

TOWN OF AMENIA  
Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, July 15, 2010  
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 serving world-wide and lost loved ones.

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

Supervisor Euvrard announced that Councilman Norm Cayea suffered a heart attack and is now home resting comfortably.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ernie Lowell –Neighborhood Watch submitted letter of concern to Town Board members and referenced recent disturbances at Cumberland Farms in Amenia, basketball/tennis court lighting, which he requested to be installed over a year ago, sign at Rail Trail parking lot indicating closed after dark. Mr. Lowell announced that volunteers can reach him at [soberone11@yahoo.com](mailto:soberone11@yahoo.com). Supervisor Euvrard advised that the Town of Amenia does not have ownership of basketball/tennis court to date, Dutchess County Office of Parks and Recreation is responsible for Rail Trail. Supervisor will research concerns.

Sharon Kroeger complimented Mr. Lowell on his hard work and suggested that a liaison and the Sheriff's Department oversee immediate response to volunteer citizen patrol.

Patrick Nelligan requested that water diversion project on Lavelle Road be completed by September 1, 2010.

Requested information on: appropriation costs; bid process for work currently being done at the Amenia Elementary School when ownership has not been acquired; school board maintaining a portion of the building for their use.

Sewer System grant monies. Supervisor Euvrard advised that articles in newspapers were incorrect and he will comment on this issue later in the Supervisor's report.

**County Legislator Michael Kelsey** reported that legislation committee will hold an oversight meeting to discuss Board of Elections audit.

Working with constituent in Wassaic to discuss increased DC Sheriff's presence for burglary issues; signage at Rail Trail.

Dutchess Community College budget approved. Revenue sources: County, State, and Tuition.

**Bond** passed in the amount of \$3.5 million to replace county telephone system.

Legislation accepted \$400,000 from NYS for **Astor Youth** crisis intervention program for mental hygiene and to establish a discharge coordinator for adults.

Legislation accepted properties into the county agricultural district.

Supported town and residents opinions regarding work at **Taconic DDSO-Wassaic** during a recent interview with Millbrook Independent News.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Highway**

Stanley Whitehead applied to NYS for detour signs for Tower Hill Road work.

### **Nelson Road Bridge**

Town expecting insurance update from contractor.

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney explained prevailing rate for contract, project delays and deadlines. Certification of Insurance to be signed by Supervisor regarding these issues.

### **Water Department**

Marco D'Antonio submitted proposal from **Kect Construction Corporation** for town water service line work across Route 44 (state road). Options discussed to redirect service. Work must be completed before September 2010.

Town Attorney advised that under procurement policy, three bids are required, unless project is determined an emergency and cost is under \$35,000.

**Lavelle Road** landscaping project is scheduled for mid year. Councilwoman Perotti stated that project will require bids.

### **Zoning Department**

Supervisor Euvrard reported that Hilltop House issue has been reviewed by Zoning Administrator and referred to Planning Board for comments.

### **Grants**

Michael Hagerty submitted updated and proposed grant projects report.

## **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) 2011**

### **Proposed Projects:**

Amenia Elementary School – energy efficiency to block off windows

NYS Archives Records Retention government grant for town record archives in town clerk's office

Wassaic Trail to the Train

Geo-Thermo for heating and cooling at the Amenia Elementary School

### **Town Clerk**

Maureen Bonds reported that **2010 Amenia Poll Site Agreement** has been signed and returned to DC Board of Elections for Districts #1 & #4 voting site at 36 Mechanic Street, Amenia, NY.

BAS (Business Automation Systems) will be hosting a software update seminar to include all Dutchess, Putnam and Ulster County town clerks. Meeting to be held at Wappingers Town Hall on August 5, 2010. Seminar may include ideas and discussion for NYS Agricultural & Markets Dog Licensing Program. NYS town clerks' will be assuming full responsibilities of this program effective January 2011, and costs will need to be included in 2011 town budget. Research is being done by town clerks to estimate additional costs to town, ie: tags, renewal notifications, postage.

An enclosed fireproof, steel door, and climate-controlled room will need to be built at AES location to safeguard and secure town clerk archival records. Estimated dimensions are 10ft x 10ft with enclosed ceiling, as suggested and measured by Councilwoman Riemer, Gary Bonds, Bill Flood and town clerk at walk-thru on July 12, 2010. Specifications must be obtained for this project.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Enhancement**

Councilwoman Doyle thanked all that opened their gardens for the **Hidden Garden Tour**.

## **BUSINESS and DISCUSSION:**

### **Amenia Elementary School Acquisition**

Supervisor Euvrard suggested that town board approve bid(s) (copies to all town board members) for moving project, to enable departments to begin packing.

Councilwoman Riemer suggested that bid approval for move is premature, addressed concerns about ownership and that scope of work should be planned.

Closing date needs to be established.

An independent Code Compliance review should be performed. Building Inspector could act as liaison.

Identify windows that need to be replaced.

Seamless move for all Departments

Signage in building to identify Departments

Security for building

Electronic gateway for Town Court

Supervisor Euvrard will meet with Cleaning representative, and Byron Barnes, Insurance Agent.

Councilwoman Riemer will research painting services.

**Amenia Elementary School Acquisition (Cont'd)**

Councilwoman Perotti was concerned about cooling/heating system.

Councilwoman Doyle referenced incorrect cable wiring in Assessor’s office. Supervisor Euvrard has contacted Superior Telephone in this matter.

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney reported that deed is expected from Webutuck School attorney.

**Old Amenia Landfill Closure**

Supervisor Euvrard reported that \$1.6 million has been awarded to the town for this project, and explained history of this site and future plans for the town.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti, to AUTHORIZE Town Supervisor to sign **State Assistance Contract (SAC)** amendment from DEC, as recommended by Kimberly Rea, Town Attorney representing Old Amenia Landfill.

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

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 ABSENT

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to CLOSE Mygatt Road at Rte 343 entrance prior to 9:00am on September 25, 2010 for **Amenia Lions Club Walk to Cure Diabetes.**

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

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 ABSENT

**RESOLUTION OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AMENIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Councilwoman Perotti introduced the Resolution, dated July 13, 2010, that the Amenia Historical Society and the Town of Amenia have requested and accepted a grant from M&T Bank in the amount of \$2,000 for repairs to be made at Fountain Square, which is a Town of Amenia historical site. **Resolution will be attachment to Resolution #37 of 2010 for record purposes.**

**RESOLUTION #37 OF 2010**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMENIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON A GRANT APPLICATION FOR REPAIRS AT FOUNTAIN SQUARE**

**Project: M&T Bank Foundation Grant for Fountain Square in the amount of \$2,050.**

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

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

MOTION by Councilwoman Riermer, SECOND by Councilwoman Doyle to ACCEPT the Town Board Workshop Minutes of June 10, 2010, Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2010, and Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2010.

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

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 ABSENT

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Local events announced.

2011 Town of Amenia budget worksheets have been distributed to all departments and vendors; must be returned by August 20, 2010.

**TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Doyle announced local community events.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Patrick Nelligan requested information on the portion of the Amenia Elementary School building that will be allocated for Webutuck School Board use. Supervisor Euvrard stated that issue is in discussion.

Arlene Iuliano suggested that the Town Board establish a policy to recognize or honor staff or volunteers.

Ms. Iuliano suggested that citizens be given more information on plans for the Town Hall relocation to the Amenia Elementary School.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to ADJOURN Regular Board Meeting at 8:51pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds  
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: August 9, 2010

Approved by Town Board: August 12, 2010 C/Cayea Absent