

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of July 2, 2025

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Superintendent of Highways Tweedie reported that the August 2024 damage from the FEMA declared disaster storm is projected to be \$4,321,723 and this is without the Oxbow Hollow Project. He spoke about the road closures for the Bicentennial celebration. He will eventually list the Champion Grader on Auction International for sale.

The board gave formal permission to the Highway Department to enter a couple of pieces of equipment in the Bicentennial parade.

Board members received a draft site plan review proposal which will include minor changes with additions of battery storage and signs. This will be reviewed in future months after our attorney has a chance to review. It is proposed a public hearing will probably be around October of this year.

The board approved the hiring of another youth on the Highway Department. He is from Downsville and would be paid State minimum wage under the Youth Bureau funding program.

The board approved the purchase of a 2007 John Deere Grader with about 7000 hours on it. The bid price was \$81,800 and is eligible to be funded through CHIPS as NYSDOT gave a waiver to purchase the piece. It is projected that it will last approximately another 24 years, especially with the hours that our town puts on them.

A meeting was held on July 9th with a solar firm looking to develop a battery storage project on Cobbe Cross Road. County Planning, Emergency Services, Town Planning, Town Board, La Chase Engineering, and EDF Renewables attended. The project is scheduled for start in 2027 after it clears NYSEG approval and all permits and clearances are established from the County, Town and other agencies such as NYSDEC and NYCDEP.

The board approved sending out for fuel products bids for the next meeting on August 6th. This includes ethanol free gas, diesel, propane, and heating fuel.

The board listened to representatives from the Hometown Hero committee wanting to install banners on NYSEG electric poles in the hamlets of DeLancey and Hamden. The board fully supported this effort as presented by them.

Our Court Clerk is resigning at the end of 2025 and the board under the Justice's recommendation agreed to hire a deputy clerk to work in concert with the clerk to the end of the year. Laura Mills has expressed interest and will be hired and paid \$20/hour.

Schoolhouse museum hours will be July 27, August 10 and 30th, September 14 and 21 and October 11th and by appointment by calling 607-746-7479.

The board entered into Executive Session to discuss upcoming Union Negotiations. A committee of Sage, Endress and Marshfield will serve on the committee.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Proposed Agenda for the August 6, 2025 Board Meeting

1. Opening of Fuel Bids
2. Hamden Wastewater Report
3. Bicentennial Report
4. Draft Site Plan Review comments if any
5. Local Small Business Grant program update if any
6. CHIPS projects updates
7. Unmowed lawn issue in DeLancey
8. Executive Session – Union negotiations update if any
9. Hometown Heros update if any
10. Other items that may come before the board

Delaware County Board of Supervisor Meeting of July 23, 2025

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The board passed a resolution accepting \$250,000 from State Daycare for our local DSS Daycare Services program.

The board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,938 to purchase a new copier for the Personnel Office. This funding was transferred from their personal services budget line.

The board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$11,661 from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for equipment purchases in the Board of Elections.

The board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$66,896 in Mental Health, for the inpatient psychiatric hospital costs. This is the typical resolution we have unfortunately encountered the past several months. This will come out of the Contingency account as it was not budgeted.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$1,050,000 in Social Services for the Daycare Program. This amount is being transferred from the RTA account to Daycare. The daycare program is stressed out due to the State and Federal Governments increase in income guidelines and the paid absent days to a daycare center was increased from 20 to 80 days per year. The applicant also only pays about 1% of the daycare costs. There are 61 families on a wait list as of September 2025.

Lyndsay Komosinski was appointed as the new Director of the Office of the Aging. Wayne Shepard retired a few weeks ago.

A resolution was approved, approving the issuance of certain obligations by the Delaware County Capital Resource Corporation to finance a certain project for the Delaware Valley Hospital, Inc.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$62,500 in the Planning Department for contracting the construction of 9 weather monitoring stations throughout the county. In the past, there have been lives lost due to the unknowing weather conditions affecting other parts of the county. This is a non-budgeted cost and will be taken out of the Contingency account. The National Weather Service has indicated the lack of accurate and calibrated weather station data.

A resolution was adopted in honor of Assistant Fire Chief Jason McGlone who was attending an automobile/utility pole accident and was electrocuted and killed in East Branch. Condolences to his family and fellow firemen.

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