



**TOWN OF AMENIA**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
*Thursday, December 14, 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

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

Supervisor Perotti explained the results of the assessor position. As a result of the election Wayne Euvrard won the election with six write in votes. Wayne has informed the Supervisor that he declines the position and will be completing his oath of office and remitting his resignation to the Clerk at the same time. This will create a vacancy in the position. According to the Board of Election the position does not immediately transfer to the second candidate. As there seems to be conflicting information in General Municipal Law and Public Officers Law, the matter has been turned over to Dave Everett, Esq. Supervisor Perotti was invited to attend the NY Regional Economic Development council awards and represent the Mid-Hudson Region. Unfortunately the town was not selected this year to receive the \$350,000 Main Street revitalization grant. December 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

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

Clerk Klingner reported the November local share has been remitted to the supervisor in the amount of \$779.25. The minutes of November have been circulated; Received Tara Morey's resignation as typist has received a request from the Amenia Island Cemetery for the use of the building on January 10<sup>th</sup> and Jeanne Thornton Schwager has submitted her written request to be reappointed to the Ethics Committee. Vouchers have been verified in the amount of \$188,571.04. Clerk Klingner shared history of the recreation commission, being there were two board members on the commission and five members, then it increased from five to a seven recreation members and two board members served as liaisons. Advertisement for the open seat has been continuous this year and with Michelle Somogyi recently being elected to the town board, it was suggested that the commission go back to a five member commission. (NO action taken at this time, this will be revisited at the reorganizational meeting). Clerk Klingner reminded the board that the RFP submissions for water are still available in the office for review. The following actions were taken as a result of the Clerk's report:

Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Morris to accept the minutes of November 16<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup> as presented

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

Doyle motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to accept with regret Tara Morey's resignation effective January 3, 2018

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

Perotti motioned, seconded by Morris to authorize the clerk to advertise for the part time typist position for (20hours/\$15.45 hour)

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

Doyle motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to waive the building use fee and insurance requirement for the Amenia Island Cemetery

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

Doyle motioned, seconded by Perotti to reappoint Jeanne Thornton Schwager to the Ethics Committee for a five year term expiring 12/31/2022

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

Doyle motioned, second by Morris to pay the claims dated December in the amount of \$188,571.04

General Fund \$107,768.95

Highway Fund \$57,649.84

Amelia Lighting \$1,600.21

Wassaic Lighting \$559.88

Amenia Water \$21,592.76

Total \$188,571.04

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

Perotti motioned, seconded by Doyle to reappoint John Metcalfe to Zoning Board of Appeals with term to expire 12/31/2022

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

Perotti motioned, seconded by Doyle to reappoint John Stefanopoulos to the Planning Board with a term to expire 12/31/2024

((discussion ensued when councilman Gutierrez inquired about discussing the two candidates who interviewed for the position. Supervisor Perotti explained that according to Public Offices Law #3 it is a requirement that one be a resident in which town one serves, according to the operations of the law upon relocation the seat become vacant immediately. Ms DeLango resides to 20 Old Post Road, Red Hook, therefore there is a vacant seat)

Roll call was completed with the following result

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

Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez appoint Bobby Boyles fill the vacant of the planning board seat with an expiration of 12/31/2019

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

Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to appoint Bobby Boyles as Chair of the Planning Board effective immediately

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

**Highway Report:** none

**Building Department report**

Supervisor Perotti read aloud the November 2017 monthly report totaling \$20,978.50 and year to date \$138,533.05

**CAC/Enhancement.** Doyle reported that there will be no December meeting.

**Resolution for Water Operator Contract Renewal**

Marco D'Antonio was present and requested the details of his contract be discussed in executive session. Doyle motioned, seconded by Perotti to enter in executive session at 7:25pm inviting, Marco D'Antonio and May Jones, Water chair to remain.

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

Doyle motioned, seconded by Perotti to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 7:49pm

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

Doyle motioned, seconded by Perotti to accept Resolution #58 of 2017 Approve Agreement between the Town of Amenia and SEBI Environmental Services Inc. for Operation and Maintenance of the Town of Amenia Water Facilities

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

**Resolution for Stan Whitehead Consultant Agreement**

Doyle motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to accept Resolution #59 of 2017 Approving Independent Contractor Agreement (Stanley Whitehead)

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

**Resolution for Transfer of Funds**

Perotti motioned, seconded by Doyle to accept Resolution #60 of 2017 Transfer of Funds December 2017

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

**Approve Planning Board Consultants 2018 Renewals**

Doyle motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to accept contracts for 2018: each at the same 2017 rates: Rhode, Soyka & Andrews per schedule; Mary Ann Johnson as planner, George Janes and Associates as visual consultant and Dave Everett Esq. of Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna, George Lithco, Esq. of Jacobowitz and Gubits

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

**Approve Municipal Accountant 2018 Contract**

Doyle motioned, seconded by Perotti to accept the contract with RBT with Linda Hannigan as principal at the fee schedule presented.

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

**Approve SPCA 2018 Contact**

Doyle motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to accept contract from SPCA for 2018

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

**Approve Town Attorney 2018 contract**

Doyle motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to hire Scott Volkman, Esq. of Stenger, Roberts & Diamond at a rate of \$200/hour for Town Board Attorney and renew contract for certiorari work

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

**Building Use Rate – Increase from \$25.00 to \$50.00 effective 1/4/2018**

Discussion ensue the need for increasing the cost of building rental. This matter has been discussed on several occasions. Putting in more security

Perotti motioned, seconded by Gutierrez to increase the building use rate from \$25.00 to \$50.00 effective 1/4/2018

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

**Request to use Beekman Park in 2018 for Webutuck Boys Varsity Team Practice and Home Games**

Supervisor received a request from Rosanne Persico for the use of Beekman Park for Webutuck baseball, Webutuck staff will line the fields

Doyle motioned, seconded by Perotti to approve the use of the baseball field by Webutuck Central School District from April to May 25<sup>th</sup>

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

**Thomas Ford Winter Internship**

Doyle motioned, seconded by Perotti to offer Thomas Ford an internship at Town Hall

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

**Other Matters- None**

**Town Board Comments**

Councilman Gutierrez thanked Mike DeLango for serving as councilman and Councilwoman Doyle thanked Mike Flint for his help with the Dance recital.

**Adjourn**

Perotti motioned, seconded by Morris to adjourn at 8:41pm

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

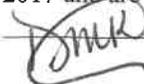
Respectfully submitted:

*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 December 14, 2017 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

 Approved as read on ( 2/15/2018 ) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions