



Town of Amenia
Town Board Meeting
November 1, 2018
7:00PM

The Town of Amenia Town Board held a meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, October 18, 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
Councilman James Morris
Councilwoman Michelle Somogyi

Also Present: Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner
Attorney Ian Lindars

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: Override Tax Cap

Motion to open the Public Hearing regarding Overriding the Tax Cap

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

No public comment

Motion to close the public hearing

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Supervisor Perotti reported the Town needs to override the tap cap are from the increases of the town-wide ambulance, increased workers compensation rates and addition of an engineering line for the highway garage. Supervisor then read aloud the Local Law in its entirety.

Motion to accept Resolution #76 Adopting a Local Law of the Town of Amenia, New York, to override the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2019 established in General Municipal Law § 3-c

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Public Hearing: Water Laws and Rates

Motion to open the Public Hearing regarding Water Law and Water Rate

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Supervisor Perotti read aloud the proposed water rates to be effective 1/1/2019 –

Usage Charges, Payments, Penalties, Fees, Turn-Off and Turn-on Fees

Usage Charges	Base Rate
Single Family Home	\$50.00 first 12,000 gallons
	Use
	\$5.00 each additional 1,000 gallons
	Base Rate
Multiple Dwelling (Two or more apartments in the same building)	\$55.00 first 12,000 gallons
	Use
	\$5.00 each additional 1,000 gallons
	Base Rate
Commercial Business	\$60.00 first 12,000 gallons
	Use
	\$5.00 each additional 1,000 gallons
Payment/Penalties	30 days beyond due date: 10% penalty compounding quarterly.
Meter Installation/Removal	\$150.00
Turn-Off, Turn-On, for Damage, Delinquency, Trouble-Shooting, or Emergency	\$150.00
Service Connection Fee 3/4 Inch to 1 Inch	\$350.00
Additional Fee to Add Outstanding Fees, Penalties, and Interest to Property Tax Bill	\$25.00
Final Meter Reading	\$100.00
Finding Laterals at the Request of the Homeowner	\$150.00
Testing Alternate Meter Brands	\$150.00
Request to Test Installed Meter: If Inaccurate: no charge If Accurate	\$100.00
Inaccessible Meter	\$500.00 per quarter residential \$1,000.00 per quarter commercial/multifamily
Tampering With Public Water Supply	\$500.00 plus associated costs of repairs

10/25/2018

Marco D'Antonio, Water Operator commented on the line description of Service Connection Fee ¾ to 1 Inch and suggested it to be amended to read Service Line, Review of Plans and Inspection and Permit.

Motion to close the public hearing

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Return to regular meeting.

Public Comment

Sharon Kroeger commented on the recent defacing of political signs.

Supervisors Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti reported the following updates: **Wassaic Trail to the Train Update** – WSP finalizing Highway Permit. Waiting for notification from DOTLPU to proceed with construction activities. **Town of Amenia Highway Garage Land Update** – Expect the deed to be signed by the OGS Commissioner this week followed by the Attorney General, with delivery in approximately 2 weeks. **Amenia Town Hall Upgrades** – Replacement window upgrade scheduled to start on November 7th. Then ADA upgrades will be scheduled. **Water Laws** – Public Hearing on November 1, 2018 for Water Laws and new rates effective 1/1/2019. **Noise Law Update** – Introduction to Local Law and Public Hearing Resolution for Noise Law will be presented on November 15, 2018 and Public Hearing date will be set for December 6, 2018. **Wassaic Park** – Greenway grant plan for Wassaic Park upgrade was submitted. **2019 Budget** – The last four years' budgets have been under the Tax Cap. However due to a 4% increase in the Ambulance contract from \$322,000 to \$335,000, a 12% increase in medical insurance, 7% increase in Workers Compensation rates, and adding \$20,000 to the Engineering line (to plan for a new Highway Garage next year on the land being transferred to the Town of Amenia) unfortunately we have to override the 2% Tax Cap for 2019.

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

Clerk Klingner reported the minutes of October 18th meeting and the special meeting minutes of 10/22, 10/23 and 10/24 were circulated prior to the meeting; Klingner announced education requirements for Planning and ZBA members, although they have to end of year some are behind. Announced the annual upcoming volunteer Board and Committee vacancies and will send a press release and advertise accordingly. On this date she received of Preliminary Budget #2. She reports no bids were received for the highway truck or the sale of the water district property that was advertised. Klingner announced upcoming community events. The following actions were taken as a result of the Clerk's report.

Motion to accept the minutes of October 18, 2018 as presented

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to accept the minutes of October 22, 2018 as presented
Motion made by Doyle
Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Somogyi, Perotti)
1 Abstain (Morris)

Motion to accept the minutes of October 23, 2018 as presented
Motion made by Doyle
Seconded by Gutierrez
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion to accept the minutes of October 24, 2018 as presented
Motion made by Doyle
Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 3 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)
2 Abstain (Gutierrez, Morris)

Building Department Report

Supervisor Perotti read aloud the October Monthly report dated October 31, 2018 reporting \$8,936 in total for the month for building permits, Certificate of Occupancy searches, fire inspections and a fireworks permit.

Grant Report

Supervisor Perotti read aloud the report.

Committee Reports

Councilwoman Somogyi shared her and Councilman Morris visited the water district office and toured the district's water plant and the well on Lavelle Road.

CAC- Doyle shared the items the CAC discussed at their last meeting

Supervisor Perotti read aloud the Resolutions.

Adopt and Set Date for Public Hearing for Preliminary Budget

Motion to accept Resolution #77 of 2018 Adoption of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 and Establishing a Public Hearing Date

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Other Matters

Motion to accept Resolution #78 of 2018 Authorization to Sell Surplus Town Highway Department Equipment

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Doyle

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

Employee handbook updates

The new Sexual Harassment policy has been distributed and will be modified into the handbook. Board discussed the completion of a comprehensive update at a cost of \$850. The quote was provided Jeff Travers of Public Sector HR Consultants LLC. The board agreed to complete the comprehensive update.

Motion to authorize the update at a cost of \$850 of our employee handbook

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Public Comment- none

Town Board Comments

Doyle and Gutierrez commented on the Trail to the Train Update and sought update from the project manager.

Executive Session: Pending litigation- Tabled

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:54pm

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 (11-15-18)