

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of June 1, 2022

Superintendent Lenci reported that culvert pipes were installed on Cal Terry, West Terry Clove, and Tait Roads, as well as retaining walls at Hamden Farms off Basin Clove Road. Ditching and pipes will be readied for the CHIPS jobs to be done on June 23 and 24.

There will be a clean heating and cooling campaign webinar on June 29th from 7-8 pm. Anyone wanting to attend, call the town hall office for the link to the webinar. This would be for heat pump installations and those needing or wanting insulation.

Craig Placek will be using our town attorney for the land closing on the Water District #2 property. Craig will be paying his portion of the attorney fees.

The purchase agreement has been signed and sent to Wayne Bank for the purchase of the bank building by the Town of Hamden. There is a tall dead tree in the back that needs to come down soon after closing.

The board agreed to hire Jason Pardee to fix the walkway path at the park that was ravaged by flood waters in April. The board agreed that the walk path would be converted to grass in order to eliminate future damages as has occurred in the last two years. Cost for repair is \$1,000.

Opposition to the State climate change draft scoping plan was approved in a resolution and will be submitted to NYSERDA. Climate change recommendations are fine, but let it be the people's choice, not a mandate to us. Elimination of fossil fuels for land travel, elimination of fossil fuels for home heating, conversion of all cars to electric are absurd and were opposed. Most of these mandates were to be completed by 2040. The boards feeling was to let it be our choice, many may elect to do the above stated changes, but don't make it as mandate. Offer incentives if they want bad enough to have it done, but let us, the people decide what is best for us and our rural communities.

Delhi College swimming lessons were approved by the board. Cost is \$60 per child and the Town will pay for \$45 of it and the parent must pay \$15 for one session during the summer.

The board also approved a proposal by Tom Donnelly to repair a Town cemetery stone wall for \$480. This is the cemetery below his farm. The Town Highway department will mark the road as one lane during the repair by Mr. Donnelly.

The board approved the Supervisor to send letters to landowners in the hamlets of DeLancey and Hamden to have them mow their lawns, or the Town will mow them and put the cost on their tax bills. There are about a

half dozen lawns in the combined hamlets, most being non-resident landowners, many new to the hamlets.

The Town has ordered new chairs for the meeting room through a grant and the board agreed that the old chairs could be given away to anyone desiring them. Please let the Town Clerk know if interested.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Proposed Agenda for July 6, 2022 Town of Hamden Board Meeting

1. Wastewater Report
2. Status of Crosswalk in Hamden
3. Status of Clean Heating and Clean Cooling Campaign
4. Status of Wayne Bank Building purchase
5. Status of mowing of not mowed lawns in DeLancey and Hamden
6. Advertise for Fuel Bids
7. Status of Equalization Rates for 2023
8. Other that may come before the board

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of June 22, 2022

NYC DEP Commissioner Aggarwala introduced himself to the board and assured us that he was going to be a good partner for Delaware County and asserted that anyone that had issues, to please contact him.

A resolution was adopted to set up an account for the homeless shelter that burned and was destroyed. The fund was set up for \$600,000 which is the proposed replacement cost for the home in Delhi.

A budget amendment was approved to accept \$78,410 from the Delaware County Senior Council for the new Office of the Aging bus. The old bus had a trade-in value of \$17,000, both being considered, bought the new bus.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$23,174 to create an economic development specialist position. This funding would be sufficient enough to fund the position for the remainder of 2022, starting around the first of September.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$100,000 which is 100% reimbursable from FEMA for flood buyout properties in Sidney. We will be taking it out of the Contingency account for now until we are reimbursed.

Two more projects were funded through the American Rescue money. One was for a new proposed comprehensive plan for the county at a contracted price of about \$150,000 and the other was for the replacement of fuel islands in Delhi and at the Landfill for a cost of \$250,000. Currently there is about \$700,000 remaining in that fund.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$121,313 for economic proposals submitted by the Tourism Promotion Agency for Delaware County. These are paid for out of the Occupancy Tax that is collected throughout the year.

A couple lower bids were accepted on transportation costs for handicap children being transported to Kingston and Green County for their necessary specialty service. Low bid went to Rolling V Bus Corp.

A resolution was approved to accept the low bid of Casella Waste Management of NY to transport non-hazardous mixed waste out of county and for the County.

A resolution was approved to create full-time positions under the NYS Public Health Corps Fellowship Program. This would be an LPN position, Program Coordinator position, and a Senior Program Coordinator for as long as this funding allows or through July 31, 2023.

Wayne Shepard was reappointed as Director of the Office of the Aging through to the end of 2022 at a salary of \$76,539.

A resolution was adopted to impress upon the State that we need a transportation rate increase for our handicap children. Our current funded rate is \$39.03 per child when the actual rates fall between \$70.47 and \$352.32 per child. This resolution will be sent to the NYS Department of Education.

The mortgage tax reimbursement to the towns and villages were approved. Hamden's reimbursement is \$21,713. Total mortgage tax reimbursement for all the county is \$617,125. Overall, the reimbursement to Hamden is very good, especially compared to a few years ago.

A resolution was adopted to add 2,957 acres and remove 4,384 acres to and from the Ag District #2 in Delhi, Hamden, Franklin, Meredith and Walton.

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