

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of February 1, 2023

Superintendent Lenci reported that the highway garage was hit by one of our snow plow trucks and did substantial damage. NYMIR has been contacted and an adjuster is coming to look at it. OSHA violations were gone over and Lenci is addressing them.

Wastewater report was given and the average daily flow in the plant is 12,643 gallons.

The highway road expenditures for 2023 were approved by the board. The expenditures approved are: Gregory Hollow Road, 2.13 miles grind and lay down with #2 Stone, Fuller Hollow Road, 1.13 miles single surface stone and oil, McGibbon Hollow Road, .61 miles, single coat stone and oil, Wilson Road, .39 miles, single coat stone and oil. Still under consideration, Basin Clove Road from Covered Bridge to first intersection.

The board approved applying for a matching grant to the O'Connor Foundation for \$2,100 for informative pre-historic panel at the Covered Bridge Park, street flowers and flags.

A Town of Andes sidewalk local law was handed out to the town board for their review and suggestions will be made at a later board meeting. The goal would be to have this local law in effect by next winter.

A local law was discussed giving fire fighters and ambulance volunteers a real property tax exemption of 10%. The board will look over the sample local law on that and come back with their ideas for drafting.

Sale of the Bank building should take place sometime this month.

The annual standard work day resolution was presented for posting for 30 days. This is a requirement for the State Retirement System and only employees in the retirement system are involved. Lenci, Moshier and Morgan are the only three involved and are the only three in the Town that are not part of the regular time keeping system.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Town of Hamden March 1, 2023 Town Board Meeting agenda

1. Update on Highway garage damage.
2. Wastewater Report
3. Results of Board audit of Justice, Supervisor and Town Clerk books.
4. Update on O'Connor Foundation grant if any
5. Discussion on Sidewalk maintenance in hamlet of Hamden

6. Discussion on Fire fighters and ambulance workers tax exemption
7. Status of Bank sale closing
8. Advertise for trucking bids
9. Other that may come before the board

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Board Meeting of February 22, 2023

A board resolution was approved as a 2023 budget amendment to accept a grant of \$85,356 in funding from NYS Homeland Security, to provide maintenance on license plate reader trailer, maintenance and upgrade costs for hazmat equipment, purchase cyber security equipment, and purchase E-2 camera network system in Emergency Services.

A board resolution was approved as a 2023 budget amendment to accept a grant of \$45,807 in funding from NYS Tourism Promotion Agency for the purpose of marketing destinations in our area.

The board approved an occupancy tax distribution approval of \$225,958 which includes last year's unspent funding and this years' new allocation of \$126,777.

Bids were put out for liquid bituminous concrete and related equipment and this was awarded to the low bids of record. This bid process was put out by the Department of Public Works.

Low bid for tree cutting and trimming was awarded to Asplundh Tree Expert of Whitney Point. Towns are eligible to attach to this low bid if they wish.

A resolution was approved in opposing NYS Soil and Water Conservation District Law changes. These changes were proposed by the NY Association of Conservation Districts and would impact how planning would be done as watersheds extend past County/Municipal boundaries, including NYS boundaries as well as watersheds extending into Canada. The changes could not only eliminate Soil and Water Districts, but at the least could replace local seats on the Soil and Water Boards with some out of district members. Larry Underwood spoke to the board on behalf of the Delaware County Soil and Water District.

A resolution was approved as a memorandum of understanding between the County and Southern Tier 8 to facilitate the healthy Delaware Innovative Readiness Training. This event is open to anyone seeking medical, dental, and pet veterinarian care. It is being held from July 10-21, is totally free, and will be at the Walton Central School grounds. The United States Army is leading the event as a training event, and trains them for possible upcoming

disasters that may occur across the nation. The County has sought many grants to help with our match, and one being the Southern Tier 8 Regional Board. It will be a great event for Delaware County and its residents.

A resolution was approved asking the State to continue the pass-thru Federal Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Funds. The new State budget wants to cut these funds to the counties and will add 1 billion dollars to the cost shift from the State to all the Counties. It will mean over an extra \$1,000,000 to the county budget next year. On top of that the State currently owes the County \$2.5 - \$2.8 million for previously unreconciled eFMAP funding.

A resolution was approved calling on the Governor to restore the \$200,000 to the Delhi Village budget for payment in lieu of taxes and for hosting the SUNY Delhi Campus.

The Board approved a resolution to the State to continue the sales tax levy of one per cent over the statutory 3 per cent. This resolution has to be done every three years.

The board approved writing off the unpaid taxes for 7 different parcels in Delaware County. These parcels are ones that typically have hazardous sites that the county does not want to take for liability reasons. Examples of some of these cancellations are for a landfill in Walton, a road parcel to NYC land purchased property, an abandoned railroad track, etc. Total cancellation of taxes amount to about \$49,500. Only Walton opposed this resolution.

The board approved a resolution correcting the tax rolls as per a court order on the old K Mart building in Sidney. The assessment will be rolled back from \$2,603,700 to \$899,920. The building is vacant and is deteriorating due to non-use. \$18,331 in paid taxes will be returned.

A resolution was approved in memory of Robin W. Turner who passed away on January 20th. Robin was Supervisor of Stamford from 1994-2003. He was a soft spoken and gentle person, devoted to Stamford and Delaware County and our condolences go out to his family and friends.

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