



Town of Amenia
Town Board Meeting
August 16, 2018
7:00PM

The Town of Amenia Town Board held a meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, August 16, 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
Town Attorney Jim 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 Comments

Christy Gast requested to use the auditorium for a poetry reading on Sunday, August 26th.

Supervisors Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti reported the following updates: **Wassaic Trail to the Train** – The ROW acquisition requirements from DOT are being completed. **Town of Amenia Highway Garage Land** – DEC required some changes regarding how they wanted the survey mapping done. The updated Mylar and paper maps have been received by DEC. Once the DEC Commissioner signs the abandonment documents we can proceed to next steps to acquire the land. **Amenia Town Hall Grant Upgrades** – The CDBG grant of \$93,500 for making the Amenia Town Hall ADA compliant bid has been received so upgrades to the bathrooms, front door, inside ramp, and railing for outside ramp can be started. The \$50,000 Dormitory Grant secured for the Town of Amenia by Senator Sue Serino will be used to replace old and broken windows on the ground floor with energy efficient ones. **Noise Law** – The Noise Law Draft has been sent back to the planning attorney with all comments received from the public for review and updating. **Water Laws** – The Town Attorney is reviewing the latest draft and will present his recommendations in the coming weeks. The Town Board will also be reviewing the current water rates to consider increases effective on January 1, 2019. **Solar Moratorium** – The Town Attorney will be working with the Zoning Review Committee in order to implement their recommendations so the new solar and other regulations can be implemented as soon as possible.

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

Clerk Klingner reported the minutes of August 2nd were circulated to the board prior to the meeting. She shared the resignation of Jeff Barnet-Winsby from the ZBA; the bids received for the town hall improvement for replacement windows and ADA improvement as well as bids for a ductless AC system for the meeting rooms. Klingner inquired as to who will be opening and securing the building for the poetry reading that was presented earlier this evening. Klingner presented the vouchers for payment in the amount of \$245,424.41. Klingner announced the

current recreation activities offered in town. The following actions were taken as a result of the Clerk's report

Motion to accept the minutes of August 2, 2018 as presented

Motion made by Gutierrez; Seconded by Morris

Roll Call 4 Ayes (Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Abstain (Doyle)

Motion to accept the resignation of Jeff Barnett-Winsby as Chair and member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to remove James Wright as an alternate and appoint James Wright to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of 12/31/2021

Motion made by Perotti, Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for the open ZBA alternate positions

Motion made by Gutierrez, Seconded by Perotti

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

Bids for Town Hall improvements- Bid opening was completed on August 13th with Ted Bombola from Crawford & Associates, the town supervisor and the town clerk present. One bid was received from Trademark Custom Building and Woodworking in the amount of \$105,000.00 for window replacement and in the amount of \$87,750.00 for the ADA improvements of the project. As the bid is good for forty-five days this will allow time for the board to discuss with Crawford the next steps in the process. The bid for the windows exceeds the grant that was awarded. The ADA improvements portion of the project came in under the amount allotted from the grant. No actions taken.

Bids for Ductless System- Bids were solicited by the Code Enforcement Officer from Petro Home Services in the amount of \$11,495.00

American Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$17,469.00

Mt. Kisco Mechanic Services Corp in the amount of \$11,380.00

After reviewing what was received, Mr. Segelken recommends Mt. Kisco, the low bidder.

Discussion ensued and board will follow up with Mike regarding warranty questions.

No action taken, matter tabled to next meeting.

Use of Building Request for a poetry reading – Somogyi offered to open and close the building

Motion to authorize the use of the town hall auditorium Sunday 8/26 from 2-3 for a poetry

reading for the public and wave the insurance requirement this one time and pay the \$50 building use fee

Motion made by Doyle, Seconded by Perotti

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

Vouchers

Motion to authorize payment of claims as read

General Fund A	\$ 78,799.74
Highway Fund	\$148,312.86
Amenia Lighting	\$ 1,356.18
Wassaic Lighting	\$ 489.36
Amenia Water	<u>\$ 16,466.27</u>
Total	\$245,434.41

Highway Report, Megan Chamberlin, Highway Superintendent

Chamberlin reported the blacktopping is completed and came in under budget in the amount of \$134,836.83. Jay Spock was hired to fill the open position.

Grant Writer

Discussion ensued regarding upcoming grants.

Motion to authorize Mike Hagerty to pursue USDA Water and Wastewater Grant for engineering study

Motion made by Gutierrez, Seconded by Perotti

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

Town Hall Generator Change Order Resolution

Motion to accept Resolution #50 of 2018 Authorizing change order to Fellenzer Engineering LLP, Engineering design services agreement regarding emergency standby generator at town hall

Roll Call: 2 Ayes (Somogyi, Perotti)

3 Nays (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris)

Motion Fails

2019 Community Development Block Grant Resolution

Motion to accept Resolution #51 of 2018 Authoring a public hearing on the intended use of a community Development Block Grant funds and the submission of the grant application for fiscal year 2019

Motion made by Perotti, Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Other Matters

Motion to accept Resolution # 52 of 2018 Transfer of Funds for August 2018

Motion made by Perotti, Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to accept Resolution #53 of 2018 Accepting Deed and Easement for Wassaic Trail to Train

Motion by Perotti, Seconded by Somogyi

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

Public Comment

David Connors commented on the sound of the meeting and on the expenses of recent repairs at town hall. He will provide a written request of specific items he would like to discuss and give to the town clerk to circulate to the board.

Town Clerk explained the public comment period of the meeting is to allow those to make comment and not necessarily be the appropriate time for the board to respond.

Town Board Comments

Somogyi reported the SPCA event went well at the South Amenia Presbyterian church and announced senior activities.

Doyle shared information for a transfer of funds for the next meeting for the play Elf Jr and commented on the street light request for removing street lights. She will follow-up with the County to see if this is a possibility and Supervisor will follow up with NYSEG.

Gutierrez inquired about the possibilities of creating a local law for addressing conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest for the Town Board, Planning Board and ZBA members as the town does not currently have one. As a result of the conversation and emails Councilman Gutierrez made the follow motion.

Motion to authorize the town attorney to draft a local law

Motion made by Gutierrez

Seconded by Morris

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

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:56pm

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. *(Signature)* Approved by town board on (10/4/2018)