



TOWN OF AMENIA

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**TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 7, 2020
TOWN HALL – 1ST FLOOR
5:30 P.M.**

NOTICE REGARDING MAY 7, 2020 TOWN BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to Executive Order Nos. 202.1 and 202.14, issued by Governor Cuomo on March 12, 2020 and April 7, 2020 respectively, and due to the public health and safety concerns associated with the COVID-19 virus, the Town Board will be conducting the May 7, 2020 Town Board meeting via telephonic and video conferencing.

The public will not be permitted to attend this meeting in person and public comment will not be taken at this meeting.

The Town Board meeting will commence at 5:30 p.m. The Town Board will attend this meeting in person and through the use of telephone conferencing. The public will be able to see and hear this meeting live in two ways. First, the meeting will be broadcast on cable television, at Channel 22 on the Amenia Altice cable television system. Second, the meeting will also be live internet streamed on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/ameniatv/live

Any member of the public who has questions regarding this process should contact the Town Clerk at dmklingner@ameniany.gov.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, this meeting will be recorded and transcribed at a later date.

The Town Board would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience in this matter and encourages everyone to remain home and safe with their loved ones.

Emergency Exits

Roll Call

Executive Session – acquisition of real property; tax cert issues

Return to Regular Meeting

Supervisor's Report

Town Clerk Report *April 16th minutes, Building Dept, Proclamation for Travel*

Transfer of Funds Resolution # 26

Executive Session – Pending Litigation

Adjourn



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April 16, 2020

NOTICE REGARDING APRIL 16, 2020 TOWN BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, issued by Governor Cuomo on March 12, 2020, and due to the public health and safety concerns associated with the COVID-19 virus, the Town Board will be conducting the April 16, 2020 Town Board meeting via telephonic and video conferencing.

The public will not be permitted to attend this meeting in person and public comment will not be taken at this meeting.

The Town Board meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. The Town Board will attend this meeting in person and through the use of telephone conferencing. The public will be able to see and hear this meeting live in two ways. First, the meeting will be broadcast on cable television, at Channel 22 on the Amenia Altice cable television system. Second, the meeting will also be live internet streamed on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/ameniatv/live

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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 - via teleconference
Councilman Damian Gutierrez - via teleconference
Councilman James Morris - via teleconference
Councilwoman Michelle Somogyi - via teleconference

Also Present: Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti provided the following report: **Wassaic Trail to the Train Update** – The Trail to the Train Rail Trail is under construction and no one should be on it. Violators will be prosecuted for trespassing and other charges as appropriate. A progress meeting was held by conference call on April 15, 2020 with Collarusso contractors, Town of Amenia Project Manager, WSP Resident Engineer, WSP Project Manager, Dutchess County Rehabilitation Specialist, and Supervisor. The Trail to the Train construction is proceeding with appropriate social distancing and cleaning/disinfecting protocols in place and because the Governor's Executive Order states that Essential Construction Work may proceed to the extent the construction is for roads. **Grant Update** – applying for CFA Parks and Recreation and Greenway grants **Town of Amenia Covid-19 (Coronavirus)** – The Town of Amenia is complying with all Executive Orders from the Governor's Office and Dutchess County. The Amenia Town Hall is currently closed to visitors. The Department of Health is not issuing any permits at this time for Recreation Summer Camps. The Town of Amenia website under State of Emergency has been updated with information provided by Dutchess County and the State of New York. Channel 22 has also been updated with current Coronavirus information. The CDC is advising that everyone outside of their homes should wear face coverings to help protect against the spread of the coronavirus and has instructions on its website on how to construct a cloth facemask. However, wearing a mask is not a substitute for social distancing and

individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their mask and also to wash their hands immediately after. It is also extremely important that you dispose of your masks and gloves after use in a trash receptacle. The Dutchess County Coronavirus (Covid-19) hotline is 845 486-3555. The New York State **24 Hour Hotline Number: 1-888-364-3065**. The Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County is available to address needs in critical areas such as Food Pantries (Delivery Available), Emergency Fuel, Prescription Assistance, HEAP & SNAP applications by calling 845 452-5104. For Dutchess County residents unable to leave their homes to access food and other necessities, the Community Action Partnership is working with Dutchess County government to deliver needed supplies. Please connect with Dutchess Responds or call 486-3555.

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

Clerk Klingner reported the Total Taxes collected to date is \$5,509,398.60, Penalty amount collected \$1,921.25 and Remaining Uncollected total \$632,782.02; Monthly revenues totaled \$440.50 for the month of March and \$413 was remitted to the Supervisor for the Local Share. Minutes for March 19th were circulated prior to the meeting; Vouchers were presented in the amount of \$414,982.69. Klingner presented the reports for the Highway Department dated 4/16/2020; March's Building Department totaling \$10,723.50 dated 4/8/2020; April's Water District Report reflecting Feb & March water usage; and the Balance Sheet and Operating Statement ending 3/31/2020. There were no questions regarding the reports. Clerk Klingner announced the Department reports will be posted to the website. Klingner reported that she received bids for 2020 Lawn Mowing Services and Engineering Services for the Bank Stabilization Project as advertised.

As a result of her report the following actions were taken:

Motion to accept the Minutes of March 19, 2020

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Gutierrez

Roll Call 3 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Perotti) 2 Abstain (Morris, Somogyi)

Motion to pay claims as presented for payment

General Fund A \$ 69,905.30

Highway Fund DA0 \$ 19,195.26

Amenia Lighting SL1 \$ 1,327.92

Wassaic Lighting SL2\$ 490.51

Amenia Water- SW0 \$ 14,814.32

Train to Train \$309,249.38

Total \$414,982.69

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Motion to accept all the reports

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Perotti

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

Resolutions

Change Order- Trail to the Train

Motion to accept Resolution #20 of 2020 Authorizing Change Order to the A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. contract to construct the Wassaic Tail to Train Project

Motion made by Gutierrez, Seconded by Morris

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

2020 Lawn Mowing Service

Motion to accept Resolution #21 of 2020 Award of bid for providing Lawn Mowing Services to the Town of Amenia

Motion made by Morris, Seconded by Somogyi

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

Engineering Service- Deep Hollow Road

Motion to accept Resolution #22 of 2020 Awarding bid for professional Engineering Services for the Bank Stabilization Project on Deep Hollow Road

Motion made by Perotti, Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Emergency Chimney Repair

Motion to accept Resolution #23 of 2020 Ratifying Emergency Waterproofing and Repair of Chimney at Town Hall

Motion made by Perotti, Seconded by Somogyi

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

2020 Building Department Fees

Motion to accept Resolution #24 of 2020 Adoption of Fee Schedule for the Zoning and Building Department

Motion made by Perotti, Seconded by Somogyi

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

2020 Greenway Grant

Motion to accept amended Resolution #25 of 2020 Authorizing application to the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Program for a grant for the Fountain Square Replanting and Beautification Project

Motion made by Somogyi, Seconded by Doyle

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

Town Board Comments

Morris commented on the increase of pedestrian traffic on Separate Road and vehicle traffic speed. Supervisor will have Highway Superintendent look into it.

Doyle commented with no dance program this year, she would like to apply to the Berkshire Taconic for the project of improvements at Fountain Square. This is in addition to the Greenway Grant. She also announced April 18th Clean-Up Day is canceled and hopeful to be rescheduled in the fall. She reported the Workforce Housing Committee met via phone.

Somogyi announced the cancelation of upcoming Senior Trips. Information will follow.

Klingner announced town baseball is on hold at this time. As information becomes available it will be shared. Should the program be canceled this season, vouchers will be sent out to all for reimbursement

Executive Session

Motion to leave regular session and enter into executive session at 7:46pm excusing the Town Clerk 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 close Executive Session and adjourn at 9:15pm

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

 Accepted by town board on (5/7/2020)