



TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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The Town of Amenia Town Board held a meeting at 6:30pm on Thursday, December 6, 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
Deputy Town Clerk Robin Shultz
Attorney Charles Gottlieb (regarding Noise Law)

Meeting began at 6:30 for the purpose of conducting interviews.
Board members met with Chris Milano for the purposes of interviewing for the open Recreation Commission Member position for a term of 1/1/2019-12/31/2023. No action taken at this time.

At 7:00pm the meeting was restarted, as at this time, Deputy Town Clerk Robin Shultz stood in place for Clerk Klingner.

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.

Public Hearing: Noise Law Update

Motion to open the Public Hearing on the Noise Law

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Public Comments:

Leo Blackman inquired as to the involvement of the Zoning Enforcement Officer regarding complaints and process; and sought clarification on sections of the law as it's currently written.

Board members discussed the language and discussed amendments.

No action taken, attorney will revised and circulate accordingly.

Motion to adjourn the public hearing open until December 13, 2018 at 7:00pm

Motion was made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Regular Meeting Public Comments

Vicki Doyle and Leo Blackman commented on the procedure to take when requesting the trimming of trees at the town hall.

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti reported the following updates : **Wassaic Trail to the Train Update** – Wassaic Trail to the Trail has received ROW clearance and has been issued Authorization to Proceed to Construction Activities. Bid documents have been sent to Dutchess County to put on the Empire Bid-Net site and are available at the Town Clerk's office for bidders only. Bidding ends on 12/13/2018 @ 12:00 p.m. **Town of Amenia Highway Garage Land Update** – OGS is about to issue the deed for the 5 acre parcel. **Amenia Town Hall Upgrades** – replacement energy efficient windows have been installed in the Courtroom, Court Clerk's Office, Town Hall Meeting Room, Town Clerk's Office; next and last to be installed are the Assessor's Office and Building Department . **Water Laws** – Water laws have been approved and new water rates will be enclosed with the January 2019 water billing and will be in effect for the April 2019 water billing for months, January, February, and March of 2019. **Noise Law Update** –Public Hearing date is on December 6, 2018. Information will be available in the Town Clerk's office and on the Town of Amenia website. No other action will be taken at this meeting on the Noise Law Update. **Regional Ambulance Feasibility Grant** – the Towns of Amenia, Dover, and North East with Dutchess County were awarded \$190,000 to study with the assistance of a consultant establishing a Regional Ambulance district in order to reduce ambulance expenses for each town. A Public Hearing was held at the Amenia Town Hall on October 24, 2018. The Towns are meeting to decide what should be included in a RFP for bids on 2020 ambulance services as each town has a current contract with Northern Dutchess Paramedics through December 2019. **Amenia Town Hall Generator** – bids are currently being requested for contractors to install a generator in the Amenia Town Hall. Information is available the Town Clerk's office and can be requested in digital form. There will be a pre-bid walk through on December 10 at 10:00 am. Bids will be received at the Town Clerk's office on December 17 at 1:00 pm.

Town Clerk's Report

Shultz read aloud the Clerk's report for December 6th. The monthly share for November was remitted to the supervisor in the amount of \$213.75. The minutes of November 8th and November 15th were circulated prior to the meeting. There was one candidate, Chris Milano for Recreation Commission; the Board interviewed him prior to the meeting. Requested the re-appointment of John Terry Metcalfe to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire pm 12/31/2022- the reappointment is necessary as he did not sign his oath of office earlier this year. The one bid that was received for the sale of Water District Property on Route 343 was opened and acknowledged. No action taken. Currently the town Clerk's Office is accepting bids for the Wassaic Trail to Train project and for the Generator at Town Hall. The Re-Organization meeting will be held on January 3rd. RFP's have been received for the Planning Consultant from AKRF, Bar Down Studio, Dunn & Sgromo, Nelson Popde & Voorhis and Sterling Environmental Engineering. No action taken, as the board members will review the submissions

and grade each of them. Announced E-Z Pass tags are available in the office for purchase. As a result of the Clerks report the following actions were made:

Motion to appoint Chris Milano to the Recreation for a term to expire 12/31/2023

Motion made by Gutierrez

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to re-appoint John Terry Metcalfe to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire 12/31/2022

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Perotti

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

Highway Report, Megan Chamberlin, Highway Superintendent

Chamberlin presented the bid from Auction International for the 1989 Dump truck in the amount of \$3,550 and the 2000 International Dump Truck in the amount of \$3400.

Motion to accept the two bids received for both vehicles the 1989 dump truck and 2000 international in the amount of \$6,950

Motion made by Gutierrez

Seconded by Morris

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

Building Department Report

Supervisor Perotti read aloud the monthly report totaling \$10,881.50

Approval of Contracts for 2019

Motion to accept the contract with H.A Schreck for servicing of the generators for 2019

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to accept the contract with Stenger Roberts Davis and Diamond for Attorney to the Town and Special Counsel for Tax Certiorari for 2019

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Morris

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

Motion to accept Hiliary Thomas, Esq. as Town Prosecutor contract for 2019

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to accept Jacowitz and Gubits contract for 2019

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Gutierrez

Roll Call 4 Ayes (Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)
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Motion to accept Rhode Soyka and Andrews contract for 2019

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to accept George Janes contract for 2019

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to accept Whiteman, Osterman, Hanna LLP contract for 2019

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Morris

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

Motion to renew SPCA contract or 2019

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to renew the RBT contract for 2019

Doyle initiated the discussion regarding RBT completing a cash audit for the Town of Amenia Justice Court, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Chief Fiscal Office and Water Department and the AUD at a total cost of seventeen-thousand dollars when the audit can be completed in house by the board members as it was in the past. It was said that they contracted needed to be voted on this evening. Moving forward the following motion results are as follows:

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Perotti

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

Town Board Comments

Doyle announced the upcoming production of Elf Jr. at the Town Hall.

Morris commented on the reason ^{why} he voted the way he did, and thought perhaps if there were time to seek additional bids there could have been a cost savings.

Somogyi announced upcoming community events

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Public Comment

Sharon Kroeger commented positively on the board's discussion regarding the renewal of RBT's contract

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:59pm

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 (2/7/2019)