

TOWN OF AMENIA
Town Board Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2015
7:00PM
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor V. Perotti moved to open the meeting at 7:00PM. Emergency exits were pointed out and roll call was taken by the Clerk.

Members present:

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

Also present:

Town Attorney Denise Fitzpatrick
Tara Morey, sitting in for Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner who was absent

The following minutes were transcribed after reviewing the meeting online.

Silo Ridge Update

Norm Fontaine, Planning Board Chair and Dave Everett, Esq., Attorney for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals were present.

Dave Everett, Esq reviewed a memo that was sent to the Town Board itemizing the approvals required to be made by the Town Board for the Silo Ridge project.

Regarding discussing the MTA, D. Everett, Esq. suggested it be discussed in executive session for attorney client privileged information.

V. Doyle motioned, seconded by V. Perotti to adjourn to executive session to discuss legal issues
5 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

V. Doyle motioned, seconded by S. Perotti to return to regular session at 8:00pm
5 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

V. Doyle motioned, seconded by S. Perotti to give Dave Everett, Esq permission to utilize the consultants he needs to respond to the proposed monopole in Wassaic.

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

Public Comments

County Legislature Mike Kelsey updated the Board of current activity at the County. Dutchess Stadium welcomes a football team this fall. The airport property will be putting solar panels. He addressed the recent accident at the Rail Train intersection. He suggested a local law to allow the bicyclist the right of way. The Board discussed this idea, but not in favor of

Marc Basler inquired about Mr. Bulfamante's project and is looking for any information.

Max Smith, Boy Scout Troop 29 completed his Eagle Scout project- message board at Beekman Park. He seeks a letter approving his completed project.

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Donald Capillino, Esq. attorney for Ian Hollback, has sent the town attorney a draft application for modifications to the existing Mining Overlay Districts. He will continue to work with D. Fitzpatrick Esq. in preparing the submission.

Supervisors Report, Victoria Perotti, Supervisor

V. Perotti thanked those who donated and volunteered for the senior picnic. Marg Arnold was hired to fill the open bookkeeper position beginning August 31st. The American Red Cross will be hosting a Shelter Fundamentals course on Sept. 21st at the town hall. September 17th there will be a public hearing on the proposed heating system for the building. Budget worksheets have been circulated and are due Sept. 1st.

Highway Report, Highway Superintendent Stanley Whitehead

S. Whitehead thanked the Amenia Fire District for the donation of a 1985 Kenworth Fire Truck. Salt prices for the coming year have an increase of 42%. This price increase is due to only one bid. S. Whitehead requested Board approval to seal the town hall parking lot. The results of the material bids were circulated prior to the meeting. The following actions were taken as a result of the highway superintendent's report

V. Doyle motioned, seconded by V. Perotti to accept Stan's proposal that he seals the town hall parking lot

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

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by G. Hitselberger to accept highway recommended bids for everything except equipment

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

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by G. Hitselberger to reject the highway bid for equipment

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

Building Department Report

The Board is in receipt of a letter from Mike Segleken, who issued an Order to Remedy at 11 Prospect Ave., and is requesting an outside company to mow and the costs to be levied to the taxes. The DEC permit was obtained for the removal of the beaver dam on Roxbury Sand and Gravel property; highway superintendent addressed his concern for the beaver dam on Sharon Station Road. The following action was taken from the building department report:

V. Doyle motioned, seconded by S. Perotti to authorize and advertise for an outside company to remove the weeds as recommended by Mike Segelken and he provides pictures for the file.

4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

1 Nay (G. Hitselberger)

Grant Report, Grant writer Mike Hagerty

M. Hagerty updated the board on his current grant activity.

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Committee Reports

Water District- Draft laws were sent out redlined for the board to review.

Transfer of Funds Resolution

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by V. Doyle to authorize Transfer of Funds according to Resolution #29 of 2015 Transfer of Funds for August 2015

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

Roof Bids

Matter was tabled by the supervisor's request.

Approval to pay claims

S. Perotti read aloud the certification approving the bill to be paid in the amount \$312,026.19

The amount totals being approved are as follows:

General Fund A	\$ 155,784.02
Highway Fund DA0	\$ 76,344.72
Amenia Lighting SL1	\$
Wassaic Lighting SL2	\$ 574.03
Amenia Water SW0	\$ 6,903.65
Landfill	\$ 72,419.77
Total amount	\$312,026.19

S. Perotti motioned, seconded by V. Doyle to pay the vouchers

4 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, S. Perotti, V. Perotti)

1 Nay (G. Hitselberger)

Other Matters

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by G. Hitselberger to renew the lease with the Amenia Historical Society and authorizing the supervisor to sign the lease.

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

V. Perotti spoke with Don Smith who is interested in the open position of deputy building inspector to cover when the building inspector goes on vacation and anticipated trainings at a rate of \$25.00/hour. The position was not advertised.

S. Perotti motioned, seconded by M. DeLango to advertise for the deputy building inspector in the newspaper of general circulation

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

Minutes from the town clerk tabled to the next meeting

Public Comments none

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V. Doyle is seeking bids for the repair of the stage. M. DeLango requested the matter to be tables so he may look into this further. V. Doyle congratulated Congregation Beth David and the Smithfield Presbyterian Church on their recent grants for architectural improvements. Attorney Fitzpatrick inquired about the shared services agreement with the Town of Northeast regarding the shared education costs with the building inspector. D. Fitzpatrick followed up with the Board regarding the composting application, since there is a current application a DEC representative was not comfortable addressing the Board.

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by V. Doyle to authorize Dave Everett, Esq. to move ahead with the zoning text amendments

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

Adjourn

S. Perotti motioned, seconded by G. Hitselberger to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm

5 Ayes (V. Doyle, M. DeLango, G. Hitselberger, S. Perotti, 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 August 20, 2015 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

 X Approved as read on (10/15/2015)
 Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions