

December 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Amsterdam Town Board was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at Town Hall, 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

Present: Thomas P. DiMezza, Supervisor
Alexander Kuchis, Councilman
Bart Tessiero, Councilman

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

Others: Robert Wojturski and Austin, Bartone, Dominick Peluso, Ashley Przybylowicz and other students from Amsterdam High School.

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

Supervisor DiMezza welcomed the students from Amsterdam High School and explained the meetings follow an agenda.

108 Res. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER VOUCHERS – ABSTRACT #12

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves payment of December Vouchers #805 –NYS Teamsters in amount of \$25,853.34, #806-Cornerstone in amount of \$477.52, #807 National Grid in amount of \$3,868.92, #808-CNH Capital America in amount of \$668.22 and # 809-858, Abstract #12 as follows:

A Fund	\$27,010.83	B Fund	\$31,402.59	DB Fund	\$31,324.75
SS Fund	\$ 3,413.58	HWD Fund	\$ 1,126.14	Escrow	\$95.00

Total Amount \$94,372.89

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis
ADOPTED-3-A-AYES-0-NOES

109 Res. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves minutes of November 27, 2013.

Sponsored by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis
Seconded by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
ADOPTED-3-AYES-0-NOES

Supervisor DiMezza reports the sewer rent law is changing a bit. The City is now charging based on water usage. Supervisor DiMezza said some users may be more and some may be less. The formula will be based on one year's water usage. Councilman Tessiero asked if this is for business only. Supervisor DiMezza states residential, apartments and anyone not connected to water will remain the same. It will affect approximately 49 accounts. Councilman Tessiero asked if the calculations are substantial. Supervisor DiMezza said we only tested a few properties. Councilman Tessiero asked if they can deviate based on contract. Supervisor DiMezza said they didn't really deviate. They changed the structure of billing and that is not addressed in the contract. The Town pays 1.5 times the rate. Supervisor DiMezza is hoping things will improve in the city.

110 Res. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
NO. 1 OF 2014 – SEWER RENT LAW

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam schedules public hearing regarding proposed Local Law No.1 of 2014 - Sewer Rent Law for January 15, 2014 at 6:50 p.m.

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

111 Res. SCHEDULE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR JANUARY 6, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam schedules organizational meeting for January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis
ADOPTED-AYES-0-NOES

112 Res. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN TERRY BIENIEK AND
COUNCILMAN ALEXANDER KUCHIS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31,
2013 WITH REGRET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam accepts resignation of Councilman Terry Bieniek and Councilman Alexander Kuchis effective December 31, 2013 with regret.

Sponsored by: Supervisor Thomas DiMezza
Seconded by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis
ADOPTED-3-AYES-0-NOES

113 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 Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis
ADOPTED-3-AYES-0-NOES

Public Comment

Anthony Verde, 117 Harrower Lane, Amsterdam states he submitted a letter of interest for appointment on the town board. Mr. Verde has been a lifelong resident of the Town. As a young boy, he remembers his father running for Town Assessor and was Town Justice. He was the only one out of four brothers interested in handing out cards and making signs.

Mr. Verde has always been interested and always trying to find ways to better our community. Also, very active in serving the community serving youth, athletics and Amsterdam Marching Band.

Mr. Verde asked for an opportunity to serve the people.

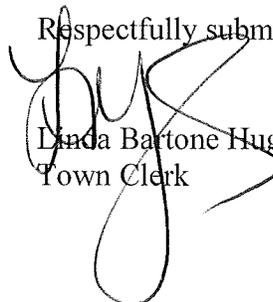
Late Items

Councilman Kuchis complimented Supervisor DiMezza on the operating statement. Supervisor DiMezza reports we just received \$71,000 CHIPS funding. This will help the Highway Fund. Things are looking up.

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

On a motion by Councilman Bart Tessiero and seconded by Councilman Alexander Kuchis; the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Bartone Hughes
Town Clerk