

August 21, 2013

The regular meeting of the Amsterdam Town Board was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at Town Hall, 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

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

Others: Donna Szurek, Alyce Banewicz & Keith Kazala

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

Public Comment – None

Councilman Tessiero questioned Voucher #511 & 535 for reimbursement. The appropriate forms need to be complete and details for mileage reimbursement should be included. This is a standard form.

82 Res. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS, ABSTRACT #8 EXCEPT #511 FOR DONNA SZUREK AND #535 THOMAS DICAPRIO

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves payment of August Vouchers #500 Handwritten Check- Petty Cash Town Court \$50.00, #501-Cornerstone \$933.12, #501A-State of New York – PERB \$50.00, #502-National Grid \$3,021.10 and #503-565 as follows:

A Fund	\$ 33,412.00	B Fund	\$ 29,306.85	DB Fund	\$ 37,648.12
SS Fund	\$ 1,298.66	HWD Fund	\$ 262.62	Escrow	602.50

Voucher No. 511 & 535 can be paid provided the appropriate forms are complete along with more details.

Total Amount \$ 102,530.75 plus \$4,054.22 paid in advance of abstract (#500-#502)

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Councilman Terry Bieniek
ADOPTED-5-AYES-0-NOES

A motion was made by Councilman Tessiero and seconded by Supervisor DiMezza to pay Voucher #466 from July in amount of \$533.70 to Lou Hildebrandt. MOTION FAILED-2-AYES-3-NOES

Councilman Tessiero explained he doesn't have a problem with it but should be paid through the Friends of the Sanford Farms. It's a cleaner deal. It should go through their budgeting rather than pay the Town to pay out Lou. Councilman Tessiero states we have competent people working for Highway Department who have more experience in the construction field. Supervisor DiMezza disagrees with statement. Lou has had a lot of experience and has done a great job. Kucel has been a great contractor and everything has come out good. We can put this up for a vote. Councilman Bieniek agreed with Councilman Tessiero. He stated The Friends should dedicate some money if they want him to watch over the barn. Councilman Krutz asked if this is a new project or continuation with him as Clerk of the Works? Supervisor DiMezza said he has been Clerk of Works for all the projects. Councilman Kuchis states this is Town property and our improvement projects so they should be considered Town expenses. Supervisor DiMezza agreed it's easier for future grants to track expenses.

83 Res. REIMBURSE FRIENDS OF SANFORD FARM \$533.70

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board Town of Amsterdam reimburses Friends of Sanford Farm \$533.70.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES-1-ABSTAIN (Kuchis)

Councilman Krutz asked if the money was earmarked for mileage. Supervisor DiMezza said yes. This money was deposited by The Friends of the Sanford Farm.

84 Res. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves minutes for July 17, 2013.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES-1-ABSTAIN (Kuchis)

Update Investment Policy

Supervisor DiMezza reports that NYS now allows banks to use money we have on deposit rather than collateralize it. NBT Bank had a seminar recently where I learned we can insure our money through FDIC so the money can be kept locally. In order for us to sign up for this program, we need to update our investment policy. It will also be a better interest rate as well. We are going from .05% to 1.5%.

85 Res. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN SUPERVISOR TO UPDATE INVESTMENT POLICY TO INCLUDE NEW TYPE OF INVESTMENT THROUGH FDIC

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam authorizes Town Supervisor to update our investment policy to include new type of investment through FDIC.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero

Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz

ADOPTED-5-AYES-0-NOES

86 Res. APPROVAL RENEWAL OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ATLANTIC DETROIT DIESEL

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves renewal of preventive maintenance agreement with Atlantic Detroit Diesel.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero

Seconded by: Councilman Terry Bieniek

ADOPTED-5-AYES-0-NOES

Benderson Development Plaza

Discussion of cigarette and chew products discarded on ground at new shopping plaza. Councilman Krutz said the last few times he visited Panera Bread and Moe's there was a lot of cigarette butts and gum wrappers on the ground. Councilman Krutz suggested we ask them to put some containers around for this stuff. We have a very nice plaza and it would be nice to see it clean. Supervisor DiMezza will contact Benderson about taking care of this issue.

Late Items

Councilman Bieniek proposed the idea of a three-way stop sign at Intersection of McDonald and McKay Roads. Councilman Bieniek reports the project at Intersection of Log City & McKay will not be done. The Sheriff's Department can't afford to put patrol over there. The only other option is a three-way stop to slow the traffic down. This will require approval from Montgomery County.

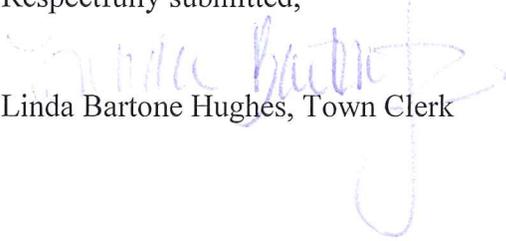
87 Res. FORWARD REQUEST TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY DPW FOR A THREE-WAY STOP AT INTERSECTION OF MCDONALD DRIVE AND MCKAY ROADS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam forward request for a three-way stop at Intersection of McDonald Drive and McKay Roads.

Sponsored by: Councilman Terry Bieniek
Seconded by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
ADOPTED-5-AYES-0-NOES

On a motion by Councilman Bart Tessiero and seconded by: Councilman Terry Bieniek,
the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda Bartone Hughes, Town Clerk