



TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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January 16, 2020

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
Councilwoman Michelle Somogyi
Councilman James Morris

Members Absent: Councilman Damian Gutierrez
Also Present: Town Attorney Ian Lindars
Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner

Public Comments- none

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti reported the following: **Wassaic Trail to the Train Update** - Progress meeting was held at the Amenia Town Hall on January 15 with contractors, project manager, WSP resident engineer, Dutchess County Planning representative, and Supervisor. Work performed to date includes clearing brush, installation of silt fences, construction of entrance, medium stone was placed around end section, boardwalk begin timber abutment was started and completed in addition to installation of the helical piles was started. **Grant Update** – Town of Amenia was not awarded the CFA Main Street and Wassaic Park Grants. Greenway Grant for improvements to Fountain Square will be applied for soon. Research into other grant opportunities is ongoing. **Town of Amenia Meeting** – Supervisor and staff attended the Hudson Valley Cybersecurity Summit hosted by Dutchess County government and sponsored by Marist College on January 15, 2020. Information was provided by the FBI, State Police, state agencies, and Dutchess County Emergency Management. NYMIR the Town of Amenia insurance group recommended this summit. The Town of Amenia will be initiating changes in how information is sent and received.

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

Clerk Klingner reported to date \$577,016.42 has been collected in taxes with \$5,565,164.20 remaining on 203 parcels out of 1980. Klingner read the Tax Warrant and Legal Notice aloud. Klingner shared resolution of Peter Clair from the Planning Board and shared the applications for the open volunteer positions. Klingner presented the monthly Voucher's to be paid in the total amount of \$219,152.51 and announced the Save the Date for the annual Blood Drive. As a result of her report the following actions were taken:

Motion to accept Resolution #4 of 2020 Acceptance of Resignation of Planning Board Member

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded Somogyi

Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

1 Absent (Gutierrez)

Motion to appoint Tracey Salladay to the ZBA as a full member with a term to expire on 12/31/2024

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Perotti

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

Motion to appoint Tracey Salladay to the Zoning Review Committee

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Perotti

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

Motion to appoint Erica Doyle to the Housing Board

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Perotti

Roll Call 3 Ayes (Morris, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Abstain (Doyle) 1 Absent (Gutierrez)

Motion to appoint Leo Blackman to the Housing Board

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Perotti

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

Motion to appoint Leo Blackman to the Planning Board with a term to expire 12/31/2022

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to appoint James Wright to the Housing Board

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Perotti

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

Motion to pay claims as presented in the amount of \$219,152.51

General Fund A \$ 124,039.40

Highway Fund DA0 \$ 52,428.29

Amenia Lighting SL1 \$ 1,554.89

Wassaic Lighting SL2 \$ 560.03

Amenia Water- SW0 \$ 18,026.87

Train to Train \$ 22,543.03

Total \$ 219,152.51

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Perotti

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

Building Department Report

Supervisor Perotti read aloud the monthly report totaling \$14,530.75 for December bringing the total for the 2019 Year \$122,675.50

Highway Report, Megan Chamberlin, Highway Superintendent

Chamberlin shared she is working with Mike Hagerty on a grant and shared recent activity of the highway department.

Committee/Commission Reports:

Recreation Somogyi announced the upcoming senior trips and community events

CAC Doyle shared the activities of the CAC meeting held last night

Resolutions

Standard Work Day

Motion to accept Resolution #5 of 2020 STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING FOR NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Doyle

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

Transfer of Funds

Motion to accept Resolution #6 of 2020 Transfer of Funds #3 for December 2020

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Street Lighting Discussion

Supervisor Perotti shared information on the LED Street Lighting. No action was taken, information was distributed to allow the board members to research the subject matter.

Other Matters

Change Assessment Review Date

Motion to accept Resolution #7 of 2020 INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. X OF 2020 ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW TO CHANGE THE GRIEVANCE DAY FOR ASSESSMENT”

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded Somogyi

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

Public Comment- none

Town Board Comments

Councilwoman Doyle announced she will not be at the next meeting.

Executive Session

Motion to enter in Executive Session for pending litigation, with the Town Attorney, the Highway Superintendent Megan Chamberlin and the Town Clerk is excused and Councilwoman Doyle will take the minutes at 7:44pm

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

The following was provided by Councilwoman Doyle

Motion to exit out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 8:31pm

Motion made by Morris

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to adjourn at 8: 32pm

Motion 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

 Accepted by town board on 3/19/2020