

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of April 6, 2022

Richard Smith reported on 2021-2025 SMIP (Stream Management & Implementation Program) grant. Currently being mitigated/pending, SMIP contract for \$141,400 for Coles Clove streambank repairs and reinforcement, repairing the road shoulder. The following are scheduled for completion 12/24: \$431,200 for Chamber Hollow restoration and culvert replacement which will replace the culvert and stream channel restoration; \$300,000 for Crystal Creek Culvert replacement of deteriorated culvert and headwall failure. For (LFHMA) flood hazard mitigation projects Town of Hamden's West Branch Delaware River at the confluence of Bagley Brook Bank will undergo a geomorphic assessment and bank stabilization. In addition, projects scheduled completion sometime between 2023-2024 are Birdsong Farm (T/Delhi) \$1,500,000 for restoring bank and stabilization and River Haven Farm (T/Delhi) \$1,500,000 to restore bank and stabilization.

Highway Superintendent Lenci reported that no return call was received from Michael Power Co. for the communication line to be run on NYSEG transmission poles. We have been hauling sand for the erosions on East Brook Rd. Sink holes are being repaired and patching being done, brush cut and sweeping are underway.

Supervisor Marshfield distributed the Wastewater Report. The flow into the system is reading higher than normal so commercial businesses are being investigated for infiltration.

Playground Equipment was audited by the Parkitech. A couple nuts were missing and some equipment will be coming out of the playground as it stands to make room for the new equipment. Mulch will be ordered, upon approval, to be available for our work date of 4/18. The Highway Dept will assist in lifting the mulch over the fence (approx. 1 ton) each.

ACCEPTION OF TRUCKING BIDS FROM GERSTER TRUCKING, INC. They will be providing trucking at \$9.25 per ton, compared to last year's bid of \$8.90 per ton. The other two bids were over \$11.65 per ton. The stone will be transported from either Howes Cave or the Schoharie plants. The Carver bid was also accepted as an alternate at \$11.65 per ton.

The O'Connor Foundation Grant was approved for roofing, street flowers and flags.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO REPLACEMENT OF PAVILION ROOF – The board voted to advertise for a roof replacement on the pavilion with 28-gauge metal roofing to match the town hall. Bidders must bid at prevailing State wage guidelines and supply us warranty coverage.

A matching grant application to O'Connor Foundation will be submitted for our playground in total of \$3960.90; mulch \$2,100., \$1,110.90 towards town hall chairs, and \$750 towards aluminum bleachers at the Crawford baseball field.

The board agreed to hire a part time assessor clerk in Jennifer Meres-Demeo. She is to assist Tina Moshier, Town Assessor for a maximum of ten (10) hours a week and paid minimum wage at \$13.20 per hour.

Eight (8) people attended the Defensive Driving Course offered March 7 & 8, 2022

The Dog Control Report was reviewed and all was accepted

The board agreed to allow the Supervisor to order playsafer rubber mulch for our playground. We will order 16,000 lbs. of Playsafer Rubber Mulch in brown for the playground@ \$4,680..

CATSKILL WATERSHED NOMINEES by the board were:

Coalition of Watershed nomination are as following elected officials:

CWC Nominees:

Bud Wayland – Andes

Ed Snow – Walton

Winifred Zubin – Fleischmanns

Alternates:

Shane Moshier – Andes

Christine Viafore – Delhi

Will Outsen - Meredith

The Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign Kickoff will begin with a webinar on April 13, 2022. We are looking for five (5) people to sign up, for either home insulation or heat pump installs. There would be no cost to consumers for the experienced guidance in the program.

The Town of Hamden will be selling a piece of property (234.-1-26) that is adjoining property to owner, Craig Placek. The Assessor will be writing a letter (April 5) verifying that it was assessed as \$1,100. The Board approves selling this property to Craig Placek. It will also be reassessed as residential property at a later date. It will appear in the newspaper as a permissive referendum.

In the wake of Richard Kelly's passing on March 6, 2022, the Town of Hamden Board is recommending the appointment of Eric Poggoli. He works for Delhi Police Department, lives in Cobleskill, is fully trained and also as a trainer. The Town has the support of the other two constables and Justice Gay Merrill. Motion to appoint Eric Poggoli as a replacement constable was made and approved.

The board agreed to set up a checking account for the Hamden Baseball fund. This will allow donations to be accepted. The Town already carries liability insurance and pays an annual usage rental fee located at Crawford Baseball Field. Funds raised and grants will be deposited in this account.

The board approved the ordering of a set of bleachers for the Crawford field, only after accepting donations to the new fund. The bleachers will accommodate 40 spectators. The cost is \$2025 (w/S&H).

The board approved the hiring of a cleaning person for the town hall at approximately 5-7 hours per week at \$18.00 per hour. Billie Jo Simpson applied and will be hired for the position to replace Dennise Yeary.

Water Project in the hamlet of Hamden is being engineered. A utility easement notice will be sent to residents from General Store to Mill Street. This may begin in May and the project is hoped to be completed this year. Interested residents may inquire at the town hall for particulars.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of April 13, 2022

A resolution was adopted opposing the Climate Action Council's Draft Scoping Plan. This plan would like to limit wood burning, only electric cars to be sold in the state after 2030 and no more fossil fuel heating devices and appliances to be sold after 2030. That means no new oil or propane fired furnaces and stoves. They want the public to go to electric cars, and heat pump technology for heating and cooling.

A budget amendment was approved in accepting \$102,250 from the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports through Mental Health. It's to be used to support children, youth, young adults and their families to provide career development and training to social work staff.

A resolution was approved accepting Covid 19 funding from the NYS HDC5 funding through the Office of the Aging to provide home delivered meals to elderly residents of Delaware County.

The Occupancy tax distribution resolution was approved through Economic Development in the amount of \$154,793. The Tourism Advisory Board reviewed the applications and made the approvals for board approval.

The board agreed to increase the salary of the Personnel Officer to \$93,039 which is an increase of about \$20,000. The County has advertised for the position as Ms. Pinner had planned on retiring, but we have had no or weak applications. Ms. Pinner agreed to stay on through the end of the year. It is important, as we have many big union contracts due this year.

The resolution for a Delaware County EMS ambulance service was tabled until our next meeting.

A resolution was approved to submit comments on New York State Climate Council's Draft Scoping Plan for NYS's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. A white paper was reviewed and will be submitted to the State along with comments from County Planning, County DPW, and County Emergency Services. Attorney Kevin Young and Delaware County Electric Cooperative President Rusty Pick gave a presentation to the board on the unreasonable outcome of this plan for the residents of Delaware County.

A resolution was adopted authorizing service of notice of violation to the Executive Committee of the Watershed Protection Partnership Council pursuant to paragraph 177 of the MOA. The city agreed in the MOA to accept for disposal at its wastewater treatment plants sewage at no charge. The city is no limiting the amount of sewage into their plants far beyond what they have ever done. Waste haulers from the watershed are now having to travel as far as Albany to dispose of sewage, obviously at a much greater cost due to gas increases, etc. Who ends up paying in the end, the residents of Delaware County? This practice is in violation of the MOA.

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Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of April 27, 2022

The board approved a resolution in funding the following with ARPA Federal Funds:

Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower	\$25,000
Town of Tompkins Fire Tower	\$25,000
DTC Cable Inc. (broadband)	\$980,400
Del. Co. Planning (transportation consultant	\$50,000

A resolution was approved to cover insurance policies costs to different departments for liability claims, administrative costs, and funding the insurance reserve account in the amount of \$637,323.

A resolution was approved to budget funds to the Unemployment Insurance reserve in order to pay claims. It was funded \$50,000 through this resolution.

A bid was accepted through County DPW for Tire Management Services from Geiter Done of WNY Inc. from Buffalo, NY. They were the only company that bid for disposal of tire casings.

An amendment was approved on the electrical contract for the DPW landfill project for Cell 4S. The amendment was to increase the contract amount from \$472,600 to \$503,989. This was through Nelcorp Electric of Endicott. These changes were deemed reasonable and provide for overall project cost savings and constructability.

A resolution was approved in lowering the sales tax on the motor fuel tax throughout the County. A purchaser will pay full tax on the first \$2.00 per gallon and beyond that approximately 7 cents will be reduced from the cost for the Counties portion of tax. This will be in addition to the 16 cents the State is reducing from their sales tax. This should start in June and last until at least the end of the year.

A resolution was approved to contract with AMR for backup ambulance service throughout the county. This would be a stop gap measure with a 30 day opt out if a better plan comes before the appropriate committee in charge of emergency services. This has been talked about for over a year and AMR was the only agency that submitted a timely plan.

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