

TOWN OF AMENIA
Special Town Board Meeting
Thursday, September 11, 2014
7:00PM
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor V. Perotti moved to open the meeting at 7:00PM. Observed a moment of silence in memory to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Emergency exits were pointed out and roll call was taken by the Clerk.

Members present:

Councilman Michael DeLango
Councilwoman Vicki Doyle
Councilwoman Gretchen Hitselberger
Supervisor Victoria Perotti
Councilman Stephen Perotti Absent

Also present:

Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Attorney Denise Fitzpatrick

Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by G. Hitselberger to open the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant.

4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)

No public comments

Mike Hagerty, Grant Writer commented on the cost estimates and the need to complete an income survey. The project idea is sidewalk repairs in the center of town and the installation of a sidewalk from Broadway to Beekman Park. This project is for handicap and infrastructure improvements. V. Perotti reviewed the list of priorities according to the grant requirements. This project idea does meet the priority requirements.

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by G. Hitselberger to close the public hearing.

4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by G. Hitselberger to return to the regular meeting.

4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)

The Board discussed the project options and locations for improving walkability in the town. The Board will have a resolution for the next meeting.

Public Comments

Sharon Kroeger comments on town law and the tax assessor position.

Mike Collins comments on the recent votes of the board members.

Town Clerk Report, Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk

Mrs. Klingner reported the monthly share has been remitted to the Town Supervisor in the amount of \$1,252; Mrs. Klingner references the Dog Law that was adopted by Local Law #2 in December 2010 and reminds town residents that all dogs must be licensed in accordance with this town law.

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Water District, May Jones Chairman

May Jones reported Neptune has sent replacement meters at no charge to the Town. The Water District has recommended a new billing software be considered and they would recommend Williamson Law. Ms. Jones also asked that Marco D'Antonio contract be extended. Ms. Jones addresses Councilwoman's concerns she had with the Water District and the infrastructure. There is approximately two hundred thousand dollars in savings. A draft of a document was distributed to the board members. This will be discussed at the next meeting. The Board and Ms Jones discussed the need of a new contract from Mr. D'Antonio and the option of extending the contract or advertising for RFP's (Requesting for Proposals).

V. Perotti motioned to ask the water operator to extend our contract thirty days and obtain RFP. Motion was not seconded. V. Perotti will schedule him for meeting at an upcoming budget meeting

Roxbury Sand and Gravel Compost Request

The request has been sent to John Fenton to review, this request needs to have the zoning law provisions reviewed as well as the DEC regulations. The Board asked the Attorney to hold off on research and see what Mr. Fenton finds.

Snow Removal Specification for Bids

V. Perotti distributed snow removal specs based on the town law. The specs will only include the town hall. This would be a cost savings to the town. Discussed homeowners and business owners clearing the sidewalks. M. DeLango recommended highway to do this. G. Hitselberger suggests the transfer of funds to highway and allow Stan to do this. He is most experience with town roads.

G. Hitselberger motions to table the discussion until Stan Whitehead can be present. Motion was not seconded

Old Amenia Landfill Change Order #5 and Construction Change Order #5

V. Perotti read aloud the following resolutions

V. Doyle motioned, seconded by G. Hitselberger to accept Resolution #38 Old Amenia Landfill Technical Service Change Order # 5

4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by G. Hitselberger to accept Resolution #39 Construction Change order #5

4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)

Ten Mile River Watershed Council

Michael Jastremski addressed the board regarding the Town of Amenia being part of the Ten Mile River Watershed Council. The role of the management plan is to help facilitate and organize towns to come together and strategize. The individual towns will still operate the same as it does now. This would not have an impact on land use. V. Perotti addresses concerns that will impose financial and land use impacts. Katie Palmer-House addressed the Board sharing that this is the next step to our collaborative efforts and the continuation of the all hazardous mitigation that towns are already part of.

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Mike Kelsey, County Legislature

Mr. Kelsey comments that he too was approached by The Watershed Council and he will be taking it to the County. He comments on the project of implementing tax installments – this will not be moving forward. He comments on item pricing (the requirement of supermarkets pricing each item) – Supermarkets are seeking a waiver and a fine to be paid in lieu of pricing each item. He reports the Ethics Board wants the ability to accept complaints from anonymous complainants; he is not in favor of this movement. On November 1st the County Executive is schedule to present the 2015 budget. The merging of County offices will most likely occur. Kevin Cassone asked about televised meetings. Mr. Kelsey announces that you can watch the county meetings online. Tom Werner asked about the property equalization rates, Mr. Kelsey will look into this.

2015 Budget

V. Perotti announced the upcoming budget meetings.

Other matters

Received request from Jon Zenz for the use of the soccer fields

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by V. Doyle to give Webutuck Central School Soccer authorization to use the soccer fields at Amenia Town Park for September 22nd and October 6th
4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)

V. Perotti participated in a webinar with the NYS Comptroller's Office and the Town of Amenia rates with No Designation as type of stress based on the fiscal score and environmental score.

Public Comments

Kevin Cassone expresses his upset with the consideration of the reappointment of the water contract and not being advertised to go out to bid.

Tom Werner commented on the plowing the sidewalks.

Town Board Comments

V. Doyle announces upcoming meetings and events.

G. Hitselberger inquires about the replacement bench and plantings; and announces upcoming local events.

M. DeLango comments on making informed decisions and wants to have choice regarding the water district operator contract. He addresses the safety issue of the trees in in the lower parking lot.

M. DeLango makes a motion to remove the three trees in the lower parking lot. Motion not seconded.

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by V. Doyle to authorize Lee's Trees to trim the three trees in the lower parking lot and in front of town hall

4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)

Supervisor Comments

V. Perotti announces on the website information available for lifeline telephone service discounts.

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by V. Doyle to enter into executive session at 9:27pm

4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)

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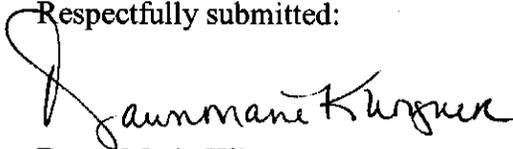
G. Hitselberger motioned, seconded by V. Perotti to exit out of executive session
4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by G. Hitselberger to return to regular meeting
4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by G. Hitselberger to authorize the attorney to negotiate a settlement with Rhinebeck Ford on behalf of the Town.
4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by G. Hitselberger to adjourn at 9:49pm
4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, V. Perotti)

Respectfully submitted:



Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk

The foregoing represents unapproved minutes of the Town of Amenia Town Board from a meeting held on September 11, 2014 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

 X Approved as read on (11-13-14)
 Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions