

TOWN OF AMENIA
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2009
Amenia Town Hall

Deputy Supervisor Perotti called **Regular 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
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Absent
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent

Deputy Supervisor Perotti announced that Supervisor Euvrard was attending a PERMA Conference and Councilwoman Doyle was ill.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Stanley Whitehead reported road work repairs.

Water

Councilwoman Perotti reported that Town of Amenia has received a report from DC Department of Health, **citing** deficiencies in the Amenia Water District #1, that must be resolved by August 1, 2009.

Grants

Michael Hagerty reported new opportunities for grants, and explained new resolutions submitted for Town Board consideration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Commission

Tom Werner, Chairman, thanked Stanley Whitehead for his ongoing assistance.

BUSINESS:

Amenia AES Acquisition - Vote

Proposition #I results for the sale of AES to the Town of Amenia were 275-118 in favor.
A consultant will be hired by the Town of Amenia to perform Phase I Environmental Review.

**RESOLUTION #16 OF 2009
CDBG RE-QUALIFICATION FOR 2010-2012**

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING COOPERATION AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 9, 2000, AS AMENDED, WITH THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERTAKING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOME PROGRAMS FOR FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR COMMENCING FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2010-2012 (AND SUCCESSIVE THREE-YEAR QUALIFICATION PERIODS) PURSUANT TO TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM OF TITLE II OF THE NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990.

Deputy Supervisor Perotti offered the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cayea that was,
ADOPTED - VOTE

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

**RESOLUTION #17 OF 2009
TRANSFER OF FUNDS – Mowing – Parking Lot**

Whereas, Line A00-01-1620-470 (Parking Lot) incurred unanticipated expenses; and

Whereas, said expenses occurred due to necessary maintenance of the parking lot on NYS Route 343 and required equipment rental and products for the parking lot repair; and

Whereas, Line A00-01-1620-485 (Mowing) has available funds; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Amenia Town Board authorizes a transfer of \$1,000 from A00-01-1620-485 (Mowing) to A00-01-1620-470 (Parking Lot).

Motion by Councilwoman Perotti, Second by Councilman Pelkey that was;
ADOPTED – VOTE

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

RESOLUTION #18 OF 2009

**AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SMART GROWTH GRANT APPLICATION FOR A WASSAIC HAMLET PLAN**

Whereas, the Town of Amenia obtained a \$40,000 Quality Communities Grant from the New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) in 2005 which helped pay for the new Comprehensive plan, zoning, and Amenia Hamlet Plan; and

Whereas, a new grant opportunity from the NYS DOS, the Smart Growth Grant Program for the Lower Hudson Valley Region, was recently announced and this program could help the town obtain community planning funds for the Hamlet of Wassaic; and

Whereas, the Town of Amenia would now seek a grant of up to \$25,000 to fund a hamlet plan utilizing smart growth planning techniques for Wassaic. The grant is a 100 % reimbursement type state grant and the application is due June 30; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to act as the representative for the town, authorized to act on behalf of the town in all matters related to this grant and is also authorized to sign and certify the grant application.

Motion by Councilwoman Perotti, Second by Councilman Cayea that was;

ADOPTED – VOTE

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

**RESOLUTION #19 OF 2009
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO NYS
ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION UNDER THE GREEN INNOVATION
GRANT APPLICATION**

PROJECT: A Feasibility Study for the Reuse of the Amenia Elementary School Building

Whereas, the Town of Amenia has been in discussions with the Webutuck Central School District regarding the potential future uses of the Amenia Elementary School building in the light of the school district's long-term goal of consolidating the school facilities; and

Whereas, the Webutuck Central School District has offered to donate the Amenia Elementary School to the Town of Amenia, and the Town has expressed an interest in exploring the possibility of moving town offices from the current rental facility on Mechanic Street into the vacated Amenia Elementary School; Webutuck Central School District voters recently approved a referendum formally offering to sell the building for \$1 to the Town earlier this week; and

Whereas, the Town of Amenia sought a High Priority Planning Grant from the New York State but that proposal was turned down, and the Town is now seeking a \$25,000 Green Innovation Grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) to fund a feasibility study of the building; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign and certify a grant application to the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Motion by Councilman Cayea, Second by Councilman Pelkey that was;

ADOPTED –VOTE

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

MOTION by Councilwoman Perotti, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to authorize payment to **Con-Tech** in the amount of \$15,147 for tree planting services on the Mechanic Street project.

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

MOTION CARRIED 3 AYE

Community Energy, Inc.

Discussion is tabled until full town board is present.

MOTION by Councilwoman Perotti, SECOND by Councilman Cayea, to APPOINT **Kathleen Kelly**, Recreation Director, at the salary of \$16 per hour.

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

MOTION CARRIED 3 AYE

MINUTES

April 9, 2009 Business Workshop Meeting and April 16, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes have been tabled for **approval** until next town board meeting.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Deputy Supervisor Perotti thanked Webutuck voters on behalf of Supervisor Euvrard for their **Yes** vote on the acquisition of the Amenia Elementary School.

Local events announced.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Pelkey stated that community should work together with the acquisition of the Amenia Elementary School. Public input is welcomed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlotte Murphy, Amenia Library Board Member, thanked the town board, and Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent, for his work on the Amenia Library parking lot.

MOTION by Deputy Supervisor Perotti, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ADJOURN meeting at 7:40pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

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