



TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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July 16, 2020

The Town of Amenia, Town Board began their meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, July 16, 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 Altice Public Hearing

Motion to open the public hearing

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Roger Connor and John Dullaghan were present. Mr. Dullaghan from Cablevision addressed the board by providing an update regarding the seven residents who were seeking new service and explained that the customers who would have additional costs are those who exceeded the 150 foot right of way. He also summarized and highlighted content in the contract.

Barbara Meili called in and shared her comment; Board members also shared comments that they have received.

Continue Public Hearing

Motion to close the Altice public hearing with the caveat that people can still send in comments for the next ten days.

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Supervisor's Report, Victoria Perotti, Town Supervisor

Supervisor Perotti reported the following: The Executive Order expires on the 1st and the Town Board will be able to hold meeting here for the August meeting. **Wassaic Trail to the Train Update** – The Trail to the Train contractor work has been completed. DOT is scheduling pre-emption timing work for the traffic light at the train station. The Town of Amenia Project Manager is putting together a plan requested by Metro North for split rail fencing near the end of the trail in Wassaic as the fencing would be built on their right of way. The contractor is also giving the town names of fencing companies for additional estimates as we need three. **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. Rural communities like the Town of Amenia are the 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. Everyone is required to wear a face covering before entering. There are face masks available inside the front door if someone needs one. There is hand sanitizer available in the hall. Social distancing, face coverings, hand washing, and hand sanitizer protocols are followed in the Amenia Town Hall. On July 6th instructional baseball began with all required protocols being followed. 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 July 2, 2020

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Perotti

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

Klingner shared the outside audit reports completed by RBT CPAs for the Tax Collector and Justice Court. The Clerk will circulate as required.

Motion to accept the

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Klingner presented the vouchers in the amount \$319,148.39

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay the claims

General Fund A	\$146,041.53
Highway Fund DA0	\$163,579.16
Amenia Lighting –SL1	\$ 1,208.64
Wassaic Lighting- SL1	\$ 453.86
Amenia Water-Sw0	\$ 7,865.20
Total	\$319,148.39

Motion made Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Transfer of Funds

Motion to accept Resolution #34 of 2020 Transfer of Funds for July 16, 2020

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Amenia Library Resolution

Motion to accept Resolution #35 of 2020 Waiving all Building Permit Fees set by the Town of
Amenia for the expansion and renovations of the Amenia Free Library

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Gutierrez

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

Spruce Hill Resolution

Motion to accept Resolution #36 of 2020 Authorizing the Naming of Private Road for E-911 for
the KLM Group Subdivision

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Town Board Comments

Councilmembers Gutierrez and Doyle are working on a presentation for the Wassaic Park and
will present at the next meeting

Somogyi shared an update on the senior trip activities

Doyle presented the requests from Recreation to purchase shirts and hats for children during the
instructional baseball

Motion made by Perotti; Seconded by Somogyi

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

**Executive Session – contract negotiations with Altice, Stoneleaf, SEBI; tax certiorari
litigation**

Motion to enter into executive session at 8:53pm excusing the Town Clerk and 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

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:38pm

Motion made by Somogyi; Seconded by Morris

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

Motion to go back to regular meeting at 10:40pm

Motion made by Morris; Seconded by Somogyi

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

Motion to adjourn at 10:41pm

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

(9/17/2020)

 Accepted by town board on