

## **Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of April 3, 2024**

The Town Board appointed Rodney Tweedie as our acting Highway Superintendent to the end of this year. Rodney will be running for Highway Superintendent in a November special election. Rodney worked for the Town of Hamden highway department from 2006-2012 and he knows the Town and has the helpful highway experience.

The Town received an insurance check for \$25,000 towards the damaged culvert pipe damage on East Brook Road.

Wastewater reported processing 462,604 gallons of wastewater for March or an average of 14,923 gallons per day.

There is a draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan available. It will be reviewed and returned to County Planning for a Final copy and then approved by the Town Board in the next month or two.

The next bicentennial meeting will be on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. On July 13, 2024 there will be a fund raiser for the July 2025 two-day bicentennial celebration. There will be craft vendors, dairy ambassadors, BBQ, Selfie Walls, Basket Raffles, Vintage baseball and much more.

Next month we will hopefully finalize the new commercial building permit rates, as well as scheduling a public hearing on our new Commercial Solar Local Law.

We have applied to the O'Connor Foundation for matching funds for banners, flags, Town Hall multi mail box, street flowers, and new tables for the Town Hall.

The board approved the 2024 CWC septic inspection contract for the DeLancey Septic District, same \$50/hour rate as last year.

At our next meeting there will be a public hearing on the residency requirements of the highway and deputy highway Superintendents. State law says anyone serving in either one of those positions must be a resident of Hamden. Due to the difficulty in the past of finding an interested Town resident and for future planning the proposal is to be able to go outside of town. Interested parties for the elected position of Highway Superintendent and the appointed position of the Deputy Highway Superintendent would be able to reside outside of the Town.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

## **Proposed agenda for the May 1, 2024 Town Board Meeting**

1. Public Hearing on residency changes for Highway and Deputy Superintendents.
2. Schedule a public hearing on the Commercial Solar Local Law
3. Hamden Wastewater Report
4. Highway Roller replacement or rental
5. Comprehensive Plan approval
6. Mowing of Town Cemeteries
7. Bicentennial Planning updates
8. Other

## **Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of April 10, 2024**

The board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$21,569 for added legal aid to indigents. The NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services has raised the hourly rate of assigned counsel mandated to the counties from \$75/hour to \$158/hour.

The board agreed to upfront \$5,000,000 to the Village of Sidney so that they could do a flood prevention project in the Village and then be able to obtain reimbursement by FEMA. This project will greatly reduce flooding in the Village.

The board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,366,332 to obtain Office of Housing and Urban Development and FEMA funding for housing demolition work performed in the Village of Sidney.

The board approved adding \$25,000 to the County unemployment fund in order to replenish it. The County is self-insured for unemployment benefits.

The board approved disbursing \$243,875 in Hotel Occupancy Tax moneys to various non-profit organizations. This funding is for the promotion and development of the tourism industry in Delaware County.

A local law was introduced to authorize 12- and 13-year-old licensed hunters to hunt deer with firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of an adult licensed hunter. There will be a public hearing on this on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at 111 Main Street, Delhi.

There will also be a public hearing on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April at 1 pm to increase the salary of District Attorney Shawn Smith from \$200,00 to \$221,100 as recommended by the State!

There will also be a public hearing on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April at 1 pm to increase the salary of Public Defender Joe Ermeti from \$187,650 and to add an additional "on call" pay of up to \$2,000 per month!

The board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$18,995 for the Sheriff's Office K-9 Program. There have been donations for this program and this resolution reflected the added revenue received.

A resolution was approved allowing the ARPA funding and the committee to allocate \$54,900 to the County Clerk for digitizing mortgage indices in their Records Management.

A resolution was adopted to various appointments a County Fire Advisory Board. 21 appointments were made as voting departments and an additional 9 departments as alternates.

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### **Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of April 24, 2024**

A resolution was approved as a budget amendment appropriating \$4,541.00 in Opioid Settlement funds for training and supplies. The county was awarded \$540,965 in funds and they are to be totally spent by the end of 2039.

A resolution was approved apportioning the mortgage tax to the towns and villages in the County. Hamden's portion was \$7,630, which compared to twenty plus years ago is only a third of what it used to be. The above amount is on track with our proposed 2024 town budget. NYC Land acquisitions having stymied our small growth permanently!

A resolution was approved in naming May 5-11 th as National Correctional Officer week.

A resolution was approved allowing 12- and 13-year-olds to hunt with a bow, under supervision.

A resolution was approved in raising the District Attorney's pay from \$200,000 to \$221,000 per year. I opposed it as did another half dozen other supervisors in the County. We sent a message!

A resolution was approved in raising the Public Defenders salary from \$187,000 and to add \$2,000 once a month to it for "on call" pay. I voted against that one as well as did another half dozen towns in the County. We sent a message!

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