**Present:**  Supervisor John Francisco, Councilmen Mark Hand, Dave Gominiak, Don Skinner and Josh Brown, Highway Superintendent Bill Bigelow and Town Clerk Kristine Young.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Francisco at 7:00 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

All votes at this meeting were taken by roll call.

There was a **Public Hearing** on the budget for 2021 at the beginning of the regular board meeting. There were no responses from the floor. A motion was made by Councilman Gominiak to approve the 2021 budget. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Hand. All Councilmen and the Supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0. Supervisor Francisco stated the increase of taxes for the budget was 1.5%.

**Guests:**  There were several residents from the community present after receiving a letter from the Town of Amity Sexton regarding gravesites at Forest Hills Cemetery. There are items placed on graves that are not permitted that they were asked to remove by the end of this year. After much discussion, it was decided by the Board and the residents to make a cemetery committee including a few residents and a few board members. Once committee meets, they can bring ideas back to the Board. The date to remove items by the end of the year was waived by the Town Supervisor at this time.

Mr. Bill Dibble gave information on the Proposed National Scenic Byway-Historic Turnpike Road. The intent is to get people off the expressway and use local roads. This will be a 3-5 year project and they need committee members. Historic markers have been proposed.

**Supervisor’s Announcements:** There is a meeting scheduled with MRB on November 20, 2020 at 1:00.

**Highway Superintendent’s Report:** Exhibit B. The highway crew has been cleaning up leaves in the cemetery, hauled in salt & sand for the year, honed Rogers Road and Cooley Hill, plowed last Monday, painted the frame on the newer Peterbilt and had the plow trucks and three pickups undercoated, did a burial and took new Mack back to Wilbri to have the hitch in the back redone after it rubbed the air bags and popped one of them. Superintendent Bigelow received quotes for tractors and mowers and all should come in under budget.

**Approval of Minutes:** The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was waived. A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Councilman Brown. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Gominiak. All councilmen and the supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

**Approval of Abstracts:** There was a motion made by Councilman Gominiak to approve the Highway Abstract 11 in the amount of $38,569.35 and the General Abstract 11 in the amount of $21,675.39. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Brown.

**Old Business:** The Highway union contract has been completed and goes through 4/30/2024. A letter needs to be written with some specifics to go to the union with the contract. There was a motion made by Councilman Gominiak to accept the contract. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Brown. All Councilmen and the Supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

**Resolution 2020-017** for Public Vote on Proposal to Form a Fire District was offered by Supervisor Francisco. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Brown. All Councilmen and the Supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

Attorney Robert Strassel composed a ballot for the vote. A motion to accept the ballot was made by Councilman Brown. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Gominiak. All Councilmen and the Supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

**Round Table:** The Town Clerk received an email from Dylan Dirlam, ACDEP Services with a proposal to update the Town of Amity website. After some discussion it was decided not to accept the proposal at this time.

Supervisor Francisco stated the 2021 Town budget has to be sent to the County by 11/13/2020.

Congratulations were given to Councilman Dave Gominiak for being elected Town Justice effective January 1, 2021. A town board member will need to be appointed to replace Dave.

Supervisor Francisco purchased a data base for the cemetery record keeping called Crypt Keeper. The cost is $50.00 a year and can be used by the Sexton and the Town Clerk. A motion was made by Councilman Gominiak to renew the program and have the Town pay

for it. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Brown. All Councilmen and the Supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

The tax exemption for persons who are over 65 of age is presently at the level of $12,000. The Board agreed to keep it the same for the next year.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be on December 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

**Motion to Adjourn:**  A motion was made by Councilman Skinner to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Gominiak. All Councilmen and the Supervisor voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town of Amity this 9th day of November 2020.

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Kristine Young, Amity Town Clerk