

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of November 1, 2023

Highway Superintendent Reynolds informed the board that our equipment is ready for the winter plow season, roadsides have been mowed and that he has part time help lined up for winter plowing.

Wastewater report was given. 279,798 gallons processed for the month of October in the hamlet of Hamden.

18 people attended the Bicentennial Committee meeting in October and the next meeting is November 30th at 6:30 pm.

Bids were opened on sidewalk snow and ice removal in the hamlet of Hamden. Chris Bodo was the sole bid at \$55.00 per parcel per storm plus a \$5.00 salt fee when needed. The board approved his bid for this upcoming winter.

The pre-historic plaque was displayed and will be mounted in the Covered Bridge Park kiosk on the Basin Clove side of the river.

The heat pump was installed and is functioning and making things much more comfortable in the meeting room end of the town hall.

Josh VanDusen from Delhi Telephone attended the meeting and spoke about the need for the town to install a new network. It will eliminate the occasional alarm on the current system and should improve our Wi-Fi connection. The board approved them going forward with the upgrade at the cost of \$2,591.

The board authorized the Highway Superintendent and Equipment Committee to order a new Hyundai Loader for \$179,059 if after an analysis it fits into our CHIPS program. This would be from Tracey Road Equipment and would be at the NY State bid price.

Our code enforcement officer is wanting to revise our commercial building projects such as large office buildings, solar and battery storage projects. More to come in the next month or two.

Our Ag and Markets municipal shelter report turned out excellent with no problems.

The board agreed to hire Chris Bodo as our parttime custodian for the town hall. He would be paid \$18/hour and replaces Ivana Guzy who resigned.

Seasonal limited highways were listed to exclude from plowing this winter. There were 5 of the same roads we do each year. Blanchard, Cobbe Cross, Crystal Creek, Ridge, and Steven's Roads.

The board set December 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm as a public hearing date for the upcoming one-year contract with the Delhi Fire Department for fire and ambulance service for 2024.

The board approved the Supervisor to cash in the Clean Energy CD to be used to defray expenses on the heat pump installation. This was originally a grant for \$5,000 and is allowed to be spent on an energy savings project.

The board approved the placement of delinquent water bills in DeLancey and Hamden and the sewer bills in Hamden on the 2024 land tax bills.

The board approved the adoption of the 2024 budget with an 8.7% increase in the town taxes. Total town amount to be raised by taxes this year is \$1,048,582.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Agenda for our December 6, 2023 Town Board Meeting

1. Wastewater Report in hamlet of Hamden.
2. Bicentennial meeting update
3. New delivered loader for highway
4. Yearend and Organizational Meeting dates to be determined
5. Public hearing on Delhi one-year fire and ambulance contract
6. Updated budget summary
7. Received another NYSERDA grant for \$5,000
8. Justice court audit by board
9. Other that may come before the board.

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of November 8, 2023

A resolution was adopted in the amount of \$85,356 for the receipt of a grant from the State Homeland Security Program and is for the purpose of purchasing Computer Aided Dispatch Equipment and related items.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$5,000 to the Office of the Aging from Cornell Cooperative Extension to expand the agency's existing Tai Chi for Arthritis program.

A budget amendment was approved in the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$330,000 to purchase equipment scheduled in 2024 in an effort to reduce the 2024 budget. This equipment will be spent in the 2023 budget instead and used from the Personal Services line from unfilled positions.

A resolution for Emergency Services was approved to allow employees to fill positions that may be filled as a dual employment in the County. This is for County employees who are willing to work on a per-hour, as needed basis in Emergency Services Department.

A resolution for the Personnel Office was approved to allow employees to fill positions that may be filled as a dual employment in the County. This is for County employees who are willing to work on a per-hour, as needed basis at the Personnel Office.

These local laws were proposed for a public hearing on November 21, 2023 at 1 pm.

Director of Mental Health - \$108,061

Election Commissioner - \$60,000

Director of Emergency Services - \$74,724

Director of Emergency Services - \$98,124

Director of the Office of the Aging - \$85,377

Personnel Officer - \$90,832

Public Defender - \$187,650

Public Health Director - \$113,654

Commissioner of Public Works - \$115,515

Real Property Tax Services II - \$90,000

Commissioner of Social Services - \$114,056

Director of Veterans Service Agency - \$55,845

County Clerk - \$81,127

Sheriff - \$104,690

County Treasurer - \$81,127

A resolution was approved for a budget amendment in the amount of \$200,000 for funding more of the Community College Fund and removing that same amount from Contingency.

A resolution was adopted to set a public hearing on the 2024 County budget with an increase of 1.9075% increase.

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Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting of November 21, 2023

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$1,662 in the Mental Health Department for a COLA adjustment for contract provider, Family Resource Network. These funds are to be used to promote recruitment and retention of non-executive staff.

The board approved a grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in the amount of \$110,778 for the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails. The Hamden Hill Ridge Riders are one of the recipients of this grant.

The board approved a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the Southern Tier Eight Regional Planning Board to reimburse the County for the US Army Reserve IRT program held this summer.

The board authorized the County DPW to start a bridge project on Spring Brook in the Town of Colchester. The County would need to upfront \$620,000 for the project start process of which 95% will eventually be funded using Federal Funds. The County will design, let and construct the Project.

The board authorized the 4-day work week in DPW for Bridge crews in the winter and all other employees from March 17, 2024 to October 12, 2024.

The board approved the Treasurer to levy small incidental charges to the specific towns. Hamden charges for the year was \$3,412 which includes election worker charges and various books and fee charges.

The board approved the apportionment of mortgage tax to the various towns and villages in the County. Hamden will receive our second payment for the year of \$7,235, bringing the yearly mortgage tax revenue to almost \$12,000. The Town budgeted to receive \$20,000, thus creating a shortfall of \$8,000. This is part of the reason for an 8.7% increase in town tax this year.

The board approved the apportionment of the County Self Insurance budget in the amount of \$1,650,000 for Workers Compensation and Volunteer Firemen's Benefit.

After a public hearing of which no one spoke from the public the board voted and approved all pay increases for the Department heads at our November 8th meeting. I voted against the Public Defender increase and the Real Property Directors increase. Generally, all salary increases were held to a 4.25% increase except for the Real Property Director.

The 2024 County budget was approved unanimously. The 2024 budget has an increase in appropriations of \$10,763,927 and an increase in revenues of \$10,111,271. The \$10,111,271 revenue includes an increase revenue from sales tax of \$500,000. This increase in sales tax revenue of \$500,000 will benefit all taxpayers in Delaware County. In the end there is an added \$652,656 appropriation to be shouldered by the taxpayers for 2024. This equates to a 1.9075% increase, less any added assessments for the new tax year. When the Finance Committee started on the budget, we had a 23% increase, whittled it down by defunding 31 positions and fringes and adding some fund balance and sales tax to lower it to 1.9%.

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