

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of October 5, 2022

Superintendent Lenci reports that our contractor has finished the Coles Clove projects and they now need guiderails. Stevens and Stoddard Hollow Roads are done with gravel, Carman Road is nearly done.

Wastewater report for the hamlet of Hamden was given and it processed 270,475 gallons of septage for the month.

There has been an inquiry in the Town of Hamden for a battery storage project on Cobbe Cross Road. It's a 135-megawatt proposal and would supply NYSEG peak power for 4 hours per day. If it comes to fruition, it won't be built until about 2025 or 2026. It has to pass permitting processes and permissions from NYSEG. The 45 batteries measure approximately 10'x8'x100' long and they would have a 25-year life.

The tentative budget was reviewed by the town board and was approved to hold a public hearing on November 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm. The budget will increase and stay below the 2% State recommended tax cap.

The pricing of \$15,460 was approved to replace the Kaufmann septic system in DeLancey.

A public hearing was scheduled to amend our NYS minimum requirements for enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code. The public hearing is for November 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Each board member was given a copy of the proposed changes if approved will be added to our current code which was approved in 2007. A copy of the draft law can be seen at the town clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Agenda for the November 2, 2022 Town Board Meeting

1. Hamden Wastewater Report for hamlet of Hamden
2. Wayne Bank building sale recommendation
3. Review and approval of the 2023 Town Budget
4. Local Law to amend our Uniform Fire and Building code law
5. DEP land purchase on Launt Hollow
6. Transmission line project affecting Town of Hamden
7. Set public hearing for Delhi Fire Contract
8. Delinquent water bills and Sewer bills to be placed on taxes
9. Truck purchase from Town of Freedom

10. Other that may come before the board

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of October 12, 2022

A resolution was approved in Mental Health for \$100,000 in funding for the Veteran Peer to Peer Support Program. This would be for Veterans suffering PTSD and other combat stress disorders, or having counseling needs. This was an amendment to our 2022 budget.

A resolution was approved for mental healthcare worker bonuses in the total amount of about \$21,000. This funding was from NYS Department of Health and must be spent for this purpose and in the Mental Health Department.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$20,000 for equipment purchases in Mental Health and is funded through the Federal Medicaid Administration. This will be spent for security contracts in the new building.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$682,317 for a new 50-ton crane and replacement of the outdated fuel islands in East Meredith, Kelly Corners, and Fish's Eddy. These items were not in the 2022 budget and will be funded from fund balance in the Department of Public Works. The crane is \$555,747 and low bid was awarded to Crane Specialists of Manheim, PA.

The county has 30 flood buyout homes to be demolished in Sidney, but they must have the asbestos abated prior to demolishing. The asbestos abatement was bid out and Abscope Environmental of Canastota was low bid for \$621,000. This is funded through the Flood Buyout Program.

A resolution was approved transferring ownership of two pedestrian bridges in the Town of Middletown to the Village of Fleischmanns.

A resolution was approved setting the new equalization rates for 2023 in the 19 towns. Hamden's equalization rate will be at 100%.

A local law #16 was introduced to authorize the County Registry for Domestic Partners. This is intended to help domestic partners establish that relationship because there are situations in which one partner was disabled or killed and the partner has been denied the ability to collect insurance, reside in the partners residence, claim next of kin benefits, or even to visit their hospitalized partner. The public hearing will be scheduled on October 26, 2022 at 1 pm.

A resolution was approved in memory of Walter B. Gladstone who passed away on October 4, 2022. Walter was Supervisor of the Town of Andes from

1979 to 1987. He will be remembered for his dedication to his community with his many donations.

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Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting of October 26, 2022

A resolution was approved as a budget amendment for \$7,000 to transfer funds from Personal Services to the Consultant line in the Mental Health budget. This would be for the System of Care program.

A resolution was approved as a budget amendment for \$5,500 in the Sheriff's Department. This is for the purchase of 2 - Camera LPR systems.

A resolution was approved to transfer an unappropriated fund balance of \$300,000 to C&D Disposal. This funding was collected previously through sales tax and is a transfer within the department.

A resolution was approved to award a structural steel low bid to Rover Contracting, out of Highland, NY for \$633,320. This bid award was budgeted for.

A resolution was approved designating the Department of Economic Development and more specifically Glen Nealis as certifying officer of the Community Development Block Grant for \$941,175. Additionally, the Department was designated as our County Tourism Promotion Agency for the 2023 year.

A resolution was approved to transfer \$630,000 from the General Fund to Personal Services in the Department of Public Works for maintenance expense shortfalls through to the end of this year.

Ag District additions and removals were approved in the towns of Kortright, Meredith, and Delhi.

A resolution was approved to increase the AMR back up ambulance contract by 5% each year after the first year of \$1,900,000. This resolution was approved by a mere 25 votes. Hamden voted in favor of it, as a backup ambulance service for the County with AMR assistance. They will bill for services rendered and the ARPA funding of \$1,500,000 will be used to offset expenses.

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