

November 19, 2014

The regular meeting of the Amsterdam Town Board was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at Town Hall, 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

Present: Thomas P. DiMezza, Supervisor  
Bart Tessiero, Councilman  
Mary Maines, Councilwoman  
Ronald DiCaprio, Councilman  
Linda Bartone Hughes, Town Clerk

Absent: Kenneth Krutz, Councilman  
Charles R. Schwartz, Town Attorney

Others: News Media, Audie Miller, Dave Lis, Timothy Gardinier, William Maines  
Fire Department Officials and others.

Councilwoman Mary Maines and Councilman Ronald DiCaprio were officially sworn in before meeting with family and friends present.

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

Items 4 & 5 were removed from Agenda.

Public Comment – No public comment.

87 Res. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER VOUCHERS – ABSTRACT #11

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves the following payments in advance of abstract: #707 – United States Postal Service in amount of \$1,000.00, #708-National Grid in amount of \$2,657.90, #709-Direct Energy in amount of \$1,306.39 and # 710-776, Abstract #11 as follows:

A Fund	\$ 64,630.82	B Fund	\$28,072.05	DB Fund	\$24,832.26
SS Fund	\$185,129.24	HWD Fund	\$ 8,593.05	Escrow	\$ 1,545.00
285.00					

Total Amount \$312,802.52

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero  
Seconded by: Councilman Ronald DiCaprio  
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

88 Res. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves minutes of September 24, 2014 (as amended) and October 15, 2014.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero  
Seconded by: Councilman Ronald DiCaprio  
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

The copier will cost \$8.00 more per month. It's basically the same machine but with little different electronics.

89 Res. AUTHORIZE LEASE OF RICOH COPIER, PRINTER, SCANNER,  
FAX FROM REPEAT BUSINESS SYSTEMS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam authorizes lease of RICOH COPIER C3503SPF from Repeat Business in the amount of \$178.00 per month for 60 months.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero  
Seconded by: Councilwoman Mary Maines  
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

Supervisor DiMezza reports the Highway Superintendent is looking to purchase two new trucks for the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent David Thibodeau stated we have some older trucks in our fleet and would like to start to replace them. In the past, we have taken out a BAN to pay for equipment. The current BAN will expire soon.

Superintendent Thibodeau reports he would like to replace a 2003 and 2005 truck. At about ten years old they start to have problems. Superintendent Thibodeau reports he has been doing a lot of research and has narrowed it down to Tracey Equipment and a company out of Glens Falls. The prices are fairly close. One truck is a 6 X 6 all wheel drive and the price are within \$2,000 of each other.

The total for (2) two Western Star trucks completely setup with stainless steel body is \$466,138.00. The stainless steel never needs painting and the bodies can be removed and put on next truck.

Also, included with the packet is pricing and information from Milton CAT concerning a loader. The cost to Town for a 2015 loader with our trade in would be \$22,000. Our current loader is a 2011 so it basically cost us \$5,500 per month. Highway Superintendent suggests this is a great deal. Councilwoman Maines questioned the condition of loader. Superintendent Thibodeau states its good condition but the warranty is now up. The cost to replace tires is \$5,500. If you purchase a new one the cost for maintenance will be covered and you won't need to purchase tires.

Supervisor DiMezza reports we currently pay \$83,000 a year for a Highway BAN. The final payment will be made next year. This would be a wash if we put the same amount

of money in and we will have two new trucks and a loader. We don't have the money to take money out of bank for purchases. This can be done with out raising taxes by spreading it over (5) five years. The Town doesn't have to go out to bid because it has been bid through Onondaga County.

Councilman DiCaprio mentioned truck has a (7) seven year warranty. He questioned if we have an engine blown in the middle of winter do they provide us with a loaner? Superintendent Thibodeau said he wishes we could do this but companies don't have trucks set up for our use. Superintendent Thibodeau states we plan for this. We have a spare truck as a backup. The warranty costs a bit more but its well worth it. Supervisor DiMezza added this is the first time we are steering away from International Tuck. The Western Star is a much better vehicle so we are hoping it goes well.

90 Res. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TWO NEW TRUCKS AND LOADER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves to purchase the following equipment:

- 2016 Western Star 4800/4900SB 6 X 6 Truck with plow package
- 2016 Western Star 4700SF Truck with plow package
- 2015 Caterpillar 938

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero  
Seconded by: Councilman Ronald DiCaprio  
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

Supervisor DiMezza also suggested we sell trucks out right and use money to replace other equipment.

91 Res. AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE (BAN) UPON ARRIVAL OF TRUCKS NEXT WINTER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam authorizes Town Supervisor too sign Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) upon arrival of trucks next winter.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero  
Seconded by: Councilwoman Mary Maines  
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

92 Res. ADOPTION OF 2015 TOWN BUDGET

A motion was made by Councilman Tessiero for adoption of 2015 Town Budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Tessiero and seconded by Councilwoman Mary Maines to amend 2015 Budget to increase Haganan Fire Budget to \$359,987.

ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves adoption of 2015 Town Budget as amended.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero

Seconded by: Councilwoman Mary Maines

ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

93 Res. APPROVE LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF AMSTERDAM AND COUNTY WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICE TO EXTEND CURRENT WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECMEBER 31, 2015

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves Letter of Agreement between the Town of Amsterdam and County Waste and Recycling Service to extend current waste and recycling contract for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2015-Decemeber 31, 2015.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero

Seconded by: Councilman Ronald DiCaprio

ADOPTED-5-AYES-0-NOES

On a motion by Councilman Bart Tessiero and seconded by Councilman Ronald DiCaprio; the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Linda Bartone Hughes  
Town Clerk