

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of September 6, 2023

Greg Reynolds was welcomed as our new Highway Superintendent. The new garage floor has been completed and equipment will be able to go in on it in a couple weeks. Stone and oiling have been completed for the year and Jamie Armstrong started as a new HEO. Fred Ford will be retiring at the end of September after 35 years of service. The insurance company will be contacted on the damage to the culvert on East Brook Road.

The wastewater system in hamlet of Hamden saw 349,422 gallons of septage processed for the month of August.

The Bicentennial Committee met on August 31st and there were 24 interested people present. The next meeting is September 28th at 6:30 pm, at the Town Hall.

A local law requiring the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks in the hamlet of Hamden was adopted. A letter, the local law will be sent out the property owners in the very near future.

Water District #1 in Hamden met and re-elected Scott Sullivan for a 3-year term as commissioner.

Water District #2 in DeLancey met and re-elected Mike Reynolds to a 3-year term as commissioner.

The new heat pump system will be installed at the Town Hall on October 19. The total cost of just over \$8,000 will be funded with a grant from NYSERDA.

Budget schedules were handed out to all present and to the Departments.

A local law to Override the Tax Cap was introduced and approved. This is done every year, but this year Supervisor Marshfield expects we will indeed exceed the tax cap of 2%. More to come in October.

Christine Reynolds was appointed as an assessment review board member.

Susan Hoyt was appointed as an assessor clerk position.

Approval was given to Justice Merrill to hire a deputy clerk.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Proposed agenda for the October 4, 2023 Town Board Meeting

1. Hamden Wastewater Report
2. Bicentennial gathering on September 28th.
3. Prehistoric plaque status to be completed middle of October.
4. Heat pump install for October 19th.
5. Court clerk appointment of Brittany Dolph
6. Disposal of a couple of trucks
7. Budget proposal for 2024.
8. Local law to override the tax cap level of 2%.
9. DTC proposal of \$2,591 for upgrade to computer network system.
10. State Comptroller designated Hamden as “No Designation” – good
11. Other business that may come before the board

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of September 27, 2023

A resolution was approved to adjust the Cost-of-Living Adjustment for the Department of Mental Health. This funding of \$4,000 came from the NYS Office of Mental Health.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$24,750 for additional revenue of the intervenor funds during the “clean path” electric transmission line negotiations. The amount of the total funding is now at \$143,500.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$3,000 as a transfer from itinerate providers to community outreach and education. This is through Public Health.

A resolution was approved in the amount of \$507 as a transfer of funds from maintenance and repair of buildings to equipment in Mental Health.

A resolution was approved to transfer \$15,000 from the contingency account to professional fees, psychiatric for that type of unexpected care at the County Correctional Facility.

A budget amendment was approved in Social Services in the amount of a \$300,000 transfer from Personal Services to Foster Care. The Department budgeted for 3 children in Foster Care and we now have 5, thus adding to the costs.

A budget amendment was approved in Planning in the amount of \$60,882 for a new vehicle that won't pass inspection and for some furniture. The transfer would be from Personal Services to Equipment.

A budget amendment was approved in Watershed Affairs in the amount of \$30,000 for negotiations in the new Water Supply Permit. The money is being transferred from Contingency to Professional Services (WSA).

Four resolutions were adopted relative to the DPW construction projects resulting in a net overall reduction in construction costs of \$5,640.

A resolution was approved to dispose of a 2001 JD Tractor and Mower and a 2000 Grove Crane in the Department of Public Works.

A resolution was approved to dispose of 2 – 2014 Ford Focus's in the Department of Social Services.

The Department of Economic Development was designated as the Tourism Promotion Agency for Delaware County.

A resolution was approved urging the Governor to Veto a proposed law changing local elections to even-numbered years.

A resolution was approved for Delaware County to stay its appeal seeking lead agency status and to direct the Department of Planning to pursue negotiations with the City of New York on a fourth side agreement consistent with the memorandum of agreement. LAP, SAP and other issues can be negotiated separately with the City and would be much more beneficial to the County.

A public hearing was set for October 11 th at 1pm to hear concerns about the leasing of a county tower space to Verizon Wireless in the Town of Sidney.

The new equalization rates were set for the Towns in Delaware County and Hamden was the highest rate at 93.50%.

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