



# TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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**July 11, 2019**

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York. Supervisor Perotti moved to open the meeting. There was a Salute to the Flag, emergency exits were pointed out and Roll Call was taken by the Clerk with the following members were present:

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

Members absent: Councilman Damian Gutierrez

Also Present: Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner  
Town Attorney Ian Lindars, Esq.

### **Rebuilding Together Presentation- Christina Boryk**

Mrs. Boryk presented information on the Rebuilding Together program available to residents for cost-free safe and healthy home repairs and the application process.

### **Public Hearing- Solar Laws**

Motion to open the Public Hearing for Solar Laws

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Comments:

Stacey Mantel commented on the current proposed law, the classification of carports, conditions to eliminate glare and screening requirements.

Leo Blackman acknowledged the comments received and informs the board that they are looking at car ports and solar panels over their larger parking lots such as Freshtown.

With no additional comments the following action was taken:

Motion to close the public hearing

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Morris

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

Regular Meeting

**Public Comments-** Leo Blackman and Nina Peek were present and discussed the timeline for presenting revisions and the law in final format. The Clerk will post the final version of the law on the website once accepted by the Town Board. .

**Supervisor’s Report- Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor**

Supervisor Perotti read aloud her report as follows: **Wassaic Trail to the Train Update** –The DOT permit group will not renew the Highway Permit for the Trail to the Train project at this time. DOT did not address the signal issue in the original Highway Permit it approved for this project even though it is their requirement. DOT states that the addition of the signal at the train station as proposed will require an additional 7 seconds of rail preemption. MTA will require additional work to add the required preemption. Currently the permit has not the means to add the required preemption and would create a hazard if constructed as it is on the DOT Highway Permit. This project needs to be reconfigured to include the required work by MTA to increase the preemption time to accommodate the pedestrian phase at the signal. MTA replied that a small modification to the existing equipment requiring minor rewiring and a new timing unit. The expected cost would be \$15,000 including materials, labor, and engineering. The DOT wants the Town of Amenia to pay for the MTA upgrade that it is requiring as part of their permit. The additional insurance requirements were sent by the contractor two weeks ago and are still being reviewed by the Metro North Risk Department. Adjustments to the original survey requested by the contractor were made by Kirk Horton at a cost of \$200.00. **Town of Amenia Highway Garage Update**-finalizing RFP for engineering services and researching grant opportunities **Noise Law Update** – Town Board to provide recommendations for final draft **Dutchess County Procurement Shared Services** – finalizing RFP details **Regional Ambulance Grant** – Towns of North East, Amenia, and Dover met on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with Dutchess County Emergency Response officials to discuss review by each towns’ attorneys and to decide what questions to send to NDP for proposal **Grant Update** –Resolutions for Main Street and Wassaic Park on agenda and information being put together for CFA application.

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

Clerk Klingner presented the minutes from June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting; reported the monthly receipts for June in the amount of \$1,219.00 and \$1,180.50 was remitted to the supervisor for the town’s share. She presented a request from Jeff Barnett-Winsby for the closure of Furnace Bank for the annual Wassaic Project event on August 3<sup>rd</sup>; a resolution will be presented at the next meeting and clerk will contact Mr. Winsby regarding his requirement to contact the highway superintendent. Klingner presented Stanley Whitehead’s resignation as an Independent Contractor dated 6/21/2019. As a result of the Clerk’s report the following actions were taken:

Motion to accept the minutes of June 20, 2019 as presented

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Perotti

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

Motion to accept with regret Stanley Whitehead’s resignation as Independent Contractor for the Town of Amenia

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded Somogyi

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

**Building Department Report**

Supervisor Perotti read aloud the Building Department report dated July 1, 2019 reporting a total of \$5,761 received for the month of June.

**Commission and Committee Reports**

CAC- next meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the July.

Recreation- upcoming senior picnic to be held July 27<sup>th</sup> and in August there is senior trip to Lake George

**Resolution to Re-Appoint Assessor-** to be presented after the executive session

**Resolutions for Consolidated Funding Grants**

The following resolutions were presented authorizing the submission of grant applications

Motion to accept Resolution #38 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE PARKS, RECREATION, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Morris

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

Motion to accept Resolution #39 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSATONIC VALLEY ASSOCIATION AND HARLEM VALLEY REGION

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Morris

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

Motion to accept Resolution #40 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Doyle

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

**Public Comments:** None

**Town Board Comments**

Doyle inquired if the Old Amenia Landfill could be opened; Supervisor Perotti will look into this request and report back.

**Executive Session:** Employment history of a particular person or corporation, or relating to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or remove

Motion to enter into executive session with the Town Attorney and the Town Clerk for the purposes of discussions relating to proposed, pending or current litigations; Employment history of a particular person or corporation, or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal at 7:55pm

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Morris

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

Motion to adjourn executive session and return to regular town board meeting at 8:24pm

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Doyle

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

Supervisor Perotti presented the hiring of Donna DiPippo as a permanent data collector. She has serving as a temp since the current data collector had taken vacations during the time the roll was being completed. This appointment will not affect the budget line as the rate will be the same as John Lloyd at \$18.20

Motion to hire DiPippo as data collector for the Assessor

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to accept Resolution #41 of 2019 Re-appointment of Town Assessor

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:24pm

Made by Morris

Seconded by Somogyi

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

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.

 Approved by town board on 7/18/19