

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of February 7, 2024

The new well has been drilled at the Town Highway Garage and unfortunately, they had to go 300 feet to hit 5 gallon per minute. Completion to the garage will be done in early Spring.

The Wastewater Report was given and reported that the daily sewage input per day is 17,807 gallons or 552,000 gallons for the month.

The underground water line in the hamlet of Hamden has been direct drilled and had to be done in two 450-foot sections instead of a 900-foot run. Tweedie Construction will be completing the project and the house hookups in the Spring. Ty's Taco-ria had about 100 feet of water line direct drilled under State Route 10 and is connected up to the water supply.

Audit of the Town Supervisor, Justice and Town Clerks books will be done on February 14th.

The highway Expenditures money was proposed for this year. Plans include graveling parts of Gregory Hollow, Ridge, Gray, Kilanowski, Crawford and Cobbe Cross Roads. Paving on Ridge and part of Gregory Hollow Road. Estimated cost \$408,000. Motion was carried to attempt to do these projects this year and under State CHIPS funding.

The board approved of transfer from QuickBooks for payroll to Connect Pay USA. The annual cost will be about double or an extra \$1,000 per year. Right now, we use QuickBooks and for the last 30 years, the Supervisor performs this task. With Connect Pay, we only have to supply them with the hours worked. This new service also offers direct pay, W2 and 1099 filings as well as other State and Federal quarterly filings.

Review of our Commercial Solar Law is still in process with our town attorney, town board, and county planning. We should have it complete and hold a public hearing in May.

Permission was given to Superintendent Reynold to solicit bids for a new ¾ ton pickup truck with a plow.

The board agreed that the Supervisor would send out billings and letter for the sidewalk shoveling expenses in the hamlet of Hamden. Eight properties will be notified at the cost of one or two shovelings at \$55 per property per shoveling.

The board agreed to hire Michael Paoli as a constable to replace Harold Southworth. The proposal will now go to the County Personnel Office for their approval.

\$1,000 has been donated to the Schoolhouse Museum in memory of Gene Kilmer.

The insurance adjuster came to look at the automobile damaged culvert on East Brook and negotiations are underway.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Proposed Agenda for the March 6, 2024, 6:30 pm Town Board Meeting

1. Hamden Wastewater Report
2. Comprehensive Plan update
3. Bicentennial Meeting for March
4. Audit of Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Justice books
5. East Brook Culvert replacement with insurance company
6. DeLancey septic pump outs for 2024
7. Septic system replacements for 2024 in DeLancey
8. Advertise for trucking bids
9. Proposed O'Connor Foundation grant application
10. Other that may come before the board

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of March 27, 2024

A budget amendment was approved for \$18,159.12 in accepting from the NYS Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage grant funds to pay for ballots, envelopes, postage machine, etc.

A budget amendment was approved for \$68,868.00 from NYS to Probation and to be used to support the Delaware County Probation pretrial services program as it relates to bail reform.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$538.25 from the NYS Department of Health as a bonus for certain healthcare and mental hygiene workers in the Sheriff's Office.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$165,193.00 from the NYS Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grant. This grant will allow for a Computer Aided Dispatch System with integrated records management systems and related equipment.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$667,382.00 for a NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant. This will allow for the purchase of P25 compliant interoperable communications equipment.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$6,459.00 from the NYS Department of Health for certain healthcare and hygiene workers. This is for Mental Health and for bonuses for qualified workers.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$57,106.00 from the Federal Services for Recipients ARPA program to the County Department of Social Services. It is to be used to enhance, improve, and expand Adult Protective Services in regards to abuse, neglect and exploitation in the context of COVID-19.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$53,463.00 from the NYS Tourism Matching Funds Program in our Economic Development Department. This is to be used as a match for our advertising campaign in tourism.

The board approved the occupancy tax disbursement for the promotion of tourism in the Economic Development Department. The board approves the recommendations of the Tourism Advisory Board to utilize \$155,502.00 in occupancy tax revenues to help fund the 2024 Media Plan.

A resolution was approved to allow the ARPA committee to fully commit funds to the Delhi Police Firing Range for \$10,491 and to add \$50,000 to the Train to Work Program, which would increase their total to \$388,000.

The board agreed to releasing \$2,871,270.53 in the Department of Public Works to continue to fund the construction projects. The funding has been designated, but this resolution is to transfer on paper money from our fund balance to the contractual expense.

The board approved the bids on the new homeless shelter in Delhi at \$919,920.00. There is funding in a reserve account of \$954,000. Insurance pay offs and covid funds the \$954,000 reserve. The homeless shelter will be situated between the laundromat and the new county visitation center.

The board approved the disposition of two vehicles in the Sheriff's Department. A 2018 and 2019 Ford Explorer will be auctioned off.

The board approved a resolution to oppose the governor's budget cutting funding to small schools. Some schools like Andes will be cut up to 47%. The State's plan presumably is to weed out small schools and force them to join other schools.

A resolution was approved in hiring two employees in each DMV office of Deposit and Margaretville. This is a NYS requirement, but no funding of course!

A resolution was approved to hire a temporary full-time Assistant District attorney due to the increased load scene in the DA's Office.

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