

February 26, 2014

The regular meeting of the Amsterdam Town Board was held on Wednesday, February 26, 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: Patricia Becker, Matthew Hughes and Robert Wojturski.

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

Public Comment

Patricia Becker, President of Farmers Market Association. Mrs. Becker stated it has been their good fortune to use the Sanford Farms site for the past few years. She explained the customers are very happy to be out in fresh air on green grass to visit our market. Mrs. Becker asked for permission to use the site again. The Town Board agreed to allow Farmers Market to use the site.

Mrs. Becker has a concern about the cattails being so lush last year they actually cover the banner. She said they are beautiful. Supervisor DiMezza suggested we may be able to clean out. Also, it was suggested to move the banner to a higher location.

Supervisor DiMezza stated The Friends of the Sanford Farm may have a representative in conjunction with Farmers Market to open barns and view the site. It's good for people to see and learn about history. They are thinking about a car raffle this year to raise some funds. We need to spend money to make it look nice. We hope it will be a treasure some day. The open house is scheduled for June 14TH.

Councilman Krutz stated his wife visits the market frequently and it's nice to see how it's grown over the years.

Councilman Tessiero said the Farmer's Market is excellent for our community. It's a nice attraction and hopefully opening the buildings will attract more people.

Councilman Tessiero questioned if the Cranesville Project is being paid from grant money? Supervisor DiMezza said it's totally reimbursed.

37 Res. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS, ABSTRACT #2

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves payment of February Vouchers #68 DeLage Landen Financial Services \$170.00, #69 CHL Capital America \$668.22, #70 National Grid \$5,609.31, #71 Employees Retirement System \$96,131.00 (Handwritten Check) and # 72-145 as follows:

A Fund	\$ 75,305.37	B Fund	\$ 31,646.61	DB Fund	\$138,892.84
SS Fund	\$178,897.45	HWD Fund	\$ 1,850.11	Escrow	95.00

Total Amount \$843,048.38

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

38 Res. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves minutes from January 15, 2014 as submitted.

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

Councilman Tessiero explained a camera will be installed on corner of building facing the Highway Department so we can see the entire yard and a camera off the front of building. The total is \$760 which includes everything and they are using one of our existing cameras.

39 Res. APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM WOLFE SECURITY IN AMOUNT OF \$760.00

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves the proposal from Wolfe Security in amount of \$760.00

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

40 Res. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MONITORING AND NOTIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH HART ALARM

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves the annual renewal of Monitoring and Notification agreement with Hart Alarm.

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

41 Res. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING UPDATED HIGHWAY INVENTORY LIST

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam accepts undated Highway Inventory List as submitted.

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

Councilman Kenneth Krutz explained the Junior Class expressed interest in using the Sanford Barn for taking Junior Prom pictures. It would be about sixty kids. Councilman Krutz asked what they would need to do. Supervisor DiMezza said if we pass this memorandum of understanding it will be fine. They should fill out an application and maybe pay a small fee. Supervisor DiMezza said if Tom Foster is going to be there than he should open and close. It will be up to Town if they choose to waive fee for a civic group or school.

42 Res. ALLOW USE OF SANFORD BARN BY JUNIOR CLASS FOR JUNIOR PROM PICTURES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam allow use of Sanford Barn for Junior Prom pictures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESVOLED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam waives the fee for use of barn.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Supervisor Thomas DiMezza
ADOPTED-3-AYES-0-NOES

43 Res. ALLOW THE FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION TO USE SANFORD FARMS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam allow the Farmer's Market Association to use Sanford Farms.

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

Late Items

Supervisor DiMezza suggested we pass the memorandum of understanding between the Friends of Sanford Stud Farm and the Town of Amsterdam. We can always make changes and or adjustments.

Attorney Schwartz stated items for discussion is a fee schedule for events and role of Friends of Sanford Stud Farm, if any. These are the only outstanding issues to be decided.

44 Res. ADOPT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANIDNG BETWEEN THE FRIENDS OF SANFORD STUD FARM AND THE TOWN OF AMSTERDAM

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam adopts Memorandum of Understanding between the Friends of Sanford Stud Farm and the Town of Amsterdam; and

BE IT FURTHER RESVOLED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam reserves the right to open document and make appropriate adjustments at any time.

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

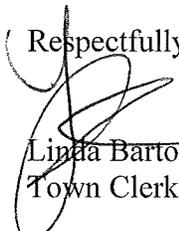
The Board held a discussion concerning Facility Use Fee. The Town Board set the fees for \$150 for four hours and \$200 for each additional hour. Any event that takes place they must come to Town Hall to complete a Facility Use Request. The Friends of the Sanford Farms can use this for normal activities. There was a concern about smoking and flammable items, they will not be allowed.

Councilman Tessiero extends his sincere thanks to the Highway Department for all their long hard hours and keeping the roads clean and safe. Councilman Krutz said he gives a lot of credit to our crew. Supervisor DiMezza said we are fortunate. Supervisor DiMezza also reported we recently helped the City with a shortfall of salt.

Supervisor DiMezza reports the supervisor's report is distributed monthly.

On a motion by Councilman Kenneth Krutz; and seconded by Councilman Bart Tessiero, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Bartone Hughes,
Town Clerk