



Town of Amenia  
Town Board Meeting  
July 5, 2018  
7:00PM

The Town of Amenia Town Board held a meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia NY with the following members present:

Supervisor Victoria Perotti  
Deputy Supervisor Vicki Doyle  
Councilman Damian Gutierrez  
Councilwoman Michelle Somogyi  
Councilman James Morris

Also Present: Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner  
Acting Town Attorney James Horan

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.

**Public Hearing: Local Law for Solar Moratorium**

Motion to open the Public Hearing for the Local Law for a Solar Moratorium

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

No Public Comments; Clerk reported that she received a response from Dutchess County Planning who states the matter is of local concern. Supervisor Perotti has spoken with the Planning Board Chairman who will have the matter on the next planning board agenda. As a result the following action occurred-

Motion to adjourn the public hearing till July 19<sup>th</sup>

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Morris

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

**Regular Meeting**

**Public Comments-** none

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

Supervisor read here report providing an update on the following matters she is currently working on: the **Wassaic Trail to the Train** –Title Certifications are in progress, property owner easement documents are being finalized, Highway Work Permit is being renewed, and Bond Resolution process has been initiated. **Town of Amenia Highway Garage Land** – OGS still “in the process of preparing the Declaration of Abandonment with DEC (pursuant to section 30a of the Public Lands Law) which should be completed soon”. **Old Amenia Landfill** – Received Certificate of Completion and Registry Reclassification from 2 to 4 from the DEC on June 28,

2018. Class 4 means it is a former Class 2 site that has been cleaned up and no longer poses a threat to health or the environment. We are in the process of filing with the county and recording the documents as required. **Hazardous Mitigation Grant** – The Town of Amenia developed a Hazardous Mitigation plan with Dutchess County to identify vulnerable areas so that after it was complete and sent to NYS grant money would be available. NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services required an initial Letter of Intent for the current grant cycle. The Letter of Intent sent from the Town of Amenia for Bank Stabilization on Deep Hollow Road for \$80,000 was collaboration between grant writer Mike Hagerty and Highway Superintendent Megan Chamberlin. We received a letter from NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services stating that they are pleased to forward the Town of Amenia the attached application package that is due to our office by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 1, 2018 for the proposed upgrade to Deep Hollow Road which grant writer and the Highway Superintendent will be completing. **Climate Smart Certification**- Created an account on the Climate Smart Community Government Portal and uploaded Resolution #35 of 2017 “Authorizing Climate Smart Communities Pledge” in order to work toward certification and be eligible for grants.

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

Clerk Klingner reported the minutes of June 21<sup>st</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> were circulated prior to the meeting; the local share was remitted to the Supervisor in the amount of \$5,323.50 and reminded residents that the Town Highway Department is currently seeking applications for a highway worker and the volunteer positions of Town Historian, CAC members and Water District Committee members. The following actions were taken as a result of her report:

Motion to accept the minutes of June 21, 2018 as presented

Motion by Gutierrez

Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call      3 Ayes (Doyle, Morris, Somogyi)      2 Abstain (Gutierrez, Perotti)

Motion to accept the minutes of June 26, 2018 as presented

Motion by Gutierrez

Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call      5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

#### **Building Department Report**

Supervisor Perotti read aloud the June Monthly report dated July 3, 2018 reporting \$5,986 was collected for Building Permits, Certificate of Occupancy searches, Fire Inspections and Vacant Property Registrations.

#### **Committee Reports**

Doyle announced the upcoming recreation meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>

**Resolution for Solar Moratorium Local Law**

Matter tabled until the next meeting allowing additional time for Planning Board to comment

**Resolution for Noise Ordinance Local Law**

Matter tabled allowing for attorney to gather additional information

**Resolution for Crawford Engineering Change Order**

Motion to accept Resolution #34 of 2018 Authorize Change Order to Crawford & Associates Engineering, PC Engineering Services Agreement Regarding Town Hall Improvements

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

**Resolution for Trail to the Train Bond**

Motion to accept Resolution #35 of 2018 SEQRA Determination for Construction Project of a bicycle trail path extending from the Hamlet of Wassaic to the Wassaic Train Station in and for the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,000,000

Motion by Gutierrez

Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion to accept Resolution #36 of 2018 Authorizing, Subject to Permissive Referendum, the Construction of a bicycle trail path extending from the Hamlet of Wassaic to the Wassaic Train Station in and for the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,000,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$1,000,000 Serial Bonds to Pay the Cost Thereof

Motion by Doyle

Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Supervisor Perotti explained the purpose of the bonds is the town must pay for the project first then the Town can complete and submit for the grants that have been awarded for the project (grants are from DOT in the amount of \$600,000; CDBG in the amount of \$100,000; Dormitory Authority in the amount of \$100,000 and a second one from DOT in the amount of \$250,000)

**Resolution for Main Street Grant Application**

Motion to accept Resolution # 37 of 2018 Authorizing the submission of a Grant Application to the New York State Main Street Program

Motion made by Gutierrez

Seconded by Morris

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

**Resolution for Empire State Development Grant Application**

Motion to accept Resolution #38 of 2018 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to Empire State Development for Downtown Revitalization

Motion made by Gutierrez

Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

**Other Matters-** none

**Public Comment**

Kevin Brenner, property owner of a parcel located one half mile north of Cousins Minimarket in Wassaic commented on the complaints against the shooting taking place on his property; commented on the proposed local law as it is written, the town’s enforcement and his intent to fight the proposed law.

**Town Board Comments**

Somogyi announced upcoming senior picnic

Gutierrez thanks the Amenia Fire Company for their parade and inquired about the condition of Wassaic Park. Perotti shared that she is working on improvements and shared her corrective actions of recent findings at the park.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 8:21pm

Motion made by Morris

Seconded by Somogyi

Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Respectfully submitted:

*Dawn Marie Klingner*

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Town Clerk

The foregoing represents unapproved minutes of the Town of Amenia Town Board, and is not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved. *DMK* Approved by town board on (7/19/2018)