



# TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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**May 7, 2020**

**5:30pm**

Supervisor Perotti moved to open the meeting at 5:30pm; Emergency Exits were pointed out and Roll Call was taken by the Clerk with the following members present:

Supervisor Victoria Perotti  
Councilwoman Michelle Somogyi  
Deputy Supervisor Vicki Doyle - via teleconference  
Councilman James Morris - via teleconference  
Councilman Damian Gutierrez - Absent

Also Present: Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner

### **Executive Session – Acquisition of Real Property; Tax Cert Issues**

Motion to enter into executive session and the Town Clerk is excused.

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 executive session and return to regular session at 7:19

Made by Morris; Seconded by Gutierrez

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

**7:30PM-**

The following members present:

Supervisor Victoria Perotti  
Councilwoman Michelle Somogyi  
Deputy Supervisor Vicki Doyle - via teleconference  
Councilman Damian Gutierrez - via teleconference  
Councilman James Morris - via teleconference

Also Present: Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner

Motion to return to Regular Meeting at 7:30pm

Motion made by Perotti

Seconded by Somogyi

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

### **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 still under construction and moving toward completion. **Town of Amenia Covid-19 (Coronavirus)** – The Town of Amenia has continued to function since the day we had to lock the doors of the Amenia Town Hall to restrict access due to Covid-19 Governor's and Dutchess County Executive orders. Checks are being signed, bills are being paid, deposits are being made, important documents requiring signature are being signed as well as being scanned and emailed or mailed. Mail is being sent out as well as being delivered to departments and being processed. Repairs are being made at

the Amenia Town Hall and Beekman Park. Whatever business that cannot be completed remotely, staff is coming in to do and then leaving as soon as their tasks are complete. Those employees are Essential workers under the categories of Financial, Building, Planning, Zoning, and Maintenance. The Town of Amenia website and Channel 22 are being updated on a regular basis as new information is provided. Councilman Gutierrez is putting links with Covid 19 information on the Wassaic and Amenia Facebook Community page. There is also information on the door of the Amenia Town Hall. In addition, there is a secure locked mailbox under video surveillance for taxpayers to leave tax payments, water bill payments, or other documents or requests. Under no circumstances are any payments or other documentation to be placed in the United States Postal Service mailbox on the post in front of the building as the Town of Amenia will not be responsible for lost or stolen documents put in there. With the onset of the Re-Opening Executive Orders the Amenia Town Hall doors will continue to be locked as non-essential staffs are allowed to return after May 15<sup>th</sup>. Currently the Amenia Town Hall is preparing its departments by installing Plexiglas windows and developing sanitizing protocols for each office in addition to the nightly sanitizing process. This preparation is for a June 1<sup>st</sup> by appointment only department availability. Under no circumstances will anyone be allowed into the Amenia Town Hall for an appointment without a face covering. Social distancing protocol will also have to be followed. I know this is a difficult time for all of us. Please continue to wear face coverings and be mindful of social distancing. **The Dutchess County Covid-19 Hotline Number is 845 486-3555. The New York State Covid 19 Hotline Number is 1-888-364-3065.** Your safety and well-being are our highest concern. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any issues or questions that you may have. Be well and stay safe.

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

Clerk Klingner reported the April minutes were circulated prior to the meeting; April's Monthly revenues totaled \$45.00 all of which was remitted to the Supervisor for the Local Share. Total Taxes collected to date is \$5,613,696.05 Penalty amount collected \$5,050.18 and Remaining Uncollected total \$528484.57;

Klingner presented the April Building Department Report dated 5/5/2020 totaling \$9,362.00; Klingner announced the cancelation of summer camp at town hall and spring baseball.

Participants were advised to check their email that they used when signing up for the voucher form that needs to be sent in for reimbursement.

Klingner presented a Proclamation that May 3-9, 2020 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Amenia and wishes all Moms a very special Happy Mother's Day.

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

Motion to accept the Minutes of April 16, 2020

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to accept the reports

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Perotti

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

Motion to proclaim May 3-9, 2020 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Amenia

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Perotti

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

**Resolutions**

*Transfer of Fund*

Motion to accept Resolution #26 of Transfer of Funds for May 2020

Motion made by Perotti, Seconded by Somogyi

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

**Town Board Comments**

Somogyi thanked the Amenia Fire Company and Wassaic Fire Company for the parade on Saturday.

**Executive Session-**

Motion to enter into executive session for pending litigation at 7:47pm excusing the Town Clerk and Councilwoman Doyle; Supervisor Perotti 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 Supervisor Perotti*

There was a second topic to discuss in Executive Session at 8:15 in which Councilwoman Doyle was included in the conversation. The discussion for the topic without Councilwoman Doyle ended at 8:10.

*The following was provided by Councilwoman Doyle*

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to regular meeting at 8:49pm

Motion made by Morris

Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:50pm

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 (5-21-2020)