

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of September 3, 2025

Deputy Supervisor Endress opened the meeting with a bid opening on gasoline.

Highway Superintendent Tweedie reported that the CHIPS funding is due to be received on September 16th. He is expecting to pick up the 2016 tandem plow truck from the Town of Freedom as soon as the CHIPS funding comes in.

The board approved the purchase of a 2016 tandem with plow and sander and a stainless-steel body from the Town of Freedom for \$65,000.

The board opened bids on gasoline and approved purchasing the product from Mirabito Energy Products for a fluctuating price of \$3.15.

The board passed the first step in a local law to override the tax cap levy limit as established by the General Municipal Law. This is done every year, just in case we have to exceed the 2% recommended limit.

The unmowed lawns of the Don Bishop properties have been turned over to the code enforcement officer as Mr. Bishop has not responded to the Supervisor and Town Board.

Hamden Water district #1 held their annual meeting and re-elected Mike Hein as a commissioner for a 3-year term. The Commissioners also raised the water rates for out of district users from \$75 per quarter to \$85.

Hamden Water District #2 held their annual meeting and re-elected Matt Barkalow as a commissioner for a 3-year term.

Budget schedules were handed out and departmental budgets are due back to the Supervisor by the 20th of September.

Schoolhouse Museum hours will be held on September 21st and October 11th and by appointment by calling 607-746-7479.

The Hamden Hometown Veterans Banner Committee accepted the hardware offer of the board for hanging banners. There are about 10 sets of hardware for their use and they are already installed.

We are in the search for an Assessment Review Board Member and anyone interested please contact our town assessor or the Supervisor.

Our website is now live! Check it out.

Respectfully submitted as a draft by Wayne Marshfield

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of September 24, 2025

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The board proclaimed September 14-20 in recognition of Sheriff's Week.

A budget amendment was approved with the acceptance of Snap Ed funding in the Office of the Aging in the amount of \$148,184. The funding came through from the NYS to provide nutrition through the Seniors Health Improvement and Nutrition Education program.

Another resolution was approved in the amount of \$101,829.42 for the expense of inmates deemed incapacitated to meaningfully participate in their criminal defense proceedings and require care from a NYS Psychiatric hospital.

The board passed a resolution for an agreement between the Town of Delhi, County of Delaware and the Delaware Academy Central School over a tax proceeding brought by Saputo Cheese USA and Burdkidz, LLC (Price Chopper Plaza owner). The School, Town and County will share in legal expenses for the case.

The board approved the new term of service for the Real Property Director of October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2031.

A local law was introduced authorizing 12- and 13-year-old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of an adult licensed hunter. A public hearing was set for the October 8th meeting at 1:05 pm.

The board designated the Delaware County Department of Economic Development as Tourism Promotion Agency for 2026.

The board proclaimed October 5-11 as National 4-H Week.

The board approved a budget amendment resolution in the amount of \$50,000 for increased costs associated with cost increases for credit card use of taxpayers in paying their taxes. Credit card holders pay a portion of that fee.

The board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$100,000 for legal aid to indigent increased costs. It is possible that the Public Defender will get some reimbursement for this.

The board approved a cost reduction of \$92,042.50 in costs associated with the landfill rain cover. This reduction was issued to the Chenango Contracting of Johnson City.

The board approved the final resolution of purchasing 15 acres of land from the Dent Estate in Delhi for a total of \$128,000. This property would be added onto the 4-H camp property of which part of it has been used by 4-H for years.

The final resolution and the most important of all. It is related to the NYCDEP not wanting to honor the original MOA as signed in 1996. They don't want to continue to link our funded programs to the new FAC agreement and the boards contention is that they MUST! The board insists that NYCDEP does not delete partnership programs or add additional landowner controls. This agreement has been in effect for 28 years and does not need to be changed.

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