia telephone service to **OPTIMUM** after June 15, 2009.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Local events announced.

Town of Amenia received refund from **NYMIR** (municipal insurance company) in the amount of \$2,574 (general fund) and \$402 (water fund).

Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro has used item membership allocation in the amount of \$3,000, payable to the Wassaic Fire Company for fire district budget.

## **TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilman Pelkey urged residents to vote on May 19, 2009.

Councilwoman Doyle commented on priority issues in the town.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ernie Lowell, Mechanic Street, will volunteer for NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH Committee due to the recent stabbing incident in close proximity to the Webutuck School district. Supervisor Euvrard will schedule informational meeting.

Peter Clair suggested that pay scale for town staff positions be created. Commented that vacancy for bookkeeper position was not advertised. Supervisor Euvrard stated that bookkeeper works directly for Supervisor and advertisement is not required. Peter Clair referred to his email addressed to town board. Supervisor stated that issue has been referred to Town Attorney.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel matters at 10:45 pm with motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey to return to REGULAR BOARD MEETING and ADJOURN at 11:15 pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds  
Amenia Town Clerk

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Approved by Town Board: June 11, 2009