



# TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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**September 19, 2019**

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:07pm on Thursday, September 19, 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  
Councilman Damian Gutierrez  
Deputy Supervisor Vicki Doyle  
Councilman James Morris  
Councilwoman Michelle Somogyi  
Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner  
Town Attorney Ian Lindars, Esq.

Also Present:

## **Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant Suggestions**

Motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:08pm for suggestions for the 2020 CDBG

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

## **Public Comment**

Leo Blackman- suggested four projects- sidewalk to Freshtown, Fountain Square improvements, Sewer at town hall property and Solar Field at former dump site.

Supervisor Perotti read <sup>Alcudia</sup> allowed the priorities for the grant. She offered the idea of finishing the original plan of completing the sidewalk on Route 44 to Beekman Park. She has spoken with the DOT in repairing the catch basins, and the DOT is pleased with the advanced conversation and who is willing to work with the town

Gutierrez- liked the idea of a feasibility study, will obtain information from a conference previously attended and share with the board

Doyle suggested adding Fountain Square project to the grant in addition to sidewalk.

A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting supporting the completion of the sidewalk to Beekman Park

With no additional suggestions,

Motion to close the Public Hearing for CDBG Suggestions and return to the regular meeting

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Doyle

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

**Public Comments- none**

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

Supervisor Perotti reported the following: **Wassaic Trail to the Train Update** – Received DOT Highway Permit. Finalizing contractor's contract. Reviewing options for Project Manager.

Looking at all expenses for borrowing amount decision; **Regional Ambulance Grant** – Towns met and reviewed recommendations from town attorneys. Sending request to NDP with some changes in order to get a final contract that all towns are in agreement with; **Grant Update** –The Town of Amenia received a Hazardous Mitigation grant for \$100,000 (\$75,000 with \$25,000 local match) from FEMA for Bank Stabilization of Deep Hollow Road; **Solar Law**-Public Hearing Date has been set; **2020 Budget** – Tentative budget is due to the Town Clerk by September 30. The 2020 Budget is expected to be at or below Tax Cap of 2%.

**Highway Report, Megan Chamberlin, Highway Superintendent**

Chamberlin presented the highway material bids received for 2019-2020 as a result of her report the following action was taken

Motion to accept the bids as read by Highway Superintendent

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Morris

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

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

Clerk Klingner presented the minutes of August 1<sup>st</sup>, September Claims, Board of Assessment Review application, announced open volunteer positions, the highway bid opening and current dog census. As a result of her report the following actions were taken

Motion to accept the minutes of August 1, 2019

Motion made by Gutierrez

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to pay the claims as presented in the amount of \$242,540.42

General Fund \$143,171.49

Highway Fund \$78,267.50

Amenia Lighting \$1,253.92

Wassaic Lighting \$462.35

Amenia Water \$19,385.16

Total \$242,540.42

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to reappoint Herbert Schwager to the Board of Assessment Review with a term of 10/1/2019-09/30/2025

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Doyle

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

### **Committee Report**

Recreation- Somogyi shared information for the Christmas show at the town hall, she has spoken to Sarah Cuoco from the Sharon Playhouse who is available to choreograph the show.

### **Resolutions**

#### ***Accept Updated Employee Handbook***

Motion to accept Resolution #69 of 2019 Adopt the Updated Employee Handbook

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

#### ***Accept DCC Agreement for ESL Classes***

Motion accept Resolution #70 of 2019 Authorize License Agreement with Dutchess Community College for English as a Second Language Program

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

#### ***Transfer of Funds- September 2019***

Motion to accept Resolution #71 of 2019 Transfer of Fund for September 2019

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

### **DCSPCA Contract**

Supervisor Perotti shared the 2020 contract from the DC SPCA. As a result of the discussion additional options will be researched.

### **Trail to the Train Project- Discussion**

Supervisor reported the highway permit has been received and she has met with a project manager candidate who was recommended by John Andrews.

Discussion regarding the use of money from fund balance or borrowing the cost of the project.

The project will be reimbursement \$830,000 from grants. Discussion of the unanticipated expense of the force account. Tonia Shoumatoff shared information from the original meetings with MTA and their agreement to waive flagman cost. She referenced a report that she left earlier with the supervisor. Discussion regarding the follow up matters needed to finalize the contract with the contractor. Attorney will send to the board any items they still require from the contractor.

### **Other Matters**

Motion to accept Resolution #72 of 2019 Employing Labor Attorney for Legal Services in Connection with Labor, Employment and Collective Bargaining Matters

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Somogyi

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

**Public Comments**

Tonia Shoumatoff offered to share copies of the January 2009 report from the Trail to the Train Committee, Doyle has a copy and will share with the board

**Town Board Comments**

Doyle shared upcoming recreation events  
Gutierrez shared upcoming community events

**Executive Session**

Motion to enter into executive session at 9:07pm excusing the town clerk, with the town attorney, and Councilwoman Doyle will take the minutes

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Morris

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

*The following was provided by Councilwoman Doyle*

Motion to exit out of executive session and return to regular session at 9:45pm

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to adjourn at 9:46pm

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

*[Signature]* Accepted by town board on ( 12-5-2019 )