



# TOWN OF AMENIA

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## TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP

### AGENDA

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Town Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

7:00 P.M.

Salute Flag  
Moment of Silence  
Emergency Exits  
Roll Call

Public Comments-

Senator Terry Gipson-

Water Department Report-  
Building Department Report-  
Highway Department Report-  
Committee Reports-  
Town Clerk Report-

Discussions:

Other Matters-

- Amenia Fire Co. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 5k Road Race Road Closure & Hiring of Constables Resolution

Supervisor's Report-

Town Board Comments-

Adjourn

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Councilwoman Riemer moved to call the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

Councilwoman Darlene Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Victoria Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Vicki Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Gretchen Hitselberger	Aye
Supervisor William Flood	Aye

also present:

Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk  
Ian MacDonald, Town Attorney

Salute to the flag was conducted followed by a moment of silence. The emergency exits were pointed out.

**Public Comments**

*Kenny Elliott* commented on the mowing bids. He inquired about the start date that was listed on the bid since he noticed the company who was awarded the bid has already started. He points out that there has been no trimming done on Mygatt Road. He also comments that municipal bids are supposed to pay prevailing wages and the prevailing wage amount in Dutchess County is +- \$17.00. S/Flood acknowledges there are issues with the mowing company, and regarding the payment they will be cut off a month early.

*Wayne Euvrard* commented that this was a workshop meeting and inquired as to the Town Attorney being present and the associated costs. He also asks for the status of the Old Amenia Landfill Project.

**Senator Terry Gipson**

Senator Terry Gipson addressed the Board, asking if there was anything that he could do to help. Senator Gipson addresses mandatory mandates and the Good Neighbor Bill. C/Doyle thanked the Senator for attending the Holiday of Lights and shares a concern of the board that the Town Hall is in need of creating a more energy efficient building. C/Riemer shared the need of a generator for the building and the making this building a shelter in case of an emergency. Wayne Euvrard asked about the job loss at the TDDSO and the Correctional facility. S/Flood suggested with TDDSO closing it was be a great location for a college campus it has water, sewer and train access. C/Perotti applauded Senator Gipson for his efforts with the unfunded mandates, and comments on small towns having to pay prevailing wages. C/Doyle shares the need of a new highway garage. Senator Gipson asked if the TDDSO had a highway garage that the Town could use. Kevin Cassone asked if there are laws about banks maintain the property (referencing the Good Neighbor Laws).

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**Water Report, NWS, Marco D'Antonio**

Mr. D'Antonio gave his monthly report. He is also working on meter issues with Neptune who has acknowledged there is a manufacturer failure with the meters from 2008. They will be issuing a credit. C/Perotti asked who is completing the meter reads. At this time Mr. D'Antonio is the only one who is completing the reads. C/Perotti attended the Water Committee meeting and they request that a copy of the voucher be left for review because the only person currently reviews them is the bookkeeper. On the Town website emergency contact is not listed, if someone accepts a complaint please note the time, date, address, and description of the problem. Mr. D'Antonio asked if there was a problem with his invoice because he was not paid for his work submitted. The Board and he discussed his current contract and that reading the meters was not part of his job. C/Doyle complemented Marco on his work. He has gone over and beyond. S/Flood addresses that his current contract does not included water reads and that he is not an employee he is a contractor.

C/Doyle motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

*Motion to continue the way we have in the past, and Marco D'Antonio will run the water district how he has the past four years with an addendum to the contract that will include reading the meters and to continue to handle the water meters*

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

Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye

Motion Carried

S/Doyle motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

*Motion to authorize town attorney to create an amendment to the contract with Mr. D'Antonio*

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

Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye

Motion Carried

**Code Enforcement Report, John Fenton, Code Enforcement Officer.**

Mr. Fenton gave his monthly report. (See attached) Mr. Fenton addressed the code violations and asked the Board to take a more aggressive approach in enforcing property maintenance. Making these changes will give him the authority to levy the costs on to the taxes. The banks who own the properties are responsible.

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**CAC- Report**

C/Doyle discussed a possible road trip to the Old Amenia Landfill/ S/flood will find out but is under the impression that no one can access the work site. C/Doyle and C/Histelberger discussed educational signage for when the cleanup is complete.

**Enhancement Report**

C/Doyle thanked all who participated in the town clean up. She also thanked the transfer station for their accommodations. That leads to a conversation about the reduced hours, the change in hours were discussed previously at a board meeting but not with formal motion or resolution. . C/Perotti addressed the changes in hours where made with no communication to the users. And there was no formal change in the contract that was approved by the Town Board. C/Doyle will get the change in hours to Channel 22 and S/Flood will have Mary change it on the website.

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

Ms. Klingner reported that the 91% the taxes have been collected. Reminder that there is no burning until May 15<sup>th</sup>. She has received a notice from the Bank of Millbrook that an updated Corporate Resolution is needed with updated information for the signees and inquired about the planting bid specs. Currently four companies have asked for the specs. C/Riemer is working on them with Kevin Cassone. More information will follow.

**Other Matters**

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

***Motion to appoint John Metcalf to the ZBA for the unexpired term***

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

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye

Motion carried.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

***Motion to accept Resolution # 26 Amenia Fire Company's 1 Annual 5k Race***

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

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye

Motion carried

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S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

***Motion to accept Resolution # 27- Constables Special Use - Amenia Fire Company's 1 Annual 5k Race***

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

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye

Motion carried

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

***Motion to authorize Supervisor Flood to sign the liquor license permit for the Amenia Music Hall***

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

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye

Motion carried

C/Perotti asked for the status of the open recreation director position, S/Flood is waiting to hear back from the individual who interviewed and expressed an interest

C/Perotti read aloud a resolution calling for the Repealing the NYS Safe Act introduced at a recent Republican Committee meeting. The Town Board took no action, C/Doyle urged residents to contact the Board directly with their concerns or to lobby Albany. The item was tabled until the next meeting.

S/Flood announced the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 27, 2013.

S/Flood announced that the Town Attorney was present to go into executive session and discuss the Dog Catcher issue.

S/Flood attended the meeting with the County Executive this past Monday. The sales tax has been capped and will be distributed according to the population. There is a county wide workers compensation program that the Town has joined and will share the information with the Fire Departments. The County is also looking at a County wide Health Insurance, more info will follow.

C/Doyle commented on all the repairs being completed at the Town Hall; S/Flood acknowledged all the work that has been completed and is being completed. All of the work has been paid for by the use of the Tri- Wall funds.

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C/Hitselberger announces that the Hudson Valley Iris and Daylily Society has selected the Amenia Town Hall for the 2015 site and will recommend to the American Iris Society for approval.

C/Doyle announced the Meet the Candidates Night at Webutuck High School on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

C/Riemer announced the Smithfield Church Ham and Strawberry supper will be held June 8<sup>th</sup>.

C/Perotti asked why the Town Clerk has not received her received stamp, notary stamp and sealer that were ordered in January. S/Flood replies that he spoke her (Sherry Johnson) and told her to order them.

C/Doyle asked about ADA compliance. The M&T Bank has not opened any renovation permits and is in compliance.

Attorney Ian MacDonald clarifies the Corporate Resolution. The Clerk will prepare for the next meeting the resolution.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

***Motion to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters at 9:20***

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

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye

Motion carried.

The clerk was excused from the executive session and C/Doyle agreed to take the remainder of the minutes.

C/Doyle motioned, seconded by C/Hitselberger

***Motion to exit executive session and return to the regular meeting***

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

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye

Motion carried

C/Doyle motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

***Motion to authorize Ian MacDonald, Esq. discuss to resolve the dispute with John Tublewicz***

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

Supervisor Flood	Aye
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Councilwoman Perotti      Aye  
Councilwoman Doyle      Aye  
Councilwoman Riemer      Aye  
Councilwoman Hitselberger      Aye  
Motion carried

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Hitselberger

*Motion to adjourn at 10:05pm*

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

Supervisor Flood      Aye  
Councilwoman Perotti      Aye  
Councilwoman Doyle      Aye  
Councilwoman Riemer      Aye

*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 May 9, 2013 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

6-27-13 Approved as read on

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions