

TOWN OF AMENIA
Town Board Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2013
Amenia Town Hall

Councilwoman Doyle moved, seconded by C/Perotti to call the meeting to order.

Salute to the flag was conducted and a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Councilwoman Victoria Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Vicki Doyle	Aye
Supervisor William Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Darlene Riemer	Absent

also present:

Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk
Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent
Town Attorney, Ian MacDonald, Esq.

Public Comments

Cheryl Morse commented on the openness and transparency of some offices and states that she will continue to report the current activities on Facebook.

Highway Report- Stan Whitehead, Highway Superintendent

No report

Water Report- Marco D'Antonio, NWS

Mr. D'Antonio read his monthly report aloud. See attached. He recommends that the follow contracts are approved: Corpro for the cathodic protection, HA Schreck for the maintenance of the generators and Liquid Engineers for the cleaning of the tanks. The Board and Mr. D'Antonio discussed in length the Back Flow Certification Program he previously submitted to the Board. He questioned the board why are they looking to reinvent the wheel when a program he submitted was an approved document from Department of Health. He and the Supervisor discussed the matter of he being an operator and the responsibilities with the position. Mr. D'Antonio recommends that fines be established for those not in compliance with the Back Flow Program. John Fenton, Building Inspector states that he has sent out letters to places in town that requires having these inspections done. He suggests that the town adopts the program.

C/Doyle motions, seconded by C/Perotti

Motion to adopt the Cross Contamination Policy with a start date of April 18, 2013 and a compliance date of July 18, 2013

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	voting Absent

Motion carried.

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Mr. D'Antonio announced that the water bills were sent out; and bills were sent out in the amount of \$500 if your meter shows a no read. This will be a way to find and fix any issues. The DOT permit came in for water work on State Roads.

S/Flood read aloud the Notice of Complete Application for Lavelle Road. Public comments are accepted until April 26, 2013 and can be sent to DEC, Joseph Murray, 21 South Putt Road, New Paltz NY.

Mr. D'Antonio requested for materials to be purchased for the around the wells, and that it was agreed upon that he will do the work.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

Motion to authorize the purchase of topsoil, grass seed and hay.

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	voting Absent

Motion carried.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

Motion to authorize the signing of the service contracts for the generators by HA Schreck – Level 1 Service; cathodic protection by Corrpro; and tank cleaning by Liquid Engineering (pending the request by the Department of Health)

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	voting Absent

Motion carried.

S/Flood reiterates that Mr. D'Antonio is a contractor for the town, which leads to a discussion regarding the PO systems; he is to call a board member any time of day when a purchase is needed. Conversation also leads to the clarification that the bookkeeper, Sherry Johnson only collects the money for the water district. He states that since the beginning of this year he has not been given copies of any submitted vouchers from the bookkeeper. Supervisor expressed a concern that he was receiving items at his house and that the contract he has is vague. Conversation between the Board, Marco and May Jones, Water District Chair continue about job descriptions and responsibilities. Ms. Jones will be given copies of all the vouchers so they be reviewed at the Water District meetings. C/Perotti inquired who has not been paid and why. S/Flood states that Stan will be paid next week for his work at the water main break.

Building Department, John Fenton Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Fenton read aloud his monthly report (see attached). He inquired about having BAS create a website feature to allow zoning complaints to be completed online and emailed directly to him.

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S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

Motion to authorize the expense up to \$100 for the online form.

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Supervisor Flood	voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	voting Absent

Motion carried.

Mr. Fenton also received a comment from a concerned citizen that at the Music Event the announcer did not announce the location of the fire exits. The Board authorized him to draft a form that will need to be signed off by the applicant and him ensuring that the fire exits / ground rules are announced. Property Maintenance Policy has been sent to the town attorney and the board is waiting to hear back, follow up next meeting.

Town Clerk's Report- Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk

Mrs. Klingner announced that the office to date has collected 88% in taxes; fishing licenses are on sale, and the no burn remains in effect per DEC regulations. The minutes have been circulated. April 15th is the due date for applications for the open councilmembers seat and the open recreation seat. Also to date there are ten applications for the attorney position that was advertised. After discussions, the Clerk will schedule interviews for the open Councilman's seat for Tuesday, April 8th beginning at 5pm.

S/Flood read aloud the following bid notices and awards are as follows:

Painting Bid- one bid submitted by McEnroe Painting in the amount of \$39,440.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

Motion to accept the bid for painting the exterior building in the amount of \$39,440 by McEnroe Painting.

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	voting Absent

Motion carried.

This project will be paid for out of the Tri-Wall funds.

Lawn Mowing Bid – three bids submitted:

Kenny Elliot in the amount of \$10,900

Mancon LLC in the amount of \$7,450

Jeff Johnson in the amount of \$8,965

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S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

Motion to accept the lawn mowing bid submitted by Mancon LLC in the amount of \$7,450

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	voting Absent

Motion carried.

Pruning of town tree bid- two submitted

Ben Swartz -Wassaic Community Farms in the amount of \$3,025

Lee Tree Service in the amount of \$3,000

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

Motion to accept the pruning of tree bid submitted by Lee Tree Service in the amount \$3,000.

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	voting Absent

Motion carried.

The planting of trees from the Main Street Grant will be advertised; bid specs will be given to the clerk.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

Motion to authorize the clerk to advertise that the town is now accepting bids for the planting of trees using the funds from the Main Street Grant. Due date May 8th at noon

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	voting Absent

Motion carried.

S/Flood read aloud the Amendment to the agreement with Webutuck Central Schools

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

Motion to accept Resolution #18- Webutuck Agreement and Amendment

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	voting Aye

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Councilwoman Doyle voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer voting Absent
Motion carried.

Dog Control Officer Brett Johnson submitted information to the board requesting to take a class. It was determined that there is no money in the budget.

C/Perotti inquired as to whether or not we will be drafting a contract with Dover to use their kennels was completed.

S/Flood meet with John Harkness who found a working boiler from a hospital in New York that is approximately fifteen years old. He will be making a proposal for the board as to what he recommends for the building.

S/Flood read aloud a letter from Curves which states the business is closing and they are looking to get rid of the equipment. The board had concerns with the safety of the equipment and will continue the discussion next month to allow time to look further into it.

C/Perotti motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

Motion to accept Resolution #19 Amenia Firemen's Carnival

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer voting Absent

Motion carried.

C/Perotti motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

Motion to accept Resolution #20- Constable Special Duties- Amenia Carnival

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer voting Absent

Motion carried.

S/Flood announced that the Amenia Fire Department will be hosting the 2014 Firemen's Convention and would like to offer the Town Hall Property to them. He has spoken with DEC and they have given a verbal to open the drain area next to the tennis courts. He will speak to Stan to have him look at it. He has spoken with Ed Hoxie from Farm and Soil about the drainage of the field next to the lower parking lot. All Board members were ok with offering the property to the fire department.

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Supervisor Comments:

S/Flood complimented the Constables on a great job that they did this past weekend with the Flood Auction, Easter Egg Hunt and the Music Concert.

He and Mike Hagerty met with the Berkshire Taconic and Housing Authority, and announced the upcoming classes.

Town Board Comments:

C/Perotti announced that Joy Cole Johnson donated arts and crafts to the recreation department. Cheer Gymnastics will be run from April 25th to June 27th. A new recreation program "Knit and Spin" will begin on the 1st Saturday of the month. And Pat Smalley will be having a boating course on Sundays in April. Opening day of baseball will have a parade. The little league would like to purchase a pitching machine. Recreation submitted three bids and Dicks Sporting Goods is the least expensive. The summer camp positions need to be advertised.

C/Perotti motioned, seconded by S/Flood

Motion to authorize the purchase of a Jugs Pitching machine in the amount of \$599.99

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	voting Absent

Motion carried.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

Motion to authorize the clerk to advertise for the open summer camp positions

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	voting Absent

Motion carried.

C/Doyle is working with the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley for Fiscal Sponsor Services. This will allow private donors to make donations to the town. This would be a way to start a fund drive such as one for the new heat and air condition system needed.

The board is waiting for C/Riemer and John Fenton to meet to discuss the new highway specs.

C/Doyle inquired about the need of insurance for the gymnastics program and compared it to the music concert was required to get their own.

S/Flood announced the Amenia Fire Company's participation in the RecruitNY – being held at the Amenia Fire House on Sunday, April 28th.

Mike Kelsey, County Legislature shared the PO Stamps – This year is the Year of the Heritage.

He provided an update on the four bonds that were passed totaling five and a half million dollars for the county roads, twenty new vehicles, energy upgrades and machinery.

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C/Doyle announced that April 27th is the cleanup day from 10am to noon.

Public Comment:

Kevin Cassone announced the upcoming gardens lecture "English Gardens" lead by Diana King.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

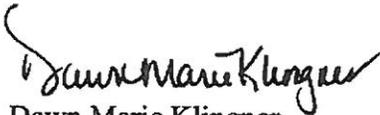
Motion to adjourn at 9:27pm

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	voting Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	voting Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	voting Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	voting Absent

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk

The foregoing represents unapproved minutes of the Town of Amenia Town Board from a meeting held on April 11, 2013 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

6/13/13 Approved as read on

_____ Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions