



**TOWN OF AMENIA**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
Thursday, November 2, 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; the emergency exits were pointed out and Roll Call was taken by the Clerk.

**Members present:**

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

**Absent:**

Councilman Mike DeLango

**Also Present:**

Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner  
Town Attorney Genevieve Trigg

**Open Public Hearing: Extend Cold War Veterans Exemptions**

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to open the Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #3 of 2017- the Extension of Cold War Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption

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

No Public Comments

V. Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to close the Public Hearing

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

*Resolution*

Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to accept Resolution #54 Adopting Local Law #4 of 2017 entitled "A Local Law to Amend Local Law No. 2 of 2008 to Extend the Cold War Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption"

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

**Open Public Hearing: 2018 Preliminary Budget**

Wayne Euvrard commented on the budget process approach this year, the lack of meetings with the department heads and the removal of funds for the Kitchen line. He shared an article from the PoughkeepsieJournal and commented on the tax roll increase since 2009.

Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to close the Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget

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

### **Return to Regular Meeting**

Perotti moved, seconded by Gutierrez to return to the regular meeting at 7:27pm

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

### **Public Comments**

Wayne Euvrard commented on the Proposals on the 2018 Election Ballot. Sharon Kroeger commented that she supports Wayne's comments

### **Building Department Report**

Supervisor Perotti read aloud the October monthly report dated November 1<sup>st</sup> reporting a monthly total of \$37,465.00 and a year to date total \$119,936.55 for building permits and CO searches.

### **Highway Department, Stan Whitehead, Highway Superintendent**

Whitehead commented on the extended response time of the electric company for the storm that occurred over the weekend. He reported the 2000 International needs to be replaced; and requested the board to authorize him to start shopping as it will take several months, he has \$275,000 in reserve.

Perotti motioned, Gutierrez seconded the authorization of highway superintendent Stan Whitehead to look at bids for a six wheel dump truck under state/county bid

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

### **Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor**

Supervisor Perotti shared the Land Use class and training program she is currently taking. She also provided the history of the assessor's position and what it takes to fill the vacant position. Currently Amenia, North East, Pine Plains and Milan are the four towns left in Dutchess County that has an elected assessor.

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

Clerk Klingner reported the monthly share has been remitted in the amount of \$423.25; minutes of September 7, October 19 and October 27 have been circulated to the town board. The office has received one snow bid and to date has received one Board of Assessment Review Application. Clerk Klingner announced the upcoming community events. The following actions have been taken from her report.

Perotti motioned, seconded by Doyle to accept the minutes of September 7, 2017

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

Doyle motioned, seconded by Morris to accept the minutes of October 19, 2017

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

Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Perotti to accept the minutes of October 27, 2017

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

Doyle motioned, seconded by Perotti to accept the bid for \$30,000 for November 1, 2017-May 1, 2018 and \$30,000 October 1, 2018-May 1, 2019

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

Perotti motioned, seconded by Doyle to re-appoint Vern Fish to the Board of Assessment Review with an term to expire September 30, 2022

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

### **Committee Reports**

Recreation- Michelle Somogyi announced the upcoming senior holiday party

Enhancement- Vicki Doyle announced upcoming events

CAC- Doyle shared the topics of discussion at the last meeting

### **WSP Sells Construction/Inspection Amendment**

In following up of the concerns of the costs as discussed at the last meeting, Attorney Trigg and Councilman Morris have spoken with WSP Sells. The overhead field cost are calculated from a formula established and per Attorney Trigg, have been audited and approved by DEC, if the board elects not to use the existing engineer the process to obtain a engineer would be a costly action for the town. This item is holding up sending the project to bid. As the cost was is not understood by all board members, and in light of the information hand out, Councilman Morris requested the matter to be deferred until the next meeting. No action taken.

### **Town Historian**

Perotti announced the open Historian position.

### **Schedule Budget meeting**

The board agreed to meet on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to review and discuss the 2018 budget.

### **Town Board Comments**

Doyle shared emails she has received complaining of the noise from the shooting range in Wassaic that can be heard for miles. A discussion ensue and as a result the following action was made-

Doyle motioned, seconded by Perotti to authorize the attorney to research issue and work with the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Town Board as needed to provide feedback and resolve issue and give Town Board examples on how to strengthen current ordinance to be more in line with State law.

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

Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to enter into executive session at 8:46pm for the purpose of medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal; excusing the town clerk and Councilwoman Doyle will take the minutes.

*The following was provided from Councilwoman Doyle*

Doyle motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to adjourn from executive session at 9:15 and return to regular session.

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

Perotti motioned, seconded by Morris to offer Adam Honour custodian position at twenty (20) hours at \$15.76/hour

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

Doyle motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to authorize attorney to prepare consulting agreement

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

Doyle motioned, seconded by Morris to adjourn

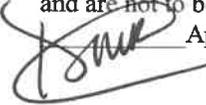
Roll Call: 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Perotti)  
1 Absent (DeLango)

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 November 2, 2017 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

 Approved as read on ( 11/16/2017 ) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions