

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of November 5, 2025

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Highway Superintendent Tweedie reported that all CHIPS paperwork is completed and will be submitted in the next few days. We will be receiving \$136,320. We are ready for winter and have had a busy time with tree cleanup due to high winds.

The board approved a shared road services agreement with Delaware County, Towns of Andes, Bovina, Colchester, Delhi, Franklin, Meredith, Tompkins and Walton.

The board approved the 5 typical seasonal road closures for the winter. Blanchard Road, Cobbe Cross Road, upper end of Crystal Creek Road, parts of Ridge Road and Stevens Road on the upper end.

The board set a public hearing for the upcoming 2026 Fire and Ambulance contract with the Delhi Fire Department. The hearing will be on December 3 rd. at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

The board approved the submission of the Hamden Sewer Rates and the delinquent water bills for DeLancey and Hamden and the delinquent sidewalk maintenance bills to be put on the 2026 land tax bills.

The board approved the new 15-year Spectrum Franchise agreement to replace the expired agreement.

The board approved a fee schedule to go along with the May 2024 resolution for building permit fees associated with non-residential projects such as commercial buildings, battery storage and solar projects. The cost would be \$.0015 times the project construction cost for profit's and \$.0010 for nonprofits.

The board approved the engineering and replacement of septic systems for Ordmandy and Pruschki septic's in DeLancey.

Town attorney Kevin Young attended the board meeting and went over much information on the proposed Battery Storage Local Law. Young Sommer firm specialties are for environmental issues such as this. He went over the process needed to look at the submitted application by EDF Renewables. Delaware County Planning will assist the Town in the process and review. Fire Safety, Decommissioning and Emergency Operations were on the top of the list for the Local Law. The board requested that an attorney from Young Sommer attend all Town Board and Planning Board meetings to make sure we follow the law by the letter.

The board set the public hearing for the Battery Storage Local Law proposal for December 3 rd. at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. Copies of the Local Law will be available at the Town Clerk's office and will be posted on our town website. (www.hamdenny.com)

The board approved the 2026 Town Budget which has approximately a 4% increase overall. The main reasons for the increase were wage increases, medical insurance premium increases, retirement premium increases, and other smaller but substantial increases in snow removal increases, unallocated insurance increases and garage contractual increases, such as electric, propane, fuel oil, and internet.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

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

1. Public Hearing on the Delhi Fire and Ambulance Contract for 2026
2. Public Hearing on the proposed Battery Storage (BESS) Local Law.
3. Hamden Wastewater report
4. Changes in Budget Summary
5. Heat Pump status at Highway Garage
6. Year end and Organizational Meeting date
7. Purchase order for new 2026 pickup and plow for Highway
8. Other that may come before the board

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of November 12, 2026

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The board approved a resolution accepting a \$300,000 grant from the NYS Office of Community Renewal for financial assistance to new and existing microenterprise businesses in Delaware County.

The board approved a grant in the amount of \$143,636 from the State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to develop and maintain snowmobile trails. One of the clubs receiving a portion of this grant is the Hamden Hill Ridge Riders.

It was approved to remove \$5,885 from the Veteran's service hardship fund to an equipment fund to purchase a new copier/imager/fax for them

The board approved removing \$100,000 from the Contingency account to Professional Fees Attorney for legal aid to indigents.

The board approved removing \$96,902 from the Contingency account to the Professional fees Psychiatric account for criminal defense proceedings and require care from a NYS Psychiatric Hospital.

The County DPW requested and the board approved moving \$634,000 from various accounts to others for the Capital Road and Bridge accounts.

A public hearing was set for November 25th on the 2026 County Budget at 1 pm. The overall tentative budget will stay under the NYS tax cap recommendation.

The board approved a resolution transferring \$1,072 to the Equipment account in the Board of Elections. This is for a rapid print time stamp machine from Williams Business Machines LLC.

The board approved an account transfer in Social Services in the amount of \$600,000. It will be transferred from the FRILS account to the Family Assistance account. FRILS cliental are now in the Family Assistance program.

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Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of November 25, 2026

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The board approved a resolution in the amount of \$59,502 in the Office of the Aging to transfer funding from personal services to equipment to purchase office furniture.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$634,000 in Highway to transfer this funding from fund balance to meet payroll in highway maintenance for the remainder of the year.

There were 4 properties in Sidney and one in Middletown that had omitted taxes on the 2025 tax rolls. These were properties that were found not paying tax or were exempt at one time and never changed to a tax paying parcel.

The board approved the “levy of tax on the town accounts”. Hamden’s amount is \$2,090. This is for election charges and books and mailings for the year.

The board approved the apportionment of the county self-insurance budget in the amount of \$1,600,000. Hamden’s portion is \$19,738. This is for workers compensation per the County Self Insurance Fund.

The board approved the second mortgage tax apportionment to the towns and villages. Hamden's portion is \$11,474 which for the year is about \$29,000 in mortgage tax receipts. We had budgeted \$20,000 for the 2026 budget.

A resolution was approved declaring a negative declaration for the sale of properties formally occupied by DPW Administration and Garage, Annex and parking lots. A long Environmental Assessment Form was done by County Planning. This is all in preparation for the sale of the property to the current highest bidder.

A resolution was approved authorizing a 4-day work week in the Department of Public Works. Bridge Crews only Jan 1, 2026 to March 14, 2026, March 15, 2026 to October 10, 2026 for all employees and November 8, 2026 to December 31, 2026 for bridge crews only.

The board called for a public hearing for December 10th at 1 pm for Agricultural District 12 in the Towns of Deposit, Masonville, Sidney, Tompkins and Walton.

Several Local Laws were introduced and there will be a public hearing on them on December 10th at 1 pm.

Election Commissioner Garrison, \$65,208

Director of Emergency Services, Steve Hood, \$92,370

Director of Information Technology, Joe DeMauro, \$106,641

Director of Office of the Aging, Lyndsay Komosinski, \$86,438

Personnel Officer, Carrara Knoetgen, \$101,892

Commissioner of Planning, Parks and Watershed Affairs, Shelly Johnson, \$130,175

Public Defender, Joe Ermeti, \$203,939

Public Health Director, Amanda Walsh, \$123,433

Commissioner of Public Works, James Thomas, \$126,250

Real Property Director, Sherri Falcone, \$99,038

Commissioner of Social Services, Keith Weaver, \$117,838

Director of Veterans Services, Mark Dunlop, \$69,228

County Clerk, Haley Gransbury, \$88,168

The board approved the 2026 County Budget with an increase of 3.4240% but within the State recommended Tax Cap guidelines. Appropriations \$141,580,951 and Revenues of \$89,474,999. It is using \$11,500,000 of Fund balance and \$29,000,000 of Sales Tax. Salaries are up by \$5,600,000 and fringes are up \$2,200,000. Other substantial increases in jail

expenses, Legal Aid for indigents, College Tuition, Building Security, CPSE 3-5 program, Ambulance service, Daycare, Family Assistance, and DPW machinery.

After an executive session discussion, a resolution for the execution of a mitigation side agreement with NYCDEP was approved. This is super important and a positive for county residents and taxpayers. Land acquisition purchases in Categories 3 and 4 will be greatly limited. The septic, stormwater and stream management programs will continue for 4 more years. DEP Commissioner Aggarwala and Deputy Commissioner Rush attended and praised the partnership continuation of NYCDEP and the County, including CWC and CWT. Now NYSDEC needs to support the agreement in its final stage.

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