TOWN OF AMENIA
TOWN BOARD

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TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA
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

7:00pm Return to Regular meeting

Pledge of Allegiance
Emergency Exits
Roll Call

Motion to Accept the Agenda

Public Comment on Agenda Items (3min each)

Supervisor Report

Town Clerk Report

Discussion Items:

- Fencing
- Videotaping all public meetings
- Local Law for smoking and vaping
- Local Laws for ADU tax exemption
- Recommendation for water billing program—Bill Flood
- Moratorium on the building of energy storage facilities

Resolutions:

Consent Agenda

- A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA ACCEPTING THE ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION AND SUPPORTING THE TREE CITY USA PROGRAM
- AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY SL KEANE STUD LLC

Non-Consent Agenda

Other Matters

Town Board Comments

Public Comment on All Business

Adjournment

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Resolution # 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

WHEREAS, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amenia desires to be recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation and wishes to continue its tree-planting and care practices; and

WHEREAS, an official Arbor Day observance and proclamation fulfills one of the four essential standards required for Tree City USA status;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Amenia does hereby accept the Arbor Day Proclamation and proclaims the last Friday in April as **ARBOR DAY** in Amenia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all citizens are urged to support our community's forestry program and to plant and care for trees to promote the health and well being of present and future generations.

Motion made by _____
Seconded by _____

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmembers voting as follows:

Supervisor Hamm _____
Councilmember Ahearn _____
Councilmember Doyle _____
Councilmember Dietrich _____

Dated: Amenia, New York
July 9, 2026

_____
DAWN MARIE KLINGNER, TOWN CLERK

TREE CITY USA
An Arbor Day Foundation Program

★★★ OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION ★★★

WHEREAS in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, ***and***

WHEREAS this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, ***and***

WHEREAS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, ***and***

WHEREAS trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, ***and***

WHEREAS trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, ***and***

WHEREAS trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, ***and***

WHEREAS trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rosanna Hamm, Supervisor of the Town of Amenia, do hereby proclaim the last Friday of April as **ARBOR DAY** In the Town of Amenia, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, ***and***

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED THIS 9th day of July, 2026

Supervisor _____

Arbor Day Foundation

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RESOLUTION No. of 2026

RE: AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY SL KEANE STUD LLC

WHEREAS, there is now pending in the Dutchess County Supreme Court tax certiorari proceedings commenced in 2024 and 2025 by SL Keane Stud LLC, regarding a parcel of real property as contained on Schedule "A" annexed hereto, seeking a reduction in the 2024 and 2025 assessments for the respective tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, the Town Assessor and Special Counsel have agreed to and recommend a settlement on the 2024 and 2025 tax review proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The recitations set forth above are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.

2. The Town Board of the Town of Amenia hereby approves a settlement on behalf of the Town of Amenia of the tax review proceedings for the years 2024 and 2025, as it pertains to the parcels of real property as contained on Schedule "A" annexed hereto.

3. The Town Supervisor, Town Assessor, and Shane J. Egan, Esq., Special Counsel to the Town of Amenia, are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Motioned By: _____

Seconded By: _____

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmembers voting as follows:

Supervisor Hamm	_____
Councilmember Ahearn	_____
Councilmember Doyle	_____
Councilmember Dietrich	_____

Dated: Amenia, New York
July 9, 2026

DAWN MARIE KLINGNER, TOWN CLERK

PRESENT: HON. JAMES V. BRANDS, J.H.O.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

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In the Matter of the Application of
SL KEANE STUD LLC,

CONSENT JUDGMENT

Petitioner,

Index Nos.: 2024-53250
2025-53581

- against -

TOWN OF AMENIA, a Municipal Corporation, its ASSESSOR and its BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW,

Assigned Justice:
Hon. James V. Brands, JHO

Respondents.

For Review of the Assessment of Certain Real Property under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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Petitioner having served and filed Notices of Petition and Petitions to review the assessment made by the Town of Amenia, Respondents ("Town") for the assessment years 2024 and 2025 upon certain real property located in the Town of Amenia and designated as Parcel Tax Identification Numbers 132000-7166-00-403720-0000 (216-226 Depot Hill Road) and 132000-7166-00-515886-0000 (168 Depot Hill Road) on the tax maps and assessment rolls of the Town, (the "Subject Property");

AND, the issues in the 2024 and 2025 proceedings having duly come before an IAS Term of this Court, and the Petitioner having appeared by Allan B. Rappleyea, Esq. of Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea, LLP, and the Town of Amenia having appeared by Shane J. Egan, Esq. of Cappillino, Rothschild & Egan LLP, and the Webutuck (Northeast) Central School District having appeared by Christopher P. Langlois, Esq. of Girvin & Ferlazzo, P.C., and the parties having made their settlement; it is hereby

ORDERED, that the assessments on the Subject Property referred to herein, be and the same are hereby reduced, corrected, and fixed for the 2024 and 2025 assessment rolls as provided for in Schedule A which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and it is further

ORDERED, that there shall be audited, allowed, refunded and paid to the Petitioner by the Town or the Dutchess county Commissioner of Finance for the Subject Property, the amount of Town taxes paid by the Petitioner as taxes against the said erroneous assessment in excess of what the taxes would have been had the said assessment made in the aforesaid year been determined by this Order, together with interest thereon from the date of payment thereof as provided by statute, provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, interest shall be waived in the event that payment is made within sixty (60) days from the date of service of this Order with Notice of Entry; and it is further

ORDERED, that there shall be audited, allowed, refunded and paid to the Petitioner by the Town or the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance for the Subject Property, the amount of Special District taxes paid by the Petitioner as taxes against the said erroneous assessment in excess of what the taxes would have been had the said assessment made in the aforesaid year been determined by this Order, together with interest thereon from the date of payment thereof as provided by statue, provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, interest shall be waived in the event that payment is made within sixty (60) days from the date of service of this Order with Notice of Entry; and it is further

ORDERED AND DIRECTED, that the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Dutchess, State of New York, be and is hereby directed and authorized to audit, allow, refund and pay to the Petitioner for the Subject Property, the amount of County and County Special taxes paid by the Petitioner as taxes against the erroneous assessment in excess of what the taxes

would have been had the assessment been determined by this Order, together with interest thereon from the date of payment thereof as provided by statue, provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, interest shall be waived in the event that payment is made within sixty (60) days from the date of service of this Order with Notice of Entry; and it is further

ORDERED AND DIRECTED, that there shall be audited, allowed, refunded and paid to the Petitioner by the Webutuck Central School District for the Subject Property, the amount of school taxes, and library taxes if applicable, paid by the Petitioner as taxes against the said erroneous assessment in excess of what the taxes would have been had the said assessment made in the aforesaid year been determined by this Order, together with the interest from the date of payment thereof as provided by the statute, provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, interest shall be waived in the event that payment is made within sixty (60) days from the date of service of this Order with Notice of Entry; and it is further

ORDERED AND DIRECTED, that the Fire District (if any) or the Town or Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, County of Dutchess, State of New York, be and is hereby directed and authorized to audit, allow, refund and pay to the Petitioner where applicable for the Subject Property, the amounts, if any, of County taxes and ad valorem Special District Taxes, if any, paid by the Petitioner as taxes against the erroneous assessment in excess of what the taxes would have been if said assessment made in the aforesaid year had been as determined by this Order, with interest pursuant to the 726 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, from the date of payment, provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, interest shall be waived in the event that payment is made within sixty (60) days from the date of service of this Order with Notice of Entry; and it is further

ORDERED that to the extent any taxes or assessments are unpaid and have already been billed for the Town, School, County and Special Districts in accord with the original assessed valuation, the officer or officers having custody of the assessment rolls and/or the tax rolls shall forward to the Petitioner a new bill or bills, taxing said Petitioner on the basis of the final total assessed valuation as stipulated herein; and it is further

ORDERED, that unless paid within sixty (60) days from service of this Order with Notice of Entry, and of the Audit and Demand for payment, all tax refunds are to be made with statutory interest from the date the taxes indicated herein were paid, pursuant to Section 726 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York; and it is further

ORDERED, that this Order hereby constitutes and represents full settlement of the tax review proceedings herein, and there are no costs or allowances awarded to, by above-entitled proceedings be and the same are settled and discontinued, and it is further

ORDERED, that this Order may be executed and delivered by exchange of facsimile signatures of the parties, or by exchange by e-mail of signed copies bearing the signatures of the parties. The facsimile or e-mail signatures shall be the same as original signatures in all respects, including, but not limited to, being admissible in evidence in any court, and it is further

ORDERED, that this Order may be executed in counterparts.

Signing and entry of the within
Order is hereby consented to:

By:_____
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Cappillino, Rothschild & Egan LLP
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By: _____ 6/4/2026
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CPL@girvinlaw.com

Dated: _____
Poughkeepsie, New York

SO ORDERED

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HON. JAMES V. BRANDS, J.H.O.

SCHEDULE A
SL Kean Stud LLC v. Amenia
Index Nos. 2024-53250 and 2025-53581

Parcel ID. 403720

Assmt Year	Original Assmt.	Settlement Assmt.	Original Ag. Exempt	Settlement Ag. Exempt.	Orig. Ag. Bld. Exempt.	Settlement Ag. Bld. Ex.	Settlement Taxable AV
2024	11,738,100.00	11,276,300.00	2,350,300.00	2,234,800.00	None	None	9,041,500.00
2025	11,738,100.00	11,276,300.00	2,346,900.00	2,234,800.00	806,500.00 3,017,900.00 756,000.00	806,500.00 3,017,900.00 756,000.00	4,461,100.00

Parcel ID. 515886

Assmt Year	Original Assmt.	Settlement Assmt.	Original Ag. Exempt	Settlement Ag. Exempt.	Orig. Ag. Bld. Exempt.	Settlement Ag. Bld. Ex.	Settlement Taxable AV
2024	1,004,700.00	1,004,700.00	153,100.00	153,100.00	None	None	851,600.00
2025	1,004,700.00	1,004,700.00	154,000.00	154,000.00	None	None	850,700.00

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7.9.2026

Vicki Doyle's Town Board Report

Maintenance Issues in Wassaic

1. **Split Rail Fencing along rail trail: Borden Park to Wassaic Park.**
   This 600' of existing split rail fencing is in disrepair and needs to be replaced. It runs the length of the pedestrian access trail along the Wassaic Creek on the east side of Pawling Corp's building and along the west side of the railroad tracks in Wassaic. Per the easement doc between MTA and Amenia for the Trail to the Train project, a letter from the supervisor describing the work that needs to be done should be sent to:

   Chief Maintenance of Way Officer
   Attention: Assistant Director
   MTA Metro-North Railroad
   420 Lexington Ave., 10th FL
   New York, NY 10170



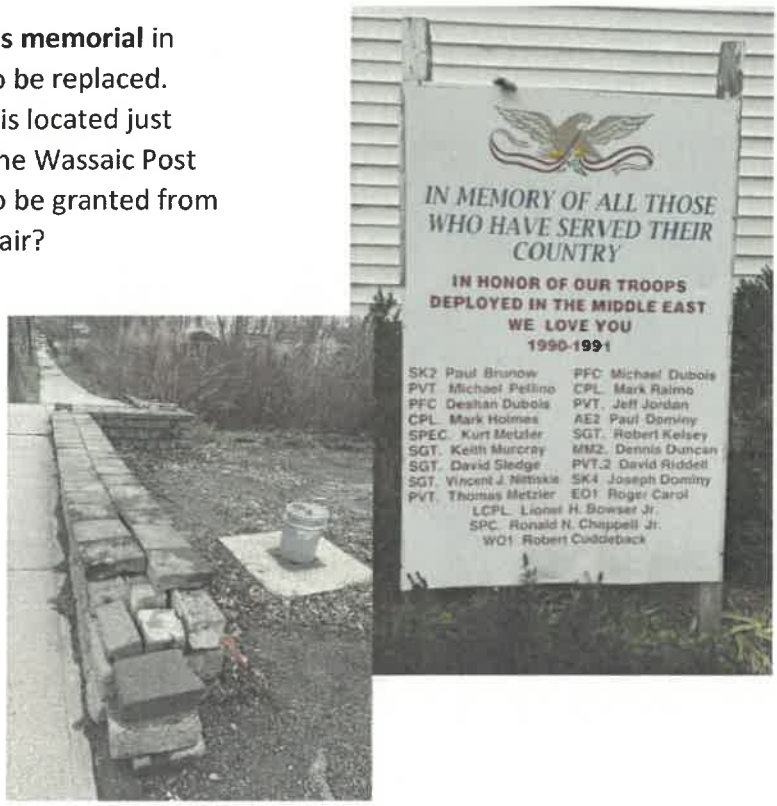


2. Volunteer James Ohlinger is willing to help redesign the two Welcome to Wassaic signs on Old Rte. 22 that are in disrepair. The design would be complimentary to the new Welcome to Amenia signs on the state highways.



3. The top of the picnic bench at Borden Park is broken. If it isn't fixable, a new one should be installed.

4. **The frame around the veteran's memorial** in front of the post office needs to be replaced. There is little of it remaining. It is located just inside the sidewalk in front of the Wassaic Post Office. Does permission need to be granted from the post office to make this repair?



Parcel Number
132000-7165-01-082858-0000
Parcel Location
18 Main St
Owner Name
United States Postal Service
6 Griffin Road North
Windsor CT 06006

5. **The retaining walls** across from the Amenia Firehouse on Mechanic St. need to be restacked and re-mortared.

Committee Updates

- **Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)** - CAC meets on the third Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Amenia Town Hall. The next meeting is Wednesday, July 15 at 7 pm. There is a HVRC Mid-Hudson Landfill Biofilters Project – Q1/Q2 2026 Cohort Meeting on Wed 7/15/2026 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM regarding greenhouse gas emissions from local closed landfills, including Amenia's. They are hosting a repair café as part of the Harvest Festival on Sat, October 17 on East Main Street.
- **Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (CPRC)** – Their next meeting is Tuesday, July 14 at 6 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room.meetings are the 2nd Tuesdays at 6:00 pm at Town Hall. They will be reviewing the single source procurement documents for hiring the grant administrator, planning consultant, and land use lawyer to assist with updating the Comprehensive Plan, per the grant awarded to Town by the Dept. of State.
- **Enhancement Committee** – They are looking forward to meeting with the landscape architect, once the contract is completed, to provide input about the renovation plans for Fountain Square. The committee's volunteers are watering, weeding, and fertilizing the gardens at Borden Park (across from the Wassaic Project) and Fountain Square, plus the concrete planters at the Library and Town Hall.