



TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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October 17, 2019

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:05pm on Thursday, October 17, 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 Arrived at 7:24pm
Councilman Damian Gutierrez
Councilwoman Michelle Somogyi
Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Attorney Ian Lindars, Esq.

Also Present:

Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law re: Adding Zoning Changes Solar Energy Systems

Motion to open the public hearing on the Proposed Local Law re: Adding Zoning Change Solar Energy Systems

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded Gutierrez

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

Discussion:

Councilman Gutierrez read aloud comments from Stacey Mantel

Councilman Gutierrez shared his concerns with the current format of the law specifically the restrictions around roof mounted and the zoning overlay that require Planning Board review (scenic and hamlet overlays)

Board further discussed the current process cost one goes through for a Planning Board or ZBA review

Councilwoman Doyle suggested scratching screening and fencing to compromise with the earlier comment

Councilman Morris arrives at 7:24pm

Motion to close the public hearing and return to regular meeting

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Public Comments

County Legislature Deirdre Houston shared the recent Animal Protection Laws that were passed in Dutchess County and reminded residents that they may participate in early voting, the closest polling site is Millbrook Fire House

Sarah Cuoco- announced the casting call for the upcoming Jolly Holly Medley Show at the town hall.

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti reported the following: **Wassaic Trail to the Train Update** –Interviewed Project Manager. Received DOT Highway Work Permit; Contractor has submitted all required information and is signing corrected construction contract. Resolution for bond to cover additional bid amount,

flagmen and project manager cost completed by Bond Counsel. Next steps are hiring Project Manager, completing and sending Notice to Proceed after contracts are signed. **Regional Ambulance Grant** – Waiting for final contract from NDP **Grant Update** –2020 Community Development Block Grant application has been submitted for Phase 2 sidewalk extension of 473 feet on Route 44 to Beekman Park (188 feet was completed with a prior Community Development Block Grant) **2020 Budget** – The Tentative budget was given to the Town Clerk on September 30, 2019. The 2020 Budget Workshop is on October 21, 2019 at 5:30. **Water District Utility Software Update** – The utility billing clerk and the water operator have been working diligently to work out the problems with the software update. In order to get a billing out in the second quarter a bill was sent out with only the base charge later than at the normal billing time. The current third quarter billing was sent out on time with the base rate and the overages. A re-levy notice was sent with the 3rd quarter billing like it usually is every year. Dutchess County controls the date when the re-levy amounts have to be sent to them. The date on the re-levy notice is that water bills have to be paid by November 1st however, due to the short length of time between the two billings water payments will be accepted until 4:00 on Tuesday November 5th. Water bill payments can also be put into the secure mail box attached to the Amenia Town Hall building to the left of the front door. Please do Not put water bill payments in the Postal mailbox at the curb.

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

Clerk Klingner announced the monthly voucher claims in the amount of \$163,544.17. Discussion ensued regarding a water claim submitted by the Water Company. As a result of the discussion the following action was taken

Motion to pay claims as amended

General Fund	\$112,374.19
Highway Fund	\$ 36,785.90
Amenia Lighting	\$ 1,368.92
Wassaic Lighting	\$ 497.77
Amenia Water	<u>\$ 1,682.39</u> (reduced from 10,835)
	\$152,709.17

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Highway Report

Supervisor Perotti read aloud the monthly Highway report dated October 17, 2019 submitted by Highway Superintendent Megan Chamberlin.

Committee Reports:

Recreation Commission- Somogyi shared upcoming senior trip information and food drive. Doyle shared items discussed at the last recreation meeting.

Resolutions:

Resolution Adopting Negative Declaration for Solar Law- Tabled

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Resolution Authorizing Ambulance Agreement with Northern Dutchess Paramedics Inc.- Tabled

Resolution Establishing a Public Hearing Date for the Primary Budget

Motion to accept Resolution # 79 of 2019 Establishing a Public Hearing Date for Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2020

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Resolution Appointing Dance Instructor for the Holly Jolly Medley in Amenia

Motion to accept Resolution # 80 of 2019 Appointing Dance Instructor for the Jolly Holly Medley in Amenia

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Resolution for Transfer of Funds

Motion to accept Resolution #81 of 2019 Transfer of Funds for October 2019

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Other Matters

Supervisor Perotti circulated a resolution for the approval of a bond in the amount of \$375,000. These additional monies are for the construction of the Trail to Train Project. Discussion ensued as to whether the additional money was necessary with the \$400,000+ mortgage tax that is expected later this year. Board agreed not to move forward with the borrowing of the additional funds and paying the interest at this time.

Town Board comments

Gutierrez reminded residents to shop local and Election Day is November 5th

Somogyi shared again the upcoming casting call for the Holly Jolley production

Doyle reminded residents of the upcoming Harlem Valley Smart Climate event at town hall

Perotti announced that there will be no winter Farmers Markets

Doyle began the discussion regarding the violation of helicopter use in the town; the current zoning laws regarding the use of helicopters, the fact that there is only one grandfathered helipad; discussion regarding response and advice sent to the violator;

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:44pm

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Respectfully submitted:

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 Accepted by town board on (12-5-2019)