

August 20, 2014

The regular meeting of the Amsterdam Town Board was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at Town Hall, 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

Present: Thomas P. DiMezza, Town Supervisor  
Bart A. Tessiero, Councilman  
Kenneth Krutz, Councilman  
Linda Bartone Hughes, Town Clerk  
Charles R. Schwartz, Town Attorney

Others: Keith Kazala, William Grzyb, Senator Cecelia Tkarczyk, Julia Cairo,  
Robert Wojturski and Robert Purtell.

Supervisor DiMezza opened the public hearing concerning Timber Law.

William S. Gryzb, 415 Lepper Road, Fort Johnson is not in favor of timber law due to limitation of firewood to be cut for personal use.

Supervisor DiMezza opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a salute to the Flag.

#### Public Comment

Senator Cecelia Tkarczyk explained she represents five counties and approximately 300,000 people and it's very hard to be everywhere. Senate Tkarczyk explained she has some free time now that the senate is over. She is present tonight to see what she needs to be worked on come January. Senator Tkarczyk gave some examples of some projects they recently worked on with neighboring municipalities.

Senator Tkarczyk encouraged the Town Board if they have something on the horizon it's important to let us know as soon as possible. Don't wait until May because the committee process shuts down. The Governor wants the municipalities to make things efficient and cost effective.

Senator Tkarczyk states she will advocate for CHIPS Funding. She understands the roads need to be paved and fixed. This is on the radar.

Senator Tkarczyk also states the schools needs their fair share of state aid. If we don't get fair share then we are cutting our education program and potentially raising property taxes. It's heading in the wrong direction. We need to get our fair share both kids and property owners. We need to have adequate resources from the State.

Senator Tkarczyk introduced her local assistant Julia Cairo and offered her assistance.

Senator Tkarczyk also mentioned she is trying to coordinate one primary date state, local

and congressional. This will save taxpayers money. The cost is about 50 million dollars every two years. It's like throwing money out the window.

There are other things that can be done to reduce the burden and cost of running government. There will be a lot of pressure going forward on municipalities to save money and show efficiency. The rural communities have already been doing more with less.

Senator Tkarczyk opened up discussion to Board Members.

Councilman Krutz expressed interest in the need for broadband. There are some areas in our community without internet. Senator Tkarczyk states her very first bill was tax credit program for broadband to help homeowners who were expanding. A bill was passed by senate but not assembly to give tax credits to business. This would be helpful to business and homeowners to help upstate economy. This was brought up with Montgomery County to determine the need and to get a handle of strategy to expand. If the Bond Act passes then this will help. The infrastructure will be built. This needs to be a public private partnership.

Town Clerk mentioned we have some issues with maintenance of bank owned property. Senator Tkarczyk states the legislation has passed. They offered assistance to work with us on the issue.

Robert Purtell also offered assistance with contact information concerning foreclosed properties.

71 Res. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS, ABSTRACT #8

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves payment of August Vouchers #499 – National Grid \$2,940.58 plus #500-574 as follows:

A Fund	\$	42,960.98	B Fund	\$	33,371.92	DB Fund	\$	17,943.33
SS Fund	\$	11,823.75	HWD Fund	\$	2,832.96	Escrow	\$	345.00
SF Fund	\$							

Total Amount \$ 109,277.94

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero  
Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz  
ADOPTED-3-AYES-0-NOES

Councilman Tessiero asked for more clarification on Voucher #571 in the future.

Supervisor DiMezza distributed the supervisor's report prior to monthly meetings.

72 Res. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves minutes from July 16, 2014 as submitted.

Sponsored by: Councilman Kenneth Krtuz  
Seconded by: Councilman Bart Tessiero  
ADOPTED-3-AYES-0-NOES

73 Res. CHANGE MEETING DATE TO 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY OF MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam change meeting date to September 24, 2014.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero  
Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz  
ADOPTED-3-AYES-0-NOES

Supervisor DiMezza thanked Councilman Krutz and Michael Mulligan from NYS for all their input on the Timber Law. This law has been re-written twice. Councilman Krutz thanked Mr. Mulligan as well. He is a forester and has followed some of their same laws.

74 Res. RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2014 TIMBER LAW

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves adoption Local Law No. 2 of 2014 concerning Timber Law.

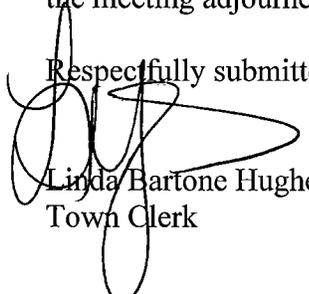
Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero  
Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz  
ADOPTED-3-AYES-0-NOES

Late Items

Supervisor DiMezza said he is going to have Councilman Tessiero get a quote on fencing for next meeting.

On a motion by Councilman Kenneth Krutz; and seconded by Councilman Bart Tessiero; the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Linda Bartone Hughes  
Town Clerk