



TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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February 20, 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 Damian Gutierrez

Members Absent: Councilman James Morris
Also Present: Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner

Public Comments- none

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti provided the following report: *Wassaic Trail to the Train Update* - Progress meeting was held at the Amenia Town Hall on February 12, 2020 with Colarusso contractors, Town of Amenia Project Manager, WSP Resident Engineer, and Supervisor. Work performed in the last period included: The installation/drilling of the helical piles has been completed. The Pedestrian Boardwalk timber/lumber elements placement, screwing, nailing, and bolting was started and continued so that 50% of the work has been completed. Pending is the installation of railing posts and rails, plus, the completion of ledger-beams, joists, and planks. The installation of the silt fences at the South End Abutment was completed. The Boardwalk's South End Timber Abutment was completed in addition to the underdrain placed and the area backfilled. Subcontractor A & C Fence installed chain-link fence that runs along the western side of the Metro North tracks from the entrance to the Wassaic Train Station and ending well into the Boardwalk area. *Grant Update* – The Tribute Garden grant In addition to the Greenway Grant for improvements to Fountain Square will be submitted in the next few months. Research into other grant opportunities is ongoing for water and wastewater infrastructure. *Town of Amenia Meetings* – Supervisor, the Town Clerk, and Deputy Town Clerk went to the Association of Towns annual conference and attended classes. Supervisor also attended a NYMIR recommended seminar entitled “Reasonable Suspicion Training for Supervisors” regarding warning signs of drug and alcohol abuse.

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

Clerk Klingner circulated the minutes of December 19th and January 2nd; Reported to date \$2,781,371.57 has been collected in taxes and presented the Vouchers in the amount of \$251,611.85. Klingner sought authorization to advertise the legal notice for Highway's Project and read aloud the legal notice; Sought authorization to advertise for upcoming recreation positions. She presented the bids received for Engineering Services for Downtown Pedestrian Accessibility Project: Sidewalk Removal and Replacement. Bids were received from Crawford and Associates Engineering in the amount of \$16,800; MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C in the amount of \$34,000; and AKRF in the amount of \$25,614. Thanked those who participated in today's Blood Drive at the Town Hall. Klingner proudly announced she has received her Certified Town Official designation. As a result of her report the following actions were taken:

Motion to grant authority to advertise for an Engineer for the project of Bank Stabilization at Deep Hollow Road

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Perotti

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

Motion to authorize advertisement for open summer recreation positions

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded Gutierrez

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

Motion to pay claims as read

General Fund A \$155,697.64

Highway Fund DA0 \$ 39,203.87

Amenia Lighting SL1 \$ 1,680.69

Wassaic Lighting SL2 \$ 598.61

Amenia Water- SW0 \$ 4,992.91

Train to Train \$ 49,438.13

Total \$ 251,611.85

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to accept the minutes of December 19, 2019 as presented

Motion made by Gutierrez

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to accept the minutes of January 2, 2020 as presented

Motion made by Gutierrez

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Water District Report

Supervisor read aloud the Jan 2020 Monthly update from SEBI Environmental Services

Committee/Commission Reports:

Recreation Commission Report

Kelly Milano, Recreation Supervisor was present and shared information on the upcoming baseball season as well as the new recreation program for signing up. Doyle shared that she meet with a dance instructor who is interested in offering an afterschool program and Doyle will apply for the grant for next fall. Somogyi shared senior trip information regarding joining the VFW

CAC- Doyle shared the outline of the meeting held last night, and announcing the upcoming spring cleanup on April 18th

Resolutions:

Authorizing Public Hearing for Altice franchise renewal agreement

Motion to approve Resolution # 16 of 2020 **AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FRANCHISE RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF AMENIA AND CABLEVISION SYSTEMS DUTCHESS CORPORATION**

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Retaining AKRF as consultant for planning services

Motion to accept Resolution # 17 **RETAINING PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Approving Crawford Associates bid for boiler room ventilation project.

Motion to accept Resolution #18 of 2020 **APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR A BOILER SYSTEM UPGRADE AT THE TOWN HALL with the addition of "for the fixed fee of \$5,600" to the last sentence**

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Other Matters

Supervisor reported that the Balance Sheets and Operating sheets were in the board members packets
Gutierrez announced the new email system, emails are being sent to all current uses

Public Comment

Sharon Kroger asked if the franchise agreement was available; supervisor responded will be made available in the Town Clerks office.

Town Board Comments

Somogyi shared idea of a dog park in Wassaic at the town park; Gutierrez will go to the next recreation meeting and share ideas that were sent to him regarding the uses of the park.

Perotti shared that she has had conversations with HVA for grants for better access to the water for fishing down from the Wassaic Park.

Doyle shared an update on the grant process for the upgrade to fountain square

Bids for Sidewalk

After reviewing the bid packets and confirming all items required were received the board

Moved the resolution to accept the low bid in the maximum amount of \$16,800 from Crawford and Associates for Engineering for the Sidewalk Improvements in Downtown Amenia

Motion made by Doyle

Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Doyle

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

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Klingner

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Town Clerk

 Accepted by town board on (3/19/2020)