

TOWN OF AMENIA
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2009
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called **Regular Board Meeting** to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted and moment of silence for our brave troops.

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 HEARING
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO 1 OF 2009 AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN CODE.

Supervisor Euvrard read legal notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2009, Amending the Town of Amenia Town Code Chapter 109; Sections 109-4, 109-5, as published in Millerton News on May 14, 2009. (Revised from proposed Local Law No 2 of 2009).

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to **CLOSE** Public Hearing at 7:05pm.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Euvrard thanked all members of the Industrial and Commercial Incentive Board (ICIB) for their assistance to the town board, regarding this local law.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION Local Law No. 1 of 2009

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to **ACCEPT** Amended Local Law No. 1 of 2009, amending the Town of Amenia Town Code 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.”

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

MOTION CARRIED

QUADRICENTENNIAL PRESENTATION

Tilly Strauss, local artist, explained the event that is scheduled for October 3, 2009 at the Walkway Over The Hudson. Project is entitled “Walking on Air”, which will display emblem, followed by flag representing historic Amenia, Millerton, and Northeast. Ms Strauss welcomes ideas for design or symbol using two colors. Workshops for participation will be announced.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Euvrard thanked the Rooney family and everyone that celebrated the life of **Charlie “Clocker” Cunningham** at the recent fundraiser.

Amenia residents, Ernie Lowell and James Morris addressed recent incidents of vandalism and loitering by youngsters on Prospect Avenue, Depot Hill Road, and the Rail Trail. Both encouraged citizens to join the **Neighborhood Watch program**.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Stanley Whitehead submitted proposals for **Engineering Services**:

Nelson Road Bridge Replacement

Rhode, Soyka, & Andrews Consulting Engineers	\$26,038.00
D.F. Wheeler Engineers	\$29,875.00
Morris Associates	\$30,500.00

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by Councilman Perotti to **ACCEPT** bid proposal from **Morris Associates** in the amount of \$30,500.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Water

Supervisor Euvrard reported that Well #1 will be shut down for one week and restarted.
Councilman Cayea reported that deficiencies, cited by DC Health Department are being corrected.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds submitted informational letter to Town Board, addressing need for wheelchair accessible transportation van for residents of Amenia. Supervisor Euvrard will submit information to Northeast Community Center and Community Foundation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Commission

Tom Werner, Chairman, announced Amenia Camp program for children, beginning June 29th for six weeks.

CAC

Arlene Iuliano reported that some locations in town have environmental problems. Zoning code and Comprehensive Plan should be strictly enforced.

Wastewater

Darlene Reimer, Chair, reported that map plan is being prepared for stimulus package.

Enhancement – Beautification

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Supervisor Euvrard to APPROVE expenditure in the amount \$200 from Community Development line A00-07-8676 for PLANTING of flowers.

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

MOTION CARRIED

GRANTS

Mike Hagerty submitted update for town grants and opportunities for future grants.

Mechanic Street Project

Councilwoman Doyle stated that check deposited at M&T Bank was for grant monies from Friends of Amenia through Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation to the Town of Amenia for trees.

Lengthy discussion addressed the responsibility of tree planting on Mechanic Street(for this project). Mike Hagerty stated that some portion of lost trees expense may be covered by grant. Councilwoman Doyle suggested that town board wait for arborist report.

Mechanic Street Project (cont'd)

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey to AUTHORIZE payment in the amount of \$18,000 to CON-TECH for Mechanic Street project and to hold remaining monies until discussed with arborist and Michael Hayes, Town Attorney.

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

MOTION CARRIED 4 Ayes – 1 No

**RESOLUTION #23 OF 2009
AUTHORIZING HARLEM VALLEY RAIL TRAIL INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Department of Public Works, Parks Division request execution of the contract to extend the Harlem Vally Rail Trail Intermunicipal Agreement (HVRTA) with Dutchess County and the Town of Amenia and this resolution authorizing said Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amenia and the Harlem Valley Rail Trail desire to encourage the development of the Rail Trail and to assist the county in providing proper maintenance for the trail to encourage its use; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement shall be effective for three years commencing on March 1, 2009 and terminating on February 29, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the terms of this Agreement must be executed and acknowledged by the parties with the same formalities accorded this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement must be signed by the Town of Amenia Supervisor Wayne Euvrard; and authorized by the Amenia Town Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Amenia Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign five original HVRT Agreements and the Town Clerk shall forward the five originals and an original resolution to the Parks Division of Dutchess County Public Works.

MOTION made by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey that was;
ADOPTED - VOTE

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

Neighborhood Watch - update

Ernie Lowell and Dan Killmer of Safety Committee submitted following report and recommendations:
Set up curfew for town of Amenia
Lighting needed at rail trail parking lot and Flood Drive
Basketball courts need lighting. Referred to Mark Lounsbury at Webutuck School. Supervisor Euvrard will research: Lions Club or Town of Amenia responsibility.
Additional Neighborhood Watch meetings will be scheduled with DC Sheriff's office.

Old Amenia Landfill

Supervisor Euvrard will request an update from Liz Rovers, of C.T. Male Associates.

Amenia Elementary School – Phase I for Environmental Site Assessment

Supervisor Euvrard submitted proposals for professional services:

Roy T. Budnik & Associates, Inc.	\$2500.00
Ecosystems Strategies, Inc.	\$1600.00

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Pelkey to HIRE **Ecosystems Strategies, Inc.** of Poughkeepsie, New York to provide environmental services in the amount of \$1600.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to continue three-year contract with **CORNERSTONE telephone service.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Local events announced.

Mortgage tax received from Dutchess County in the amount of \$45,494.00. Second check will be received in the fall 2009.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Pelkey announced Amenia Fire Company Carnival on July 1st thru July 4th.
Congratulations to Webutuck High School class of 2009.
Congratulations to Webutuck Varsity Baseball.

Councilwoman Doyle read the following information, and requested that it be entered in official Town Board minutes, regarding the **Old Amenia Landfill** site for possible location of town's highway garage and salt shed facility: Liz Rovers of C.T.Male Associates checked with the NYSDEC Central Office and they said site "extremely challenging", differential settlement". significant possibility of failure" and extremely expensive". Site would be best used for Walking Trail.

Councilwoman Perotti noted that the board had considered this site because residents had inquired.

Supervisor Euvrard stated that he did not have any new information to report regarding negotiations or possible location for the highway facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Kroeger stated that she is impressed with Neighborhood Watch efforts and that the Town Board should consider curfew.

Arlene Iuliano stated that more information is needed for cost of AES project.
Councilwoman Perotti stated that all information will be made available to the public.

Councilwoman Doyle recommended that Town Board follow procurement policies and procedures.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ADJOURN meeting at 9:10pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: July 6, 2009
Approved by Town Board: July 16, 2009