

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of October 6, 2021

Highway Superintendent Lenci reported that crews have been working, patching, mowing and ditching roads. Have also started winterizing equipment.

Wastewater in Hamden processed 465,197 gallons of wastewater for September.

The State fiscal stress report was given with the Town of Hamden being at 6.7 which is far under the stress level of 45. Good news for the Town of Hamden.

The board voted 4-1 to opt out of Cannabis dispensaries and on-site consumption establishments. This will be formalized 45 days after today, which gives the public time to circulate petitions for a special election on it if desired.

The board approved the engineering contract from Lamont Engineers for the replacement of 900 feet of water main in the hamlet of Hamden.

The board also approved the spending of \$62,000 of the Federal ARPA money on the water line replacement in the hamlet of Hamden. The remaining \$62,000 will be spent on another or other projects such as a roof replacement on the salt and sand storage building at the highway department.

The 2022 preliminary budget was thoroughly examined and approved. A public hearing will be scheduled at our next board meeting on November 3rd at 6:30 pm. This budget keeps under the 2% recommended tax cap.

Supervisor Marshfield informed the board that a video is being shot at the wastewater treatment center in Hamden. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County is paying to do the video. This should be completed by the end of October.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of October 13, 2021

A resolution was approved in the form of a budget amendment to accept a \$22,516 grant from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for preparing for all hazards. It will be used to purchase interoperable communications equipment as well as information technology equipment.

A resolution was approved to accept \$108,527 as a grant from the NYSDOH to promote and increase COVID-19 vaccinations. This is through the Delaware County Public Health Services Department.

A resolution was approved in accepting \$5,000 through our Office of the Aging and from the Delaware County Rural Health Alliance to expand the Tai Chi for Arthritis program for our senior population.

A resolution was approved to set the hours of snow removal on county roads for the upcoming season. Trucks need to be ready to start winter maintenance between 4 and 5 am, and will continue through to 8:00 pm.

The board agreed to enter into an agreement with the Town of Masonville for the rental of one bay in their highway garage for the winter months of November first to end of February and pay a sum of \$3,600 per month for it.

Several pieces of equipment were authorized to be disposed of such as a 2006 Eager Beaver trailer, 2013 International Dump Truck, 2012 Bobcat skid steer, 2010 Ford Fusion, and a 2005 Case Tractor.

The board approved the authorization for a bus driver to hold two county positions for the Office of the Aging and the Veterans Service Agency.

The equalization rates for the Towns were approved, with Hamden being at 100% again. Other towns at 100% are Andes, Franklin, Kortright, Meredith, and Middletown.

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Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of October 27, 2021

A resolution was approved, accepting \$209,000 in funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services as a budget amendment and disbursing it to the appropriate accounts and programs.

The Agricultural District one and twelve were reviewed and one parcel of land was added to each district.

An introduction of local laws was introduced with the following salaries for the upcoming year.

Director of Emergency Services, \$67,040, Director of Information Technology \$87,966, Commissioner of Public Works \$101,070, Democrat Election Commissioner \$25,546, Public Health Director \$95,703, Real Property Director \$65,471, Social Services Commissioner \$99,512, Personnel Officer \$78,039, Veterans Services Director \$52,758, Planning Director \$87,671, Office of the Aging Director \$75,418, Public Defender \$140,000,

A resolution was approved unanimously to request a moratorium on new purchase contracts and conservation easements by NYCDEP and easement by the Watershed Ag Council pending a comprehensive review of the land acquisition program and to identify the need for the continuation of it. If this SAP program goes forward, it will further handicap municipalities and

their economic growth potentials. When is enough NYCDEP purchases enough? They already own about 30% of our watershed. We need to stand firm against this proposed program.

A resolution was approved supporting Operation Green Light for active military service members in transition to civilian life. There are about 200,000 military in transition currently and they are met with many stresses of today and deal with suicide on a regular basis. Display a green light in your support of our veterans in need.

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