



TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

4988 Route 22, AMENIA, NY 12501
(845) 373-8860 www.amenianv.gov

July 2, 2020

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York. Supervisor Perotti moved to open the meeting. 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 videoconference
Councilman Damian Gutierrez	via videoconference
Councilman James Morris	via videoconference
Councilwoman Michelle Somogyi	

Also Present: Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner

Open Public Hearing: Altice Franchise Renewal Agreement

Motion to open public hearing for Altice Franchise Renewal Agreement

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Participating Via Zoom: Roger Connor, Consultant and John Dullaghan, Director of Government Affairs from Altice

Public Comments via Zoom were received from Andrea Walton, Barbara Meili, Craig Meili, Nina Peek, Rosanna Hamm, Megan O'Brien. Comments shared were for their reasons for the need of broadband service, raising costs and spotty service.

Written comments received prior to the meeting were acknowledged and read aloud from those that who did not provide public comments. They were from Wayne Euvrard, Andy Durbridge, Denise Clapper, Doug McRoberts, Nancy McKenzie, Barbara Meili, Craig Meili, Sharon Kroeger and Andrea Walton.

Gutierrez shared cost comparisons other providers that offer internet in NYC and inquired how they came to the current draft of the contract, and requested discounted rates for those financially eligible

Doyle requested a summary of the changes.

Somogyi sought clarification of the current offer for school aged children who need internet.

Motion to continue the public hearing until Thursday July 16, 2020

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Return to Regular Meeting

Public Comments

Leo Blackman and Nina Peek made comments on the upcoming scheduled fireworks display being sponsored by Dutchess County and (hosted at) Silo Ridge.

Supervisor Perotti responded to the comments by sharing the information on the parking and safety plan she was provided from the County. She announced the fireworks permit was issued by the town. The following action was taken:

Motion to waive the mass gathering permit

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Perotti

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

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti reported the following: **Wassaic Trail to the Train Update** – The Trail to the Train pedestrian crossing lights have been installed by the contractor. DOT is scheduling pre-emption timing work at the station drive/Route 22. The Town is ordering signs recommended by insurance carrier NYMIR and will be getting quotes for some split rail fencing. **Please complete CENSUS information.** There is information on the website and on Channel 22 on how to be counted. The Town of Amenia has a census response rate of 44.8%. The information collected by the Census helps inform the federal government on many key decisions including the allocation of funding for schools, hospitals, community organizations and much more, as well as legislative redistricting and congressional representation. For each person not counted by the Census, New York State loses more than \$3,000 in federal aid. And rural communities, in particular, stand to be most heavily impacted by an undercount. **Town of Amenia Covid-19 (Coronavirus)** –The Amenia Town Hall departments are available by in person appointment only in addition to phone, mail, email and secure lockbox on the building to the left of the front door. Social distancing, face coverings, hand washing, and hand sanitizer protocols are followed. Phase 3 began on June 23 for food services and personal care in addition to allowing social gatherings of 25 people. Phase 4 is scheduled to begin on July 7th. However, starting on July 6th instructional baseball is allowed and playgrounds can be opened. The concession stand and bathroom ceilings, walls, floors at Beekman Park have been washed and painted. Wipes and sanitizer will be provided. Please continue to wear face coverings and be mindful of social distancing. 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 minutes from the previous meeting were circulated prior to the meeting;

Motion to accept the minutes of June 18, 2020

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Perotti

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

Total Monthly Collection for June was \$550.70. The local share was remitted to the Town Supervisor in the amount of \$536.70

Klingner shared the resignation of James Wright from the Housing Board and his letter of interest to be on the Waste Water Committee and shared the letter of interest received from Jeff Barnett- Winsby to be on the Housing Board

Motion to accept Jim Wright's resignation on the Housing Board and appoint to the Waste Water Committee

Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Perotti

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

Motion to appoint Jeff Barnett-Winsby to the Housing Board
Motion made by Doyle; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Klingner presented the June Monthly Building Department Report totaling \$6,379.50 .

Motion to accept the building report presented by the Town Clerk
Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Perotti
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Klingner shared the need of updating the Committee Guidelines and would like to work with Councilwoman Doyle on getting this together to present to the board.

Klingner wished all a happy and safe 4th of July weekend.

Town Board comments

Somogyi shared the upcoming Senior BBQ will be offered by curbside pickup or delivery. RSVP is required. Food is prepared this year by Cousin's in Wingdale.

Doyle presented items for repair at the Wassaic Park. She also reminded residents of bear etiquette. As a result of her report the following actions were taken:

Motion to authorize the purchase of heavy duty weed barrier fabric and a truck load of mulch for the circular playground equipment in Wassaic Park, in the amount not to exceed \$3,500, as recommended by Recreation Groundskeeper Shawn Howard and Code Enforcement Officer Michael Segelken

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

Motion to authorize the Recreation Groundskeepers to repair the broken fences along the rail trail entrance to Wassaic Park in the amount not to exceed \$500 from HG Page

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

Gutierrez reminded residents to complete their 2020 Census

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:13pm
Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi
Roll Call 5 Ayes (Doyle, Gutierrez, Morris, Somogyi, Perotti)

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Klingner

Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk
(7/16/2020)

 Accepted by town board on