



**TOWN OF AMENIA
TOWN BOARD MEETING**
Thursday, July 6, 2017
7:00PM
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor	Victoria Perotti
Members of the Town Council	Michael DeLango Vicki Doyle P. Damian Gutierrez James Morris
Town Clerk	Dawn Marie Klingner

Supervisor Perotti moved to open the meeting at 7:00PM. There was a Salute to the Flag, emergency exits were pointed out and Roll Call was taken by the Clerk.

Members present:

Councilwoman Vicki Doyle
Councilman P. Damian Gutierrez
Councilman James Morris
Supervisor Victoria Perotti

Member Absent

Councilman Michael DeLango

Also present:

Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner

Public Comment- none

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti announced the Board met on June 20th and June 29th to interview the ten applicants who expressed their interest to be on the Zoning Review Committee. All ten applicants were appointed on June 29th. Also at the June 29th meeting the Board accepted town attorney Denise Fitzpatrick's resignation. Supervisor Perotti announced upcoming community events.

Building Department Report:

Supervisor Perotti read aloud the building report dated June 28th reporting \$7847.60 was collected for permits and fees.

Committee Report

Michelle Somogyi announced upcoming senior trips and annual picnic. The bus trip to the renegade baseball game has been cancelled due to the lack of interest.

Town Clerk Report, Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk

Clerk Klingner announced the minutes of June 15th, June 20th and June 29th were circulated; monthly share has been remitted to the Supervisor in the amount of \$274.00 and penalties and fees collected during tax season were remitted to the supervisor in the amount of \$7,607.72; Clerk Klingner announced the ZBA Secretary who is attending the Zoning Review Committee will be distributing the Zoning and Ethic books, those who wish to obtain a Comprehensive Plan may do so by contacting the town clerk. Once the committee meets and establishes a Chair and Secretary, the website will be updated. Email address have been created for all members. The following action was taken from the clerk's report:

Morris motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to accept the minutes of June 15th, June 20th and June 29th.

Roll Call: 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Perotti)

1 Absent (DeLango)

Committee Report

CAC-V. Doyle shared the CAC met June 21st and discussed Kent Hollow Mine, Trail to the Train and Climate Smart Community.

Schedule Interviews for Water RFQ Companies

July 13th beginning at 5:30pm the Clerk will schedule interviews with the five companies who submitted RFQ's for Water Engineering Services. (Laberger Group, KC Engineering, Morris Associates, Chazen Companies and Tighe&Bond)

Choose Shared Services for Municipal Innovation

Supervisor Perotti announced that Stan Whitehead has submitted information for shared services for salt purchasing and equipment rentals. Councilman Gutierrez has completed the report for a shared website. After speaking with insurance agent Supervisor has elected not to submit information for a shared mechanic with Webutuck due to the potential issues. The town already participates with the County for a shared Workers Compensation, will be working with the County to obtain a contract to formalize what already exists. Supervisor is working with Shawn Howard regarding the fields for permanent marking down on fields- the Pleasant Valley Supervisor will share those amounts with the County. Another innovation idea is to work with the County utilizing their procurement specialist. The project is being driving by the Governor who hopes to see property taxes go down. If the town does not participate will effect State Aid. In response to Councilman Gutierrez's inquire, these submissions are to assist with obtaining data and assisting with cost figures no motion is necessary at this time to authorize the submissions.

Jake Brake Discussion

Having received multiple complaints regarding the use of jake brakes in town the board has agreed to have a resolution drafted for the next meeting to move forward with limiting the use of them.

Other Matters

Perotti read aloud the following resolution

Doyle motioned, seconded by Morris to accept Resolution #20 Introducing Proposed Local Law #1 of 2017 Entitled, "A Local Law Providing for the Appointment of a Sole Appointive Assessor Pursuant to Article 3 of the Real Property Tax Law" and to schedule a Public Hearing on said Local Law and to authorize publication of Notice of said Public Hearing.

Roll Call: 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Perotti)
1 Absent (DeLango)

Councilman Gutierrez commented on the process of moving from an elected assessor to an appointed. Supervisor Perotti shared that an appointed assessor must already have completed the basic education, be approved by Real Property and may be shared with another town. Doyle commented that currently an assessor position is filled by residence versus qualifications.

Public Comment

Sharon Kroger commented and suggested to the Board to consider the County for the water project and confirmed that the public hearing for the assessor to be televised.

Executive Session

Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to enter into executive session for contract negotiations and seek advice from legal counsel at 7:56pm

Roll Call: 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Perotti)
1 Absent (DeLango)

Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Perotti to exit out of executive session and return to the regular meeting

Roll Call: 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Perotti)
1 Absent (DeLango)

Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to authorize Dave Everett, Esq. to prepare a resolution and other documents for town board to approve the revised Ridgcrest Conservation Easement

Roll Call: 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Perotti)
1 Absent (DeLango)

Perotti motioned, seconded by Morris to adjourn at 8:09pm

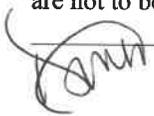
Roll Call: 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Perotti)
1 Absent (DeLango)

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Klingner

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Town Clerk

The foregoing represents unapproved minutes of the Town of Amenia Town Board from a meeting held on July 6, 2017 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

 Approved as read on (7/20/17) _____ Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions