

TOWN OF AMENIA
Business Workshop Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2010
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 our brave troops serving worldwide.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

PRESENT:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alan Shope, Wassaic resident, announced that he is selling 143 acres of property in Wassaic to Ian Holback (also in attendance) for the purpose of gravel mining and requested guidance for proper and legal procedures for application in relation to land parcel; SEQR, zoning. Mr. Shope was invited to next board meeting. Michael Hayes, Town Attorney will be in attendance to offer further clarification.

Roger Connors of **Cablevision**, submitted check to the Town of Amenia in the amount of \$10,000 (negotiated in August 2009) to be used for public access Channel 22 equipment upgrades.

Roger Connors will review issue posed by Councilwoman Doyle regarding access to internet/service request from some residents on Deep Hollow Road.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway No Report

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported that town property tax payments have been received to date in the amount of \$920,025.03 or 24% of total tax warrant.

The Town Clerk's office will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2010 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Water

Supervisor Euvrard reported that further discussion is needed regarding Lake Amenia Road issue for water billing.

Grants

Councilwoman Perotti reported that potential costs (Morris Associates) for repair to **Nelson Bridge** exceeds the allowance from the CDBG. Therefore, the town will be applying for additional monies through appropriation from Representative Scott Murphy, for balance to be paid.

Councilwoman Perotti reported on pending grants.

Rudy Eschbach has requested availability of grant monies for **Farmers Market**.

Councilwoman Doyle will submit application for **Amenia Dance Program** by February 28, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Commission

Supervisor Euvrard reported that Tom Werner has stepped down as Chairman. The Recreation Commission has recommended **Ryan Killmer, as Chairman**.

Wastewater

Darlene Riemer reported on debt service issue for Resource Recovery Agencies.

Economic Committee

Supervisor Euvrard reported that volunteer applications have not been received. Press release has been sent by Sharon Kroeger to media.

CAC/CPIC

Mark Doyle reported reviewing Alan Shope property for gravel mining using parcel mapping program (GIS) at Town Hall. Findings will be submitted to the town board.

Fountain Square

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to **NOMINATE** the following members:

Marilyn Noe, M&T Bank representative, Society of Peace representative, Larry Havens, Herb Eschbach, Veterans Post #5444 representative, and Joyce Rebillard. Town Board Members: Vicki Doyle and Darlene Riemer.

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

MOTION CARRIED

CAC

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to APPOINT the following members:

David Reagon – Chairman, Mark Doyle, Arlene Iuliano, Michael Peek, and Roger Russell.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Wassaic Trail to Train Committee

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to APPOINT the following members:

Tonia Shoumatoff, Sharon Kroeger, and Martin Grossman. Town Board Members: Vicki Doyle and Darlene Riemer

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

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION:

General Code

Clarification of some items for Supplement No. 1 to the Town Code are required. This letter of inquiry will be referred to Michael Hayes, Town Attorney for review.

Highway Wheel Loader

Proposed financing will be four-year lease. Michael Hayes, Town Attorney is reviewing documents for resolution at next town board meeting.

Sole Assessor

Supervisor Euvrard reported that Governor Paterson has **proposed** to merge New York State agencies with Department of Taxation and Finance. Clerks to the Assessor would remain locally.

BUSINESS:

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to hire **Carberry Electric**, Sharon, Ct. to repair lighting at the **Wassaic Village Park** in the amount of \$543.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to hire **Joel Pelkey** as **Recreation Coordinator** at \$15 per hour with hours to be established.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to appoint **Kathleen Howard** as **Summer Recreation Director**.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to AUTHORIZE the Building Inspector to issue a **Gathering Permit** in the amount of \$50 to Ed Flood for Auction on March 27, 2010.

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #4 OF 2010
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO RECONCILE
BUDGET LINES

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #5 OF 2010

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A JOINT APPLICANT WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S 2009-2010 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSES OF SEEKING FUNDING FOR A GENERAL EFFICIENCY PLANNING GRANT TO ENTER INTO A STUDY OF REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND SHARED SERVICES WITH THE INTENT TO ACHIEVE COST SAVINGS AND ECONOMIES OF SCALE.

MOTION made by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti that was;
ADOPTED - VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #6 OF 2010

**REQUEST TO LOWER MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS TO 25 MPH AT THE HARLEM VALLEY RAIL TRAIL CROSSINGS IN THE TOWN OF AMENIA.
Mechanic Street, Sheffield Road, Old Route 22/County Route 81, Dunn Road, NYS Route 343,
Sharon Station Road**

MOTION by Councilwoman Perotti, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer that was;
ADOPTED – VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ACCEPT Minutes of
Town Board Workshop on January 14, 2010 and Regular Town Board Meeting on January 21, 2010.

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

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Euvrard reported that 2010 Census forms should be received at Town of Amenia households by February 26, 2010.

Local events and meetings announced.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Members reported meetings and events attended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Bonds, Videographer, suggested that monies from Cablevision for public access upgrade be placed in a Certificate of Deposit until town hall is moved to new location at Amenia Elementary School. New equipment will be software-driven. Cablevision will be required to wire and assist at new location. Meetings will be scheduled with Marshall Miles to assist in implementing new equipment from analog to digital.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ADJOURN Regular Board Meeting at 8:42 pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: March 9, 2010
Approved by Town Board: March 18, 2010