

February 15, 2012

The regular meeting of the Amsterdam Town Board was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at Town Hall, 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

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

Others: Stephen Kowalczyk and Robert Wojturski.

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

No public comment.

37 Res. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS, ABSTRACT #2

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves payment of Vouchers, Abstract #2 for February 2012.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz
ADOPTED-5-AYES-0-NOES

38 Res. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves minutes of January 2, 2012.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz
ADOPTED-5-AYES-0-NOES

39 Res. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves minutes of January 18, 2012.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Councilman Terry Bieniek
ADOPTED-4-AYES-0-NOES-1-ABSTAIN (Supervisor DiMezza)

40 Res. APPROVAL OF HART ALARM AGREEMENT FOR MONITORING
AND NOTIFICATION OF TOWN HALL AND GARAGE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves Hart Alarm Agreement for monitoring and notification of Town Hall and Garage.

Sponsored by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis
Seconded by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
ADOPTED-5-AYES-0-NOES

Councilman Bart Tessiero asked if future resolutions could have more details to avoid a lot of questions and answers. Attorney Schwartz said he will put more details in resolution. Councilman Krutz said it would be helpful to know details.

41 Res. JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, by tax grievance action entitled *Mardot Holding, Ltd., et al. v. Town of Amsterdam, et al.*, Index #2011-06, petitioner sought a reduction of the real property tax assessment of their shopping center located at 4751-4755 State Highway 30, Town of Amsterdam, County of Montgomery, State of New York; and

WHEREAS, after a review of all relevant documentation and discussion with the Town of Amsterdam Assessors and attorney for the Greater Amsterdam School District, and in the interest of judicial economy as well as the time, expense and vagaries of litigation, the parties have agreed to resolve the issues herein by judicial settlement, and,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Amsterdam Town Board will settle this matter upon the terms contained within the court documents.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Amsterdam Town Attorney is authorized to sign any and all documents in furtherance of this judicial settlement.

RESOLVED, that this judicial settlement is conditioned upon acceptance by the members of the Greater Amsterdam School District School Board.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Councilman Alexander Kuchis
ADOPTED-4-AYES-1-NOES (Councilman Krutz)

Supervisor DiMezza reports the proposed local law came about because pawn dealers are popping up in the Town because we don't have a law. It makes it easy for people who steal stuff to easily turn into local shops. Supervisor DiMezza reports this Local Law will be posted on our website. Councilman Krutz asked if this protects the Town? Supervisor DiMezza said it requires owners to obtain permits and will be retroactive. Anyone who is open has to obtain a permit or they will be fined. Supervisor DiMezza reports there is a licensing fee and we will create an application.

42 Res. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012
AT 6:55 P.M. ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 CONCERNING
PAWN SHOPS AND SECONDHAND DEALERS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam schedule public hearing for Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 6:55 p.m. on Proposed Local Law No. 1 concerning Pawn Shops and Secondhand Dealers.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz
ADOPTED-5-AYES-0-NOES

Town Clerk prepared an amended bill. The difference is \$487.

43 Res. APPROVE ADJUSTMENT OF 2012 SEWER BILLING FOR
AMSTERDAM COMPANY DUE TO TAX SETTLEMENT CASE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Amsterdam approves adjustment of 2012 Sewer Billing for Amsterdam Company due to tax settlement case.

Sponsored by: Councilman Bart Tessiero
Seconded by: Councilman Kenneth Krutz
ADOPTED-5-AYES-0-NOES

Late Items

Councilman Tessiero asked about the Stop Sign at Walgreens? Supervisor DiMezza mentioned he has not meet with Ralph Gaetano but will take care of it.

Supervisor DiMezza reports the Town will be receiving a check from FEMA for cleanup. We did okay. We provided an estimate for additional work as well.

Supervisor DiMezza also reports the Town will assist with stabilization of banks along creek on Cranes Hollow Road. The residents are happy about this project.

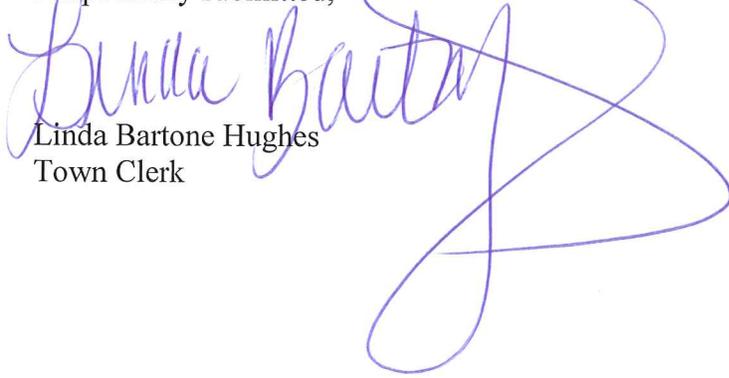
Also, the Town updated the website so we can now make our own changes.

The last item was the Town received a contract proposal from Verizon Wireless. Attorney Charles Schwartz will review contract and contact Verizon.

Supervisor DiMezza also reported Alex Kuchis contacted him regarding striping on roads. The County will stripe Northern Boulevard and McKay Road when weather permits.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linda Bartone Hughes". The signature is stylized and overlaps the printed name below it.

Linda Bartone Hughes
Town Clerk