TOWN OF AMENIA
TOWN BOARD

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Town Board Meeting Minutes
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026
TOWN HALL – 1ST FLOOR
6:30PM

Call to Order

6:30 Executive Session: discuss the possible hiring of a particular person, legal advice regarding matters leading to employment of a particular person or corporation

Motion to enter into executive session at 6:30 pm for the purpose of discussing the possible hiring of a particular person, legal advice regarding matters leading to employment of a particular person or corporation inviting Josh Frankel.
Motion made by C/Ahearn, seconded by C/Doyle
Roll call 4 Ayes (Hamm, Ahearn, Doyle, Dietrich)

No formal action taken.

Motion to exit executive session at 7:05pm
Motion made by C/Ahearn, seconded by C/Dietrich
Roll call 4 Ayes (Hamm, Ahearn, Doyle, Dietrich)

7:00pm Return to Regular meeting

Pledge of Allegiance
Emergency Exits
Roll Call

Members present	Supervisor Rosanna Hamm Councilmember Nicole Ahearn Councilmember Vicki Doyle Councilmember Walter Dietrich
Also present	Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner Attorney to the Town Ian Lindars, Esq.

Motion to Accept the Agenda
Motion to amend and accept the amended agenda adding an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting regarding the Route 44 Sidewalk and hiring a particular person
Motion made by C/Dietrich, seconded by C/Ahearn
Roll call 4 Ayes (Hamm, Ahearn, Doyle, Dietrich)

Public Comment on Agenda Items (3min each)

Supervisor Report, Town Supervisor Rosanna Hamm, read her report

Supervisor's Report for July 9th

Meeting with NYSEG—on June 25th I met with NYSEG representatives. They left some pamphlets that will be placed in the front hall.

EMS We are continuing to discuss EMS services options. Nothing definitive has been decided.

Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors meeting—

- Millerton is having a huge celebration for their 175th Anniversary. There will be parades, fairs, drone light show, and more—check out their website.
- There was some discussion about EMS services—towns are having discussions about shared services
- There was also discussion about new county initiatives on animal welfare. Our county legislator is part of that committee. He will be at out next meeting to share information on this topic

July 4th –A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that made the 250th anniversary such a special day. It was a lot of work, not only that day, but the months of planning that went into it. We are truly fortunate to have the amazing volunteers that we have in the Fire Department and our rescue squad. We are also very fortunate that we were spared the devastating effects of the storm that happened that day. Some of our surrounding towns were not that fortunate.

Roof leak—the roof sprung a leak during one of the rain storms. We are having Precision roofing who is supposed to be doing annual roof checks and cleanups to come and clean and inspect the roof. This has not been done since 2023. The total cost of the spring work is $1950. Hopefully they will not find anything and it is only a blockage that needs to be cleaned.

Meeting with accountant—Michele and I met with Denise Williamson from RBT today mainly about the budget process as we are getting to that time of year. It was a very informative meeting.

Many thanks to—I would like to acknowledge Michele Topolsky who just began working in the last week and has had to jump in with both feet due to an unexpected absence. Michele has already proved herself to be a great team player!!! Thank you, Michele!

It appears that the Summer Rec program is off to a great start thanks to the herculean efforts of Marge Arnold, Nancy Nowak, Judy Moran, the rec staff, our attorney and the people at Maplebrook!!!

Town Clerk Report, Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner presented

- June's State, County & Local Revenues totaled, $237.50
- June 18th minutes have been circulated
- Resignation of Town Constable Francis Lansing
- Circulated prior to the meeting a request from the Dover Town Board to serve as Lead Agency regarding Proposed Local Law Establishing a Town-Wide Moratorium on Energy/ Energy and Data Storage and Related Facilities

The following actions were taken as a result of the Clerk's Report:
Motion to accept the June 18, 2026 minutes
Motion made by C/Ahearn, seconded by S/Hamm
Roll call 4 Ayes (Hamm, Ahearn, Doyle, Deitrich)

Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Francis Lansing
Motion made by S/Hamm, seconded by C/Ahearn
Roll call 4 Ayes (Hamm, Ahearn, Doyle, Deitrich)

Discussion Items:

- Fencing - to contact MTA and to establish who's responsible.
- Videotaping all public meetings -Board discussed recording all committee meetings; item tabled to next meeting.
- Local Law for smoking and vaping - Board agreed to proceed; locations to be finalized and sent to attorney for drafting.
- Local Laws for ADU tax exemption - Attorney to circulate draft laws
- Recommendation for water billing program—Bill Flood - Resolution for the next meeting
- Moratorium on the building of energy storage facilities

Motion to 'Take No Position" on the Lead Agency Designation for the Town of Dover's Proposed Local Law Establishing a Town-Wide Moratorium
Motion made by C/Ahearn, seconded by C/Doyle
Roll call 4 Ayes (Hamm, Ahearn, Doyle, Dietrich)

Resolutions:
Consent Agenda
Resolution #59 of 2026 *A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA ACCEPTING THE ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION AND SUPPORTING THE TREE CITY USA PROGRAM*
Resolution #60 of 2026 *AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY SL KEANE STUD LLC*

Motion to pull the second resolution for additional information.
Motion made by C/Doyle, seconded by C/Dietrich
Roll Call 2 Ayes (Doyle, Dietrich) 2 Nays (Hamm, Ahearn) Motion Fails

Motion to Accept Resolutions #59 and 60 of 2026 as presented
Motion made by C/Ahearn, seconded by C/Hamm
Roll Call 2 Aye (Hamm, Ahearn) 2 Nays (Doyle, Dietrich) Motion Fails

Non-Consent Agenda- none

Other Matters/Town Board Comments

C/Dietrich confirmed nurse coverage for summer camp and Cemetery tree trimming and notification.
S/Hamm identified Rain Garden overgrowth at Town Hall playground. Shared NYS DOT was clearing vegetation overgrowth blocking
C/Doyle shared updated from CAC, Comprehensive Plan Committee and Enhancement. Full report on file in the office.
C/Ahearn announced upcoming Senior Picnic and youth soccer registration.

Public Comment on All Business

Judy Moran comments on assessment settlement, referenced prior year settlements which include multi-year valuation agreements and stated that she does not anticipate issues with the current settlement at the school. She also addressed the matter of recording meetings, noting that public bodies are increasing utilizing video recording and livestreaming, including school boards.

Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session for advice of council on Route 44 Sidewalk and for discussion of the possible hiring of a particular person at 8:33pm.
Motion made by S/Hamm, seconded by C/Ahearn
Roll call 4 Ayes (Hamm, Ahean, Doyle, Dietrich)

No action was taken.

Motion to exit out of executive session at 9:13pm.
Motion made by C/Ahearn, seconded by S/Hamm
Roll call 4 Ayes (Hamm, Ahearn, Doyle, Dietrich)

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:13pm.
Motion made by S/Hamm, seconded by C/Ahearn
Roll call 4 Ayes (Hamm, Ahearn, Doyle, Dietrich)

Respectfully submitted,
DMKlingner 9/17/24
Dawn Marie Klingner, CTO, RMC
Town Clerk