

November 27, 2013

The regular meeting of the Amsterdam Town Board was held on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at Town Hall, 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

Present: Thomas P. DiMezza, Supervisor  
Alexander Kuchis, Councilman  
Terry Bieniek, Councilman  
Kenneth Krutz, Councilman  
Charles R. Schwartz, Town Attorney

Absent: Bart Tessiero, Councilman  
Linda Bartone Hughes, Town Clerk

Others: News Media, Fire Department Officials, Robin Kappler & Jeff Larason of Amsterdam Free Library, Gordon Beebe, President of Amsterdam Free Library and others.

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

Public Comment – None

Councilman Krutz questioned #770 the cost of plantings? Supervisor DiMezza said this was for the Cranesville Project and we will be reimbursed but not likely until next year. This was mandatory plantings. The cost of project was \$35,000.

100 Res. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER VOUCHERS – ABSTRACT #11

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves payment of November Vouchers #712 –NYS Teamsters in amount of \$1,126.44, #713-KCS Abstract in amount of \$310, #714-NYS Unemployment in amount of \$1.60, #715-Chamber of Commerce in amount of \$1,014.69, #716-NYS Teamsters in amount of \$2,295.12, #717-National Grid in amount of \$3,475.30, #718-Cornerstone in the amount of \$482.38 and # 719-804, Abstract #11 as follows:

A Fund	\$57,953.98	B Fund	\$33,422.07	DB Fund	\$18,157.98
SS Fund	\$ 733.88	HWD Fund	\$ 26.14	Escrow	\$ 285.00

Total Amount \$110,579.05

Sponsored by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz  
Seconded by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis  
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

101 Res. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves minutes of October 16, 2013.

Sponsored by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis  
Seconded by: Councilman Terry Bieniek  
ADOPTED-3-AYES-0-NOES-1-ABSTAIN (Krutz)

A motion was made by Councilman Krutz and seconded by Councilman Bieniek to adopt 2014 Town Budget as is.

Supervisor DiMezza made a motion with a second by Councilman Kuchis to amend Town Budget and include an increase of \$6,000 for the Amsterdam Free Library.  
MOTION FAILED-2-AYES(DiMezza/Kuchis)-2-NOES(Krutz/Bieniek)

Councilman Krutz said we have cut many important programs such as seniors and youth. Supervisor DiMezza said we haven't really had any complaints except for the Library. Any of the groups could come before us and we could address their concerns. Councilman Krutz has had conversations concerning seniors. Councilman Kuchis has not heard any complaints about funding from Haganan Youth Commission. Supervisor DiMezza believes the Amsterdam Free Library is in need of this funding in order to survive. Councilman Krutz doesn't see libraries lasting in this day and age with all the new technology. Councilman Kuchis expressed concern that many people can't afford the technology. Maybe they are adapting to technology.

102 Res. ADOPTION 2014 TOWN BUDGET AS IS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves adoption of 2014 Town Budget as is.

Sponsored by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz  
Seconded by: Councilman Terry Bieniek  
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

103 Res. RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2013 – AMENDING  
DOG CONTROL LAW

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam adopts Local Law No.1 of 2013 – Amending Dog Control Law of 2004.

Sponsored by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz  
Seconded by: Councilman Terry Bieniek  
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

104 Res. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SEWER RENT LAW  
FOR DECEMBER 18, 2013 AT 6:55 PM

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam schedules public hearing regarding sewer rent law for December 18, 2013 at 6:55 p.m.

Sponsored by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis

Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz

ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

105 Res. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT  
REVIEW FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 – SEPTEMBER 30,  
2018

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam accepts resignation of Joseph R. Bartone from the Board of Assessment Review for the term of October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2018 with regret.

Sponsored by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis

Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz

ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

106 Res. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW  
FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2013-SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam appoints Thomas Natole as member to Board of Assessment Review for the term of October 1, 2013-September 30, 2018.

Sponsored by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz

Seconded by: Councilman Terry Bieniek

ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

107 Res. APPROVE LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF  
AMSTERDAM AND COUNTY WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICE TO  
EXTEND CURRENT WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTRACT FOR A  
PERIOD OF ONE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND  
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves letter of agreement between the Town of Amsterdam and County Waste & Recycling Service to extend current waste and recycling contract for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014.

Sponsored by: Alexander Kuchis  
Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz  
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

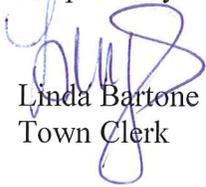
Late Items

Councilman Kuchis suggested we take a look at master plan. We have come a long way and we should just revisit, it may be a little stale.

Supervisor DiMezza reports that everyone received the budget comparison report by email prior to meeting.

On a motion by Councilman Kenneth Krutz and seconded by Councilman Terry Bieniek; the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Bartone Hughes  
Town Clerk