

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of November 6, 2024

A public hearing was held on the 2025 Town of Hamden budget. This budget is .4% over the 2% tax cap for residents in the Walton and Downsville Fire Districts. Other residents in the Delhi and Downsville Fire Protection Districts will see the .4% over the 2% tax cap, plus an approximately 14% increase in the fire and ambulance tax rates. Essentially, if you currently have a \$100 tax on fire and ambulance services on your tax bill, this same bill will be approximately \$114 in 2025 or a 14% increase.

Highway Superintendent Tweedie reported that he has hired an HEO to replace the former employee that had recently left employment. This new employee is from the Town of Hamden! Paperwork has been submitted to CHIPS for reimbursement of about \$288,458. The trucks are being worked on to make ready for winter, and all is going well there. We have a meeting with a FEMA representative on November 15th to discuss the closing out of the 2018 flooding disaster. Munn Road is being worked on to make ready for winter plowing. The final repairs on the Rennie Road damage by a resident was \$4,856, and a billing will go out in the next couple days.

A resolution was approved to order 5 insulated overhead doors for the highway garage at the cost of \$9,650 each from Hayes overhead doors. This cost will be paid for through the CHIPS program.

The Wastewater report for October determined a flow for the month of 204,426 gallons processed.

The next Bicentennial meeting will be on December 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

The board approved setting a public hearing on our 2010 Dog control law changes. Main changes were small increases in yearly licensing fees along with monthly late fees for dogs not licensed. The public hearing will be on December 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

The Town board approved 5 different seasonal roads that will receive no winter maintenance. Blanchard Road, Cobbe Cross Road, end of Crystal Creek Road, Ridge Road, and end of Stevens Road.

The board set a public hearing on our 1-year, 2025 fire and ambulance contract with the Delhi Fire Department. The hearing will be on December 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

The board approved a resolution to have the hamlet of Hamden wastewater billings put on the patron's tax bills, as well as the delinquent water billings for both water districts and the unpaid sidewalk shoveling charges on 4 properties.

The board approved a \$135 purchase of 500 rack cards with the schoolhouse museum on one side of the card and baseball on the other side. Luna Lake Design will do the work for us.

The board approved the 2025 Town of Hamden budget. Total budget of \$1,653,040 less anticipated revenues and reserves of \$730,041. In addition, there are sewer district, water district, fire district, and lighting district fees for the appropriate residents in those districts. Overall increase of town general and highway taxes will be 2.4%.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

December 4, 2024 Proposed Town Board Meeting Agenda

1. Public Hearing on a one-year Delhi Fire and Ambulance Contract
2. Public Hearing on amendments to our Dog Licensing Local Law
3. Hamden Wastewater Report
4. NYSERDA \$50,000 grant application for garage heat pumps
5. Completion of 2025 budget summary
6. Set year end meeting date
7. Set organizational meeting date
8. Status of Rennie Road damage claim
9. Municipal Shelter Inspection Report
10. O'Connor Foundation grant funding received
11. Other that may come before the board

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of November 13, 2024

A resolution was adopted to amend the 2024 budget by accepting \$38,381 from the State Office of Indigent Services due to the increased 18-B assigned counsel rates. This is only a small portion of what it really costs the county.

A resolution was adopted to appropriate \$171,023 of Opioid Settlement Funds through the Department of Mental Health. \$107,816 will go to Rehabilitation Support Services to provide Peer Engagement Diversion Initiatives. \$63,207 will go to the Friends of Recovery of Delaware and Otsego Counties to provide Expansion of Recovery Support Services in Delaware County.

A resolution was adopted to amend the budget by \$250,000. It increases revenue for added Federal Prisoner Charges and appropriates it towards the Jail personal services.

A resolution was adopted accepting funding of \$121,133 for a Snowmobile Grant. This is to be dispersed to various local snowmobile groups; our local group is the Hamden Hill Ridge Riders.

Another budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$25,000 to offset expenses associated with the Medical Examiner. The funding is coming from Contingency account.

A budget amendment resolution was adopted in Planning and Watershed Affairs in the amount of \$20,000 for additional and needed legal funding relative to the Filtration Avoidance Determination Application to EPA.

A resolution was adopted to establish a Capital Project Fund for Solid Waste improvement projects. The \$11,000,000 fund was established from reserves in Solid Waste and will be used for the relocation of the unlined cell #1 and to also replace the huge drum on the composter.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$2,477,940 for the landfill cell relocation. This was awarded to the low bidder of Byler Excavating of Harpursville, NY.

A resolution was adopted setting November 26th at 1 pm for a public hearing on the 2025 County budget. This is the 2025 budget.

Total Appropriations - \$129,102,927

Total Revenues \$ 80,700,694

Sub Total \$ 48,402,233

Less Reserves

General Fund \$ 6,854,100

Stop DWI \$ 11,945

Road Fund \$ 948,601

Machinery Fund \$ 210,224

Solid Waste \$ 4,337,839

Road and Bridges \$ 512,745

Total Reserves \$12,875,454

Estimated Real Estate Tax Levy

For 2025 \$35,526,779

2024 Tax Levy \$ 34,886,402 1.8356% increase in levy from 2024

The board voted on the salary increases for 2025 and I voted against the County Attorney and County Treasurer. I introduced a manual to the board that the NYS Association of Counties publishes with wages and fringes for all department heads in the State, listed by County, Department budgets and number of employees in the Department. Very interesting viewing,

and as I said our county department heads are typically in the middle of the mix, except for two of our positions that are much higher than other counties in the State. Worth viewing!

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Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of November 26, 2024

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$1,125 as a grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services for Soft Body Armor for the Sheriff's Office.

A resolution was approved to amend the 2024 budget by accepting \$4,632 for Bullet proof vests in the Sheriff's Office. The grant was awarded by the US Department of Justice.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$17,425 as a grant in Social Services from the Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment Program. This is to assist individuals and families facing eviction due to shelter arrears.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$20,000 for stabilization and reuse of the Fleischmann's Freight House. \$15,000 of it came from the Delaware County Economic Development and \$5,000 from the Delaware County Industrial Development Agency.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$200,000 through ARP funding and to be used to continue the Farm Enhancement Program administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension. It should help another 8-10 farmers and what a great program .

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$245,272 as a budget amendment through the Department of Emergency Services – 911. This is unanticipated funding needed to maintain the roads to the Communications Towers. The construction of these roads needs to meet the requirement as outlined in the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

Two different annual resolutions were adopted for year-end accounting of the fiscal books. When the adjustments are made, an accounting will be supplied to the Board of Supervisors.

A resolution was adopted to charge 19 towns for assessment rolls, field books, tax bills, etc. Hamden's direct town levy was \$5,064 out of the total of \$193,404.

The apportionment of the county Self Insurance fund was appropriated in the total amount of \$1,600,000. This is for Worker's Compensation and Volunteer Fireman's Benefits. Hamden's full value assessment is \$245,946,326 and the amount to be raised for Hamden is \$20,361.

The mortgage tax was distributed among the towns and villages. Hamden's portion is \$17,288. This is a bit higher than budgeted and is a good thing for Hamden.

A resolution was approved in authorizing a 4-day workweek for the Department of Public Works bridge crews and other employees for certain other times of the year.

A resolution was approved in naming the new Social Services Visitation Center in Delhi as "Armanno Center". The center was Sylvia's brain child, and unfortunately, she passed before it could be completed. It is functioning successfully now and is bringing families together.

The 2025 County budget was passed unanimously with a 1.83% increase. The budget increased \$640,000 over last year but could have been much worse without some serious trimming. Mandated CPSE 3-5 transportation program went up \$200,000, Foster Care and CSE program went up \$400,000, Retirement Premium costs up \$1,141,000, medical premium costs up \$442,000, and County Ambulance costs up \$400,000.

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