

TOWN OF AMENIA  
Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, August 19, 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 for 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	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ryan Kilmer, Recreation Commission requested first room at the Amenia Elementary School in hallway next to the gym for Recreation meetings, classes, and use of the gym for Recreation activities. Supervisor Euvrard stated that room has been assigned for Town Board Meeting Room, but if not in use, the Recreation is welcome to use this room.

Charlotte Murphy requested that gate system be reinstalled at the rail trail crossings. Supervisor Euvrard advised that issue has been discussed with county and parts are on order for replacement.

Patrick Nelligan suggested that site plan for the Amenia Elementary School be reviewed by the Planning Board.

Cheryl Morse requested that town board consider placing a **dead end** sign at Lavelle Road. Councilwoman Perotti stated that No Loitering signs were being discussed for the underpass at that location.

County Legislator Michael Kelsey reported that legislation committee met on Election costs for County and towns. Mr. Kelsey explained formula cost for towns, with further discussion with County.

Update on issues: Early Retirement Incentive in counties; Resource Recovery; Rail Trail Crossing gate system to be discussed with county engineer; Domestic Violence; two bonds for review: jail and medical examiner.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Highway**

**TOWN OF AMENIA HIGHWAY MATERIAL BIDS –September 16, 2010 to August 18, 2011**

Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent, submitted results of bid opening on August 16, 2010 for Highway road materials for period 9/16/2010-8/18/2011; bank run, sand, item #4, crushed quarry stone, washed gravel, calcium chloride, hot and cold bituminous mix, road oils, concrete, and equipment rentals. Lee’s Tree Service, Cold Spring, NY recommended for tree work.

MOTION BY Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ACCEPT Bids as recommended by Stanley Whitehead, Amenia Highway Superintendent.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Highway Superintendent that Tower Hill Road project has been completed. Work continuing at Nelson Road Bridge.

**Water**

Marco D’Antonio reported that Well 4A pump and motor has been replaced. Information is being gathered for the installation of proper ground protection.

Service repair at Litco Company location has been completed.

**Recreation Commission**

Councilwoman Perotti reported that Seniors picnic was successful and thanked all volunteers and businesses that contributed or donated.

**Town Clerk**

Maureen Bonds reported that the Town Clerk’s office will be closed on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

Maplebrook School/Town of Amenia Student Internship Program

Request has been received from Melissa Gallo, Program Coordinator, to propose a Partnership with the Town of Amenia under the Transitional Living Center for student education. Councilwoman Doyle will contact Ms. Gallo to discuss volunteer work for the Amenia Dance Program.

AES work opportunities

Specific work services for the Amenia Elementary School have been posted on Channel 22. Business cards are being received in the Town Clerk’s office.

NYS Dog Licensing Program - 2011

Town Clerks are networking to discuss the implementation at municipality level.

**Assessor**

Supervisor Euvrard reported that opening for member has been advertised by assessor's office.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ethics**

Councilwoman Riemer reported that a proposal for a new Code of Ethics will be completed in September, and adopted in 2010.

**CAC**

Councilwoman Doyle reported study performed for aquatic life at Wassaic Creek.

**Enhancement**

Councilwoman Doyle thanked Kevin Cassone for watering flowers in barrels in town.

**Grants**

Mike Hagerty submitted updated grants report.

Supervisor Euvrard reported that fully-executed Master Agreement for the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) for the Wassaic Trail to the Train project has been received.

**BUSINESS and DISCUSSION:**

**M&T Sidewalk Grant**

Quotes have been received for masonry repair and restoration of steps at M&T Bank in Amenia, NY.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Doyle to ACCEPT bid from **Stone Structures, LLC** of Amenia, NY in the amount of \$2300.00 for step restoration; \$75.00 for electrical work.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**Amenia Dance Program**

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to HIRE Susan Pomesil and Karen Storms, Assistants, at \$400 each, and June Kaufman, Dance Instructor at \$4000.00 with

the stipulation that if additional monies are donated, that monies be equally allocated toward their stipends.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**Amenia Dance Program - 2011**

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Supervisor Euvrard to authorize Councilwoman Doyle to apply for NYS Council for the Arts grant for the maximum amount of \$2000.00 and to apply for the Ann and Abe Effron Community Foundation of Dutchess County grant for the maximum amount of \$2000.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #40 OF 2010**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE 2010 HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY CONSERVANCY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM FOR THE WASSAIC TRAIL TO THE TRAIN PROJECT**

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

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

A Request for Qualifications (RFO) for detailed design services and Right of Way (ROW) incidentals associated with the Wassaic Trail to the Train Project will be advertised by the Town Clerk in the Millerton News; Mike Hagerty will advertise in the Albany Times. Responses are due by September 8, 2010 at 12:00pm to the Town Clerk's office.

**Amenia Elementary School Acquisition**

Councilwoman Riemer reported that meeting was held on August 17th with all staff members to welcome their issues and concerns.

**RESOLUTION #41 OF 2010**

**WEBUTUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT/TOWN OF AMENIA TRANSFER OF TITLE AGREEMENT**

**A RESOLUTION THAT THE TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD HEREBY APPROVES THE AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN; AND**

**THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ANY ADDITIONAL CLOSING DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE TRANSFER OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE TOWN, AND TO TAKE SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE AND MINISTERIAL ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE TERMS OF THIS RESOLUTION.**

**Town Board members voting subject to review and agreement of the pending floor plan submitted by Webutuck School District for Webutuck School District's usage of three rooms at the Amenia Elementary School.**

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

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

**RESOLUTION #42 OF 2010**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2011 DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK PROGRAM. A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 AT 7:00PM TO CONSIDER ELIGIBLE PROJECTS UNDER THIS PROJECT.**

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

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

**RESOLUTION #43 OF 2010 – AES/TOWN HALL ZONING LAW EXEMPTION**

**A RESOLUTION, BASED UPON THE BALANCING OF (Specific Public Interest Factors), THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY DETERMINES THAT THE PROJECT IS IMMUNE FROM THE TOWN ZONING LAW, AND;**

**THAT THE SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA ZONING LAW THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE APPLY TO THE PROJECT UNDER OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT APPLY TO THE PROJECT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, BECAUSE THE BALANCING OF THE REQUISITE PUBLIC INTEREST FACTORS COMPELS A DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT FALLS WITHIN THE TOWN'S SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.**

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

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	<b>No</b>
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ACCEPT Bid from **Arnoff Moving and Storage**, Millerton, NY in the amount of \$3755.00 for moving services to the Amenia Elementary School.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**Old Amenia Landfill Closure**

Supervisor Euvrard reported that letter from Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) for engineering agreement between Town of Amenia and C.T. MaleAssociates is acceptable and in compliance.

**Snow Removal Bids 2010-2011**

Supervisor Euvrard stated that snow removal bids for season 2010-2011 will need to be revised to include sidewalks at Amenia Elementary School. Amenia Highway Department will be responsible for plowing parking lot and driveways at this location.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea, to AUTHORIZE the Town Clerk to advertise for **Snow Removal Bids** when revisions are completed.

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 Riemer to purchase a Dell laptop for budget software program and associated programs from Professional Computer Associates (**PCA**) in the amount of \$1530.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

#### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Local events announced.

Data 2000 software services for the bookkeeping department will be discontinued at the end of the month (August 31, 2010).

Special 2011 Budget Workshop scheduled for Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

United States Census 2010 (plaque) has recognized the Town of Amenia for support.

#### **TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Riemer was authorized to research for a Clerk to oversee work services at the Amenia Elementary School.

Councilman Cayea thanked everyone for their cards and support during his recent absence.

Councilwoman Doyle announced that George Fenn, former Chairman of the Planning Board had surgery at Mt Sinai Hospital.

Councilwoman Doyle announced that site for signage in Wassaic is in discussion.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sharon Kroeger suggested that the proposed Dutchess County Planning and Transportation Council re-design formula of by-laws for towns be opposed.

Marty Grossman requested that request for qualifications (RFQ) for Wassaic Rail Trail to the Train be posted on the website.

Patrick Nelligan suggested that a Contractor be hired to oversee the work at the AES.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to ADJOURN Regular Board Meeting at 8:56pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Maureen Bonds  
Amenia Town Clerk

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