December 17, 2014

The regular meeting of the Amsterdam Town Board was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at Town Hall, 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

Present: Thomas P. DiMezza, Supervisor
Ronald DiCaprio, Councilman
Bart Tessiero, Councilman
Mary Maines, Councilwoman

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

Others: Robert Wojturski, David Thibodeau and Charles Phillips.

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

No public comment.

95 Res. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER VOUCHERS – ABSTRACT #12

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves payment of December Vouchers# 785-848, Abstract #12 as follows:

A Fund	$27,143.31	B Fund	$29,262.16	DB Fund	$20,769.33
SS Fund	$57,826.09	HWD Fund	$12,555.32	Escrow	$ 155.00

Total Amount $147,711.21

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

96 Res. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves minutes of November 19, 2014.

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

97 Res. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2015 – SEWER RENT LAW

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam schedules public hearing regarding proposed Local Law No.1 of 2015 - Sewer Rent Law for January 21, 2015 at 6:50 p.m.

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

98 Res. SCHEDULE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR JANUARY 5, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam schedules organizational meeting for January 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

99 Res. APPROVE DOG SHELTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF AMSTERDAM AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY SPCA

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves Dog Shelter Agreement between the Town of Amsterdam and Montgomery County SPCA.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Supervisor Thomas DiMezza
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES

The contract did increase about $150 per mile. This helps but is not enough to cover our expenses.

100 Res. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRACT FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL AND GRASS AND BRUSH MOWING ON COUNTY ROADS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

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 of Amsterdam under Section 135A of the Highway Law, now therefore be it and it

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

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

Late Items

Supervisor DiMezza states we received a retirement letter from Highway Superintendent. Supervisor DiMezza accepts this with regret but understands on a personal level. In the past week, Supervisor DiMezza reports he had discussions with our past Highway Superintendent Charles Phillips and is recommending appointing Charles Phillips from December 22, 2014 through March 31, 2015. In addition, through discussions Supervisor DiMezza would like to propose appointing Bart Tessiero at the end of March. Supervisor DiMezza states that Bart Tessiero is very knowledgeable and could work with Chuck for the rest of this year. He has been with the Town for a very long time. We need to have someone knowledgeable of water and sewer system but also to manage people. In addition, this position is an elected position.

Councilman Tessiero made the motion to accept retirement. Councilman Tessiero states that Dave did an excellent job filling shoes of Chuck Phillips and thanked him for his dedication. Councilwoman Mary Maines and Councilman Ronald DiCaprio also thanked Dave Thibodeau for his service. He is also a Town Justice.

Councilwoman Maines asked if anyone else could run. Supervisor DiMezza said yes anyone can run. He suggested Bart for continuity. It's important to find someone knowledgeable and could get elected. Councilwoman Maines asked if anyone in the Highway Department could run. Supervisor DiMezza answered yes. Also, the next in line would be Deputy Herbert Menge. Mr. Menge doesn't want to run for position because he could not hold two elected positions.

101 Res. ACCEPT RETIREMENT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT DAVID THIBODEAU EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 26, 2014 WITH REGRET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam accepts retirement of Highway Superintendent David Thibodeau effective December 26, 2014.

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

102 Res. HIRE CHARLES PHILLIPS AS HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT EFFECTIVE ON MONDAY, DECEMEBER 22, 2014

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam hires Charles Phillips as Highway Superintendent effective Monday, December 22, 2014.

Sponsored by: Councilwoman Mary Maines
Seconded by: Councilman Ronald DiCaprio
ADOPTED-4-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