



TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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May 21, 2020

Supervisor Perotti moved to open the meeting at 7:27pm; Emergency Exits were pointed out and Roll Call was taken by the Clerk with the following members present:

	Supervisor Victoria Perotti	
	Councilwoman Michele Somogyi	-via teleconference
	Deputy Supervisor Vicki Doyle	- via teleconference
	Councilman James Morris	- via teleconference
	Councilman Damian Gutierrez	- via teleconference
Also Present:	Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner	
	Town Attorney Ian Lindars	-via teleconference

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 is not open to the public. **Town of Amenia Covid-19 (Coronavirus)** –The Amenia Town Hall departments will be available by appointment only beginning on June 1st as the Amenia Town Hall doors will continue to be locked. Under no circumstances will anyone be allowed into the Amenia Town Hall for an appointment without a face covering. Face coverings are also required to be worn by all town hall staff and elected officials as per the Governor's and Dutchess County's Executive orders. Social distancing protocols will also need to be followed. Your safety and that of the Town Hall staff are our highest priority. In addition, contact the Town Board and/or departments by phone or email if you have any issues or concerns. The Town of Amenia website and Channel 22 are updated on a regular basis as new information is provided for updates and the re-opening of businesses in Dutchess County. Councilman Gutierrez is putting links to important information on the Wassaic and Amenia Facebook Community page. 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. I know this is a difficult time for all of us. Please continue to wear face coverings and be mindful of social distancing wherever you are. Please also remember to not touch your face, wash your hands often, and use hand sanitizer. Be well and stay safe.

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

Clerk Klingner reported the May 7th minutes were circulated prior to the meeting; Total Taxes collected to date is \$5,715,848.28 Penalty amount collected \$9015.41 and Remaining Uncollected total \$425,332.34;

Klingner presented the vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$304,268.44, a resolution for Standard Work Day and Reporting and the monthly reports for the Highway Department and Water District. She inquired if there were any questions regarding the Monthly Operating Statement and Balance sheets that were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

Motion to accept the Minutes of May 7, 2020
Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Perotti
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion to authorize the supervisor to pay claims as presented

General Fund A	\$ 87,144.24
Highway Fund DA0	\$ 83,964.88
Amenia Lighting SL1	\$ 1,247.75
Wassaic Lighting SL2	\$ 465.91
Amenia Water- SW0	\$ 4,796.54
Train to Train	\$ <u>126,649.12</u>
Total	\$ 304,268.44

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Gutierrez
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Motion to accept the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 4 Ayes (Doyle, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti) 1 Abstain (Gutierrez)

Motion to accept the reports
Motion made by Gutierrez; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Resolutions

Revised WSP Amendment for Trail to the Train

Motion to accept Resolution #27 of 2020 Approving supplemental agreement with WSP, USA Inc. for professional engineering services related to the Wassaic Trail to the Train project

Motion made by Somogyi, Seconded by Gutierrez
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Discussion

The Purchase of Additional Laptops Computers

The Board discussed the advantages to each having town owned equipment to conduct town business such as video conferencing, checking emails and paperless reporting. Councilman Gutierrez researched and obtained four quotes for Chrome Books. As a result of the discussion no action was taken, as further research will be conducted regarding operating systems and compatibility with current town systems. Matter tabled.

Other Matters

Amenia Housing and Wastewater Committee Report submitted by Leo Blackman

Supervisor Perotti read aloud an email from Leo requesting permission to contact Erin Moore from Tighe & Bond an engineering consultant firm to discuss the specific needs for this project. In response Councilwoman Doyle suggested that they contact Candace Balmer, RCAP Solutions

who could provide the first assessment and perhaps guide us as to which stage we are at. Councilwoman Doyle will relay this to Leo.

Building Use Request- Food Panty at Community Action

Supervisor Perotti received a request from the Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County to use the upper parking lot on May 29th beginning at 9:30am to provide free grocery giveaway to families in need with no questions asked. They will provide the insurance as required.

Motion to use the building and waive the fee

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Town Board Comments

Gutierrez shared two comments he received from residents- one regarding the use of face masks- Supervisor Perotti responded that concerns of business employees should be directed to the Code Enforcement Officer. The other comment was regarding a request for a fence or trees for screening to their property since the new trail borders their property. Supervisor Perotti requested the written comments he received to be forwarded to the other board members.

Doyle announced the garden club is looking into replacing the signs near Borden Park in Wassaic. She shared public comment that was sent to her regarding setting up a box in the hamlet of Wassaic for non-perishable food. Boxes would be similar to those used for take a book/share a book program. Doyle will circulate the email request.

Executive Session-

Motion to enter into executive session for pending litigation with Kent Hollow Mine at 8:38pm excusing the Town Clerk and Councilwoman Doyle; Supervisor Perotti will take the minutes.

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

The following was provided by Supervisor Perotti

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to regular meeting at 9:06pm

Motion made by Somogyi

Seconded by Morris

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

Motion to adjourn

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Klingner

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Town Clerk

Accepted by town board on

