

October 17, 2012

The regular meeting of the Amsterdam Town Board was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at Town Hall, 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

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

Absent: Bart Tessiero, Councilman

Others: Robert Wojturski, Keith Kazala, Larry Rogers, Bill Grzyb, Dave Thibodeau and others.

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

Public Comment

Bill Grzyb, 415 Lepper Road, Fort Johnson questioned in relation to lease on water tower, where will the revenues be applied? Supervisor DiMezza said it will be go in water fund. Mr. Grzyb would like to see it applied to infrastructure or water rates? Supervisor DiMezza said in the water fund as surplus for repairs and maintenance. Mr. Grzyb said he would like to see it go through infrastructure.

The abstract was reviewed and signed by Town Board Members. Supervisor DiMezza read the breakdown of each fund for October.

96 Res. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER VOUCHERS – ABSTRACT # 10

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves payment of October Vouchers # 610 – 676 Abstract #10 as follows:

A Fund	\$24,684.20	B Fund	\$ 37,691.60	DB Fund	\$21,428.60
SS Fund	\$ 6,017.87	HWD Fund	\$130,632.00	Escrow	\$ 855.00

Total Amount \$221,309.27

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

Councilman Krutz questioned if the receipt books from Quality Express are special print? Supervisor DiMezza said he doesn't know but he spoke with Judge Slezak and asked them to look at County Printing Department. They may see a savings by using County.

Councilman Krutz also suggested we look at purchasing supplies from Staples. They offer discount pricing to companies. Supervisor DiMezza said the County has a contract with Seely Conover and we take advantage of that pricing.

Councilman Kuchis expressed concern about Voucher #647 for mileage reimbursement. The voucher has hardly any details. Supervisor DiMezza will take care of it. Councilman Kuchis suggested attaching a log sheet with dates and locations.

97 Res. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves minutes of September 19, 2012 as submitted.

Sponsored by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis
Seconded by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

98 Res. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRACT FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL AND GRASS AND BRUSH MOWING ON COUNTY ROADS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works of this County has submitted a contract for the removal of snow and ice control and mowing of grass and brush from county roads within the Town under Section 135A of the Highway Law, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 135A of Highway Law, this Board accepts the contract for snow removal and ice control and grass and brush mowing, and authorizes the Supervisor to execute the aforesaid contract.

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

99 Res. APPROVAL OF ONE HOUR OF TRAINING FOR TOWN OF AMSTERDAM PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD FOR ATTENDANCE AT NOVEMBER 7TH NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PRESENTATION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves one hour of training for Town of Amsterdam Planning Board and Zoning Board for attendance at November 7th NYS Department of Transportation's presentation.

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

100 Res. AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF APPRAISAL REPORTS BY EMPIRE
STATE APPRAISAL CONSULTANTS REGARDING
ROSE INDUSTRIES, KEVIN COLLINS AND RBS CITIZENS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam authorizes
preparation of appraisal reports by Empire State Appraisal Consultants regarding Rose
Industries, Kevin Collins and RBS Citizens for a fee of \$10,500.

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

101 Res. APPROVE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY DOG SHELTER AT
RESIDENCE OF DOG CONTROL OFFICER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves
construction of a temporary dog shelter at residence of Dog Control Officer not to exceed
\$500.

Sponsored by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis
Seconded by: Councilman Terry Bieniek
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

The approval of water tower lease agreement will be on agenda next month.

102 Res. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF FRANK BOCHNIAK FROM TOWN
PLANNING BOARD

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam accepts
resignation of Frank Bochniak from Town Planning Board.

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

103 Res. APPOINT ANTHONY VERDE TO PLANNING BOARD

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam appoints
Anthony Verde to Town Planning Board to fill vacancy of term expiring December 31,
2012.

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

In addition, Supervisor DiMezza reports we need to appoint another member to Planning Board and one to Board of Assessment Review.

104 Res. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARINGS PROPOSED 2013 TOWN BUDGET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam schedules public hearings for Wednesday, November 21, 2012 as follows:

6:30 p.m. Fort Johnson Fire Department
6:35 p.m. Hagaman Fire Department
6:40 p.m. Cranesville Fire Department
6:45 p.m. Tribes Hill Fire Department
6:50 p.m. Preliminary 2013 Town Budget

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

Late Items

105 Res. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:25 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST CONCERNING WATER TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4706 STATE HIGHWAY 30, TOWN OF AMSTERDAM

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam scheduled a public hearing at 6:25 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21st concerning Water Tower Lease Agreement for property located at 4706 State Highway 30, Town of Amsterdam.

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

Supervisor DiMezza handed out the Preliminary Town Budget. Supervisor DiMezza said we do not have a town property tax. Including in the Budget is a new fund for a highway use tax which is town wide. If instituted, this will go on our tax bill. The rate would be \$8.73 per thousand of assessed value. A house valued at \$100,000 would pay about \$87.30.

Supervisor DiMezza said without doing anything this year we could put town in jeopardy of going into the red. We have lasted as long as we can. We moved money around. It's

unfortunate but the time has come. Our retirement costs for 2013 is \$97,000 in 2000 it was \$2,300. We can't survive. The health insurance is about \$150,000. Our fund balances are as follows: General Fund A - \$40,000; B Fund \$41,000 and Highway \$1,300.

We barley skinned by last year and need to do something. The last truck purchased cost \$180,000. Supervisor DiMezza stated as Chief Fiscal Officer he is responsible to make sure we survive and not go in the red. I explained to NYS Auditor what I am planning to do. Supervisor DiMezza invited Board Members to stop and visit. If we go in the red, this will affect our bond ratings resulting in higher interest rates. Our last rating was AA.

Supervisor DiMezza said the Fire Departments stayed within the current tax rate. We can provide you with tax rates for workshop.

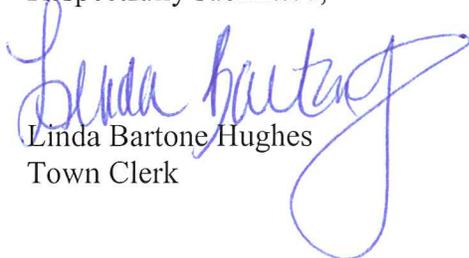
Supervisor DiMezza set up a workshop for October 24th and October 31st. Then we can go from there.

Supervisor DiMezza also mentioned we would have to override the 2% tax cap. Last year we filed what was on the books. By adding the Highway Use Tax it puts us way above.

Councilman Krutz stated he would be absent for workshop.

On a motion by Bart Tessiero and seconded by Kenneth Krutz; the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Bartone Hughes
Town Clerk