



TOWN OF AMENIA
TOWN BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 5, 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, and a Moment of Silence in memory of employee John Culligan and town volunteer Ann Linden. The 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

Members Absent:

Councilman Michael DeLango

Also present:

Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Attorney Genevieve Trigg

Public Hearing – Ridgecrest Farms Application

Perotti motioned, seconded by Morris to open the Public Hearing for Ridge Crest Farms Application

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

No public comment

Perotti motioned, seconded by Morris to close the Public Hearing

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

Return to the Regular Meeting

Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to return to the regular meeting

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

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti shared information on the programs available through Altice, the cable company for those who qualify economically. Supervisor also shared upcoming community events.

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

Clerk Klingner reported the local share has been remitted in the amount of \$410 to the Town Supervisor. The 2018 Tentative Budget was received on Saturday, September 30th, copies have been emailed to the board members and hard copies have been distributed the same. Clerk reported Supervisor Perotti has prepared the Snow Bid Specs and announced the town's open part-time custodian position. The following actions were taken from the Clerk's Report:

Doyle motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to authorize the advertisement of the open custodian position
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Perotti)
1 Absent (DeLango)

Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Perotti to authorize to advertisement for snow bids.
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Perotti)
1 Absent (DeLango)

Highway Report, Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Whitehead reported the results the highway materials re-bid.
Doyle motioned, seconded by Perotti to authorize bids as received by the highway superintendent.
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Perotti)
1 Absent (DeLango)

Committee Reports-

Recreation- Michelle Somogyi provided an update on the upcoming senior bus trips. November 7th with will be the next recreation commission meeting.

Historian Report- Arlene Iuliano reported that she provided to the DEC information on the historical prospective of the area in South Amenia that Kent Hollow Mine is looking to reopen. The historical marker "The Nook" that was installed earlier this year reads "THE NOOK Archaeological evidence found by Ken Hoadley shows Webutuck Creek site used by Native Americans for camp. Pow Wows Until Early 1800s". The area site archeological finds have been on display at New York State Museum and the area has been listed among major archeological sited for American Indian Studies.

Building Department- Supervisor Perotti read aloud the monthly building report dated October 2, 2017 totaling \$13,947.80 has been collected in permit fees and searches.

Resolution to approve Town Hall Generator

Perotti motioned, seconded by Morris to accept the bid from Fellenzer for the Generator. This motion was not voted upon, as the following resolution was prepared.

Morris motioned, seconded by Doyle to accept Resolution #41- Approving a Proposal for Professional Engineering Design Services for a New Emergency Standby Generator at the Town Hall

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

Resolution for WSP Sells Supplemental Agreement

Doyle motioned, seconded by Perotti to accept Resolution #42- Approving an Amendment to Agreement with WSP Sells for Professional Engineering Services related to the Wassaic Trail to the Train Project Board discussion ensued regarding the costs of the services. Upon taken roll call, the motion failed.

Roll Call 1 Ayes (Perotti)
3 Nays (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris)
1 Absent (DeLango)

*motion fails

Resolution for Capital Reserve Highway Fund

Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Doyle to accept Resolution #43- To Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Acquisition of Highway Equipment and Machinery

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

Resolution for Veterans Cold War Exemption

Perotti motioned, seconded by Doyle to accept Resolution #44- Introducing Local Law No. 3 of 2017 entitled, "A Local Law to Amend Local Law No. 2 of 2008 to extent the Cold War Veterans Exemption"

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

Budget Meeting

Board members selected Tuesday, September 10th to hold a special meeting to review the budget; Clerk may not be present as it's a regular scheduled court session.

Other Matters

-CDBG submission authorization

Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to accept Resolution #45 of 2017- Authorizing the submission of Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for Wassaic Park Handicapped Accessibility Improvements

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

-Tax Certiorari Settlement

Perotti motioned, seconded Morris to accept Resolution #46 of 2017- Authorizing the Settlement of the Tax Certiorari Proceeding Regarding April Twenty First Holdings LLC

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

-MTA Cell Tower

Discussion ensued regarding the settlement with the MTA regarding the cell tower at the Wassaic Train Station. The following motion was made, and after taking roll call the motion failed.

Doyle motioned, seconded by Morris to agree to the outline of the steps by Claiborne Walthall, Esq. with exception of #7to read .. "If the town wishes, MTA will provide *plantings that will be guaranteed for five years*"

Roll Call 2 Ayes (Morris, Perotti)
1 Nay (Doyle)
1 Abstain (Gutierrez)
1 Absent (DeLango)

*Motion fails

Public Comment:

Michelle Somogyi announced upcoming events at Tally-Ho

Town Board Comments

Gutierrez encouraged those who qualify for the program offered by Altice to take advantage of the offer. Doyle announced upcoming performing arts program in December, and commented at the last CAC meeting the question of the type of decking on the rail trail, as the town will be responsible to maintenance.

Perotti moved to go into a closed meeting for attorney/client communications and excuse the Town Clerk.

The following was provided by Councilwoman Doyle-

During closed session a new vote was taken authorizing the proposed settlement with MTA monopole. (This includes the changes recommended in earlier defeated motion)

A vote was taken and passed with the following voting:

3 Ayes (Doyle, Morris, Perotti)

1 Abstain (Gutierrez)

1 Absent (DeLango)

After moving to return to regular session,

Morris motioned, seconded by Perotti to adjourn the meeting at 930pm

Passed unanimously

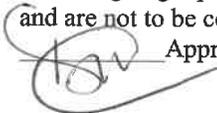
Respectfully submitted:

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Town Clerk

The foregoing represents unapproved minutes of the Town of Amenia Town Board from a meeting held on October 5, 2017 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.



Approved as read on (10/11/17) _____ Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions