

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of March 6, 2024

The board approved the sale of surplus equipment on Auction International. \$13,700 for the loader, \$3,500 for the 78' Mack, \$750 for the 05' Ford pickup, \$105 for the salt spreader, and \$240 for a riding mower.

Greg Reynolds gave his resignation as of 3/14/24. He has another job lined up and being highway superintendent wasn't to his liking. Supervisor Marshfield stated that he thought Greg was doing a good job, and wished him the best on his future endeavors. Mike Reynolds will remain as deputy Superintendent until we appoint a new Highway Superintendent.

The board agreed to advertise for trucking of stone as soon as we find out from Vestal Asphalt on the amount of stone to be needed.

Hamden Wastewater Report indicated we processed 424,528 gallons of wastewater in February in the hamlet of Hamden.

Bicentennial Committee will meet again on March 28th at 6:30 pm, at the town hall.

Supervisor Marshfield handed out a sheet with proposed building permit rates for commercial buildings, solar and battery storage projects. We probably will act on the proposed rate structure in April.

A report was given that the Town Clerk, Justice, and Supervisor books were audited on February 14th and appeared to be in order.

The board agreed to change the title only on a bank account in the Town Court system. It was changed to the bail account and was requested by the Town Justice.

The board approved the Supervisor to sign an agreement with NYSDEC to allow public fishing at the Covered Bridge Park area. In doing so, DEC will stock more fish in that location.

The Supervisor informed the Board that he has had a special link put on the website "Town Information" page so that anyone can look up information on any parcel of land. Assessment information can be obtained by going to the link and it is very user friendly.

The board approved the pumping of nine septic systems this summer in the DeLancey Septic District. We will be assisted by the Catskill Watershed Corporation.

The NYS Ag and Markets report on our Dog Control Officer was all positive with no shortcomings listed.

The board approved the Supervisor to apply to O'Connor Foundation for a \$8,000 matching grant. Street flowers, street banners and hardware, heavy duty cluster mailbox, security cameras, new tables for the meeting room, and window replacements at the schoolhouse museum will be the items listed in the application.

Supervisor Marshfield shared lots of information on the proposed Clean Path electric transmission line to be run in the next year or so through much of Hamden. It will be a DC high voltage line underground and will run in the Terry Clove area and will follow the existing overhead transmission line in that area.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Proposed agenda for the April 3, 6:30 pm Town Board Meeting

1. Bicentennial information update
2. Appointment of a new Highway Superintendent
3. Hamden Wastewater Report
4. Comprehensive Plan update if any
5. Commercial Solar status
6. Water District approvals from DOH for the annual water quality report
7. CWC inspection agreement for 2024
8. Building permit rate for commercial buildings, solar and battery storage projects
9. Local law to seek Highway Superintendent and Deputy out of town, if needed.
10. Others that may be needed

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of March 13, 2024

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$53,741 as a transfer of funds for legal aid to indigents. The State of NY raised the hourly rate for felonies from \$75/hr. to \$158/hr. creating this budget amendment for the County.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$75,447 due to the receipt of opioid settlement funds from NYS. This funding is to assist in efforts for treatment, recovery, harm reduction and prevention efforts. The 2024 budget is therefore amended.

A resolution was adopted approving many awards from the Department of Public Works. Rental of Equipment, tree trimming, hot mix asphalt, stone and gravel products, new and used pipe, sheet piling, gabions, sign posts, bridge decking and many, many more items.

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Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of March 27, 2024

A resolution was approved in accepting \$12,218 in funding from the Statewide Police Traffic Services Program for the Sheriff's Department. This would pay for the salaries of the road patrol deputies.

A resolution was approved in accepting \$11,140 in funding from the US Department of Justice and administered by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program for the cost of purchasing vests in the Sheriff's Department.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$121,902 in Social Services and their rental supplement program. This will assist up to 30 households who are at risk for homelessness. It is 100% reimbursable by the State.

A resolution was approved to accept \$1,077 in funding from the State for healthcare worker bonuses in the Office for the Aging.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$1,366,332 in HUD funding for the demolition of flood houses. Originally the County was awarded \$18,915,104 and we draw down on that as invoices come in.

A resolution was approved to charge each county department to cover insurance premiums on liability and administrative costs. This funding goes into a reserve account and will total \$788,182 in pass through funding to the departments.

The Department of Public Works had ordered two tandem axle dump truck with snow equipment and were informed that the pricing has gone up a total of \$55,762. The board approved this increase.

A resolution was approved to replace a bridge over Spring Creek in the Town of Deposit for \$2,558,540. This funding is 95% reimbursable and the low bid was issued to Tioga Construction Co. of Herkimer, NY.

A resolution was approved to issue the low bids for structural steel for the Nichols Road bridge project in the Town of Walton and the Morton Hill bridge project in the Town of Colchester. Total cost combined is \$419,000.

A resolution was approved and called for the State Executive Budget to include reforms for determining the capacity of a defendant to stand trial. This resolution was recommended by the Mental Health Department.

A resolution was approved declaring April 1-7 as National Public Health Week.

A resolution was approved to amend the budget in accepting funding for absentee ballot pre-paid postage in the Board of Elections. The grant for 2023 and 2024 is \$1,598 for each.

A resolution was approved to increase the petty cash fund in Social Services to \$500. The current is \$250 and has been that since 1985!

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