

## **Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of August 2, 2023**

A public hearing was held prior to the meeting on the Local Law requiring Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks in the hamlet of Hamden. A good discussion was had with 4 households present out of the 40 that were sent letters encouraging attendance at the meeting. Those present felt the local law was not needed even though the Town has had complaints from the public. The public, instead of walking on the snow laden and icy sidewalks, walk in State Route 10, even after dark in the winter. Supervisor Marshfield stressed there is liability on not only the property owner, but the Town as well. After comments the local law was tabled for another month to incorporate some of the concerns and to give some time to analyze costs associated with the law to the property owners.

It was brought up at the meeting that there is a no parking sign towards the Hamden Inn to Launt Hollow Road and that cars are constantly parking in the no parking zone and blocking site distance of motorists coming out of Launt Hollow. Supervisor Marshfield will speak to the Sheriff's Department for enforcement.

Superintendent Lenci has resigned his position as Highway Superintendent with no notice and no reason! The Department has been in a disarray for some time and in his absence, Roger Dibble has been trying to bring a resemblance of order back to the Department.

Roger Dibble was appointed as Deputy Highway Superintendent for the month of August, and Greg Reynolds as Highway Superintendent as of 9-1-2023. Mike Reynolds was appointed as Deputy Highway Superintendent as of 9-1-2023.

Wastewater Report in the hamlet of Hamden was given and the flow for the month was 315,186 gallons of wastewater processed.

A Bicentennial Meeting was held on July 13<sup>th</sup> and the group selected July 12 and 13 of 2025 as the celebration weekend, which coordinates with the same date that baseball was organized and played in Hamden. The next meeting is August 31 at 6 pm at the Town Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend; we need the help.

All right of way easements has been received for the Water project in the hamlet of Hamden. Tweedie Construction has the low bid and will start in the next few weeks. The project goes from the Hamden General Store to the old auction barn.

The annual meetings for the Water District in Hamden are August 9<sup>th</sup> and the District in DeLancey is August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A flood plain development permit fee was set at \$100.00.

The Heart of the Catskills Humane Society Contract was approved for the upcoming year. Same pricings as last year.

The board agreed to purchase a Heat Pump for the town hall meeting room and the low bid was Kennedy out of Delhi. It will be a 30,000 btu system for the meeting room and the bid price including electric was \$8,050. The unit will heat and cool and should be installed by winter time. NYSERDA grant funds will be used to purchase the unit.

The board agreed to stone and oil the parking lot at the town hall for \$1,397 and the wastewater driveway in hamlet of Hamden for \$1,279. Vestal Asphalt will be doing the work.

The board bid out fuel products and awarded the following:

Ethanol free gas at \$4.12/gal. at a fluctuating price. Propane gas at \$1.95/gal. firm, diesel at \$3.67/gal. firm, kerosene at \$3.82/gal. fluctuating and all these bids go to Mirabito Energy. Heating Fuel was bid out and Allison Oil got the bid at \$3.49 per gal. firm. It was mentioned that the above prices were considerably less than last year. Good for the Town and its taxpayers.

The board decided to change the pay for part-time highway workers as follows:

\$21.90 for a laborer and pick up plow driver, \$23.40 for a part time CDL plow driver.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

### **Proposed Agenda for the September 6, 2023 Town of Hamden Board Meeting**

1. Hamden Wastewater Report
2. Bicentennial Meeting Report
3. Hamlet of Hamden Sidewalk Maintenance -changes to proposed local law
4. O'Connor Foundation grant for garage floor
5. Layout of prehistoric plaque

6. Water District 1 and 2 annual meetings held
7. Budget Schedule
8. Local law to override the tax cap levy
9. Heat pump installation at town hall
10. Oil and stone projects on Highway
11. Other that may come before the board

### **Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of August 23, 2023**

A resolution was approved to accept \$4,844 in funding from the NYS Department of Health for our Mental Health recruitment and retention bonuses.

A resolution was approved to accept \$10,427 in funding from the NYS Office of Addiction and Support to the Drug and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council to promote recruitment and retention of non-executive direct care staff in mental health.

The board accepted funding in the amount of \$118,750 for intervener funds on the proposed Clean Path Power Line. This funding is to help Delaware County, Towns of Delhi, Hamden, Colchester and Hancock to deal with issues related to fire and ambulance safety, infrastructure, farm crops, wetlands and streams, economic development and host benefit finances. It is generally felt that \$118,750 is only a drop in the bucket for costs that will be incurred for support.

A resolution was approved to allocate \$151,300 in funds to review and move forward with the demolition of homes in Sidney from flooding. The Governor's Office of Resilient Homes and Communities needed assurances that our funding can be used temporarily to move forward with the demolitions.

The board approved a resolution to continue the tax on sales and uses of tangible personal property on occupancy of hotel rooms and on charges pursuant to article 29 of the tax law. This is not an additional tax, only a continuation of the current tax.

A resolution to dispose of 9 vehicles in the probation department was approved. The vehicles range from 2016 to 2020 model years. Lease vehicles will replace

these vehicles. The above stated vehicles will be sold as trade-ins for the lease vehicles.

A resolution was approved to employ special patrol officers in the Sheriff's Department for added area school security. This funding would be through the individual school's budget.

The board passed a resolution giving special tax incentives for firefighters and ambulance personnel with 10% off their county assessment. This may result in retention and added new personnel for our volunteer fire departments and ambulance services. The County is encouraging towns to follow suit.

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