

TOWN OF AMENIA
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, February 18, 2010
Amenia Town Hall

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

Salute to the flag was conducted with a moment of silence for lost loved ones and 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
	Councilman Cayea	Absent
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Kroeger presented a flyer entitled “Under our Skin”; a documentary that raises awareness of the effects of Lyme Disease. Showing will be at the Millerton Moviehouse, with open discussion following the documentary. Legislative task force may send a survey to citizens for the purpose of collecting data.

Mike Kelsey, County Legislator, reported that county legislation voted to repeal sales tax on clothing through March 1; legislative board’s discussion on electrical licensing law, grants for shared services, Resource Recovery Agency.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway – Stanley Whitehead reported that due to weather conditions, many hours of overtime have been necessary, with substantial increase in sand and salt usage.

Water Department

Marco D’Antonio replaced motor and pump for Well #5. With other wells running, there was no interruption of service to customers. Monthly usage report was submitted.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported the sum of \$1,250,825 in property taxes received to date. Supervisor’s office has been paid \$892,172 by the Amenia Tax Collector. Clerk will be out of state until March 7, 2010. For any emergency, contact via email or cell phone. Channel 22 public access advertisements can be updated remotely.

Grants

Michael Hagerty submitted updates on pending and future grant applications.

Amenia Dance Program

Councilwoman Doyle announced that she will formally request that Assemblyman Molinaro research for grant assistance for the Dance Program.

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Supervisor Euvrard to AUTHORIZE Councilwoman Doyle to write **grants** for the **Amenia Dance Program** from Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in the amount of \$3,000; and from the Community Foundation of Dutchess County in the amount of \$2500.

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

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 ABSENT

Snow Clearing – Main Street Rte 343 at post office

Ray McGuire of Senator Liebell’s office to coordinate a meeting to discuss. Meeting to include DOT representative, Supervisor Euvrard and Highway Superintendent, Stanley Whitehead.

Highway Wheel Loader

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney explained the option of issuing bond anticipation notes or entering into a lease agreement with equal payments over a four year period; referring to section in Municipal Law. Amendment to Resolution (financing agreement) has been forwarded by Michael Hayes, to John Deere Credit and Jesco for their review. Town Clerk to advertise Legal Public Notice after Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #7 OF 2010

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO AWARD 3 CUBIC YARD JOHN DEERE WHEEL LOADER BID TO JESCO, WITH APPROVAL OF THE MASTER LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM AS REQUIRED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 109-b.

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

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

PRESENTATION:

Proposed Soil Mining Site – Shope / Holback

Donald Cappillino, Attorney, submitted five counterparts of a Petition for rezoning property owned by Allan Shope (to Ian Holback, purchaser). Presentation included map and description of soil mining overlay district. The Petition requests that Soil Mining Overlay District be extended onto 75.95 acres of (143.91 acres) parcel on Sinpatch Road. Curt Johnson of Zarecki & Associates presented a tax map of the crosspatch area.

Supervisor Euvrard will coordinate with Alan Shope for field trip to site.

Donald Cappillino will forward 12 additional copies of petition to town hall for board(s) review.

Michael Hayes commented that application is limited to zoning change at this time. Overview of procedures: special use permit, approval of soil mining overlay, application permits required by DEC and town of Amenia; Planning Board meetings; professional consultants.

Bank Transactions

Town Board to research insurance premiums that cover data breaching. Discussion by town board to purchase computer for on-line banking by bookkeeper.

Town Prosecutor

Continued discussion by town board members. Town Clerk is compiling information from area Town Clerks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Commission

Evelyn O’Connell reported that Recreation Commission is accepting bids for bus transportation for Senior Trips. Contact Evelyn O’Connell for bid specifications. Recreation Commission is accepting applications for a volunteer position on Recreation Commission.

Wastewater

No Report

Enhancement

Councilwoman Doyle announced upcoming events.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Doyle to AUTHORIZE Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, to draft a Resolution to grant Town of Amenia **CONSTABLES** special duties at the Amenia Fire Company Carnival week for patrolling grounds; crowd control; and to carry authorized firearms.

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

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 ABSENT

Transfer Station Clean-Up Day

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to charge regular fees at Amenia Transfer Station Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

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

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 ABSENT

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Local events announced.

Attended Association of Towns Seminar in NYC. Attendees overall emphasis on obtaining available grants monies for energy efficiency, and shared services.

Acted as delegate for Resolution to preserve local choice of democracy in towns.

Reviewed other Association of Towns Resolutions.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Perotti submitted Community Health Foundation Survey for seniors and will distribute.

Councilwoman Doyle will gather information and accept informal comments regarding Computer (use) System Policy and report findings to town board members.

Councilwoman Riemer presented book by Gary Thompson, illustrating the history of Fountain Square. Book will be available for purchase soon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Myrnie Hoanzl commented (as a senior citizen) that a 71% increase in Cablevision fee has caused her to cancel service and obtain Direct TV.

Dan Killmer commented in favor of hiring a Town Prosecutor.

Arlene Iuliano, Town Historian, announced events sponsored by the Amenia Historical Society.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to ADJOURN Regular Board Meeting at 9:10pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

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