

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of October 4, 2023

Highway Superintendent Reynolds reported that another HEO employee started on October 2nd. That brings our Highway work force back to 100%. Gravel work was done on Gregory Hollow, the part to the roller has been ordered from Germany and is expected to arrive any time. Road sides are being mowed, now that a wheel part has been obtained. Our insurance company turned down our culvert damage claim on East Brook Road.

Wastewater report was given, 318,010 gallons processed for the month of September or 10,600 gallon per day.

The Commercial Solar Law should be delivered from the Planning Board to the Town Board in the next month, hopefully.

Another Bicentennial Meeting will be held on October 26th at 6:30 pm. Attendance has been dropping and we need more participation.

A letter has been sent to all property owners in the hamlet of Hamden on the maintenance of their sidewalks of snow and ice. A copy of the new local law was enclosed as well.

The board authorized the advertisement of prospective bidders for ice and snow removal of those properties not being cleared. The bids will be per property per snow storm and opened at our November first meeting.

Electric wiring has been completed for the installation of a new heat pump in the town hall.

Brittany Dolph was hired as a deputy court clerk at \$20/hour.

A discussion was had on the Delhi Telephone proposal for a new network setup for our internet, security system and phones. The proposal was tabled and the board asked that a representative from Delhi Telephone attend the next meeting to explain it more clearly.

The NYS Comptroller came back for 2022 as “no designation” for the Town of Hamden and its financial stresses. This is better than last year’s designation.

The board authorized the setting up of a bank checking account for the bicentennial committee. Only deposits and expenditures will be transacted upon approval of the bicentennial executive committee.

Court Constable Harold Southworth will be moving and resigning as Town of Hamden Constable at the end of October.

The 2024 Town budget was presented and gone over line by line. Overall, the budget will be increased overall by 8.7%. Wages and Salaries have increased about \$30,000 from last year, retirement premium costs by the State increased by about \$8,000, Road repair costs were increased by \$7,000, equipment costs increased by \$8,000, Capital improvements increased to

\$9,000 where none existed the year before, Part time assessor clerk added at about \$3,000, mortgage tax revenue decreased by \$5,000, Town property insurance costs up about \$4,000 and we decreased the Highway Fund Balance forward by \$10,000. We will be approximately 6.2% over the recommended tax cap. This is the first time we have exceeded the 2% tax cap since 2012. It is expected that next year we should be back on track to stay under the cap. The price of things has risen so much, it was impossible to do this year.

A public hearing was set for the 2024 Preliminary Budget for November first at 6:30 pm at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Proposed agenda for Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of November 1, 2023

1. Bicentennial meeting update
2. Hamlet of Hamden sidewalk maintenance bids to be opened.
3. Prehistoric plaque to be displayed for viewing before installing.
4. Heat pump installed
5. Delhi Telephone attendance to discuss network remake.
6. 2024 Adopted Town Budget approval
7. Municipal Inspection Report for Dogs
8. Possible purchase of a loader early in 2024
9. Non residential and Commercial Buildings and Solar Projects permit structure
10. Set public hearing for Delhi Fire Department contract for 2024
11. Seasonal limited highways for snow season
12. Delinquent bills for water and normal sewer bills.
13. Wastewater report
14. Other that may come before the board.

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of October 11th, 2023

A resolution was approved to transfer \$99,694 from the Contingency account to the Communications System in Emergency Services. There were structural damages on the tower building in Davenport and the repairs will equal this amount.

A resolution was approved to transfer \$1,000 from Mental Health housing to equipment for the purchase of new scanner.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$108,340 for a billing/invoice correction. Two invoices were listed as accounts payable rather than invoices and this transaction corrects that error in the Department of Public Highways.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$9,000 from Contingency to Equipment to cover the one-time cost of purchasing updated computers.

A standard work day resolution was updated as per the State and Local Employee's Retirement System for Patricia Valente, Lisa Driscoll and Shawn Smith.

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Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of October 25, 2023

The board passed a resolution in the amount of \$18,055 to accept a grant in the Sheriff's Department from the Division of Criminal Justice Services to offset Discovery Findings in the District Attorney's Office.

A budget amendment was approved in Social Services in the amount of \$428,132 transferring into Medicaid and Day Care Services accounts funding due to cuts by the State in each program. The County currently is and has been mandated to pay about \$160,000 per week to the state to reimburse them for Medicaid expenses! This weekly cost in 2024 is going up about \$20,000 per week.

A resolution was approved to increase the Personal Services Budget in Solid Waste in the amount of \$53,000.

A budget amendment for unforeseen expenses in the amount of \$600,000 in the Road Maintenance Fund was approved with a transfer from Personal Services.

A resolution to transfer \$3,000,000 from Fund Balance to the Road and Bridge Fund in DPW was approved. This is the result of unanticipated repairs of a major project. At a later date this will be funded by an outside agency.

A resolution was approved giving the Tourism Advisory Board approval to disperse the hotel occupancy tax in the amount of \$104,498. These funds are for the promotion and development of the tourism industry in Delaware County.

A 2017 Chevy Malibu was approved to be disposed of in Social Services and a 2014 Ford Focus in Economic Development and to be scraped or sold at public auction.

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