

## Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of December 6, 2023

Highway Superintendent Reynolds reported that our CHIPS funding should be released around December 14<sup>th</sup>. We received the new loader and will pay for it per agreement in February of 2024. We hired a new employee in Kenny Seward as an HEO. Our mechanic plans on retiring the first part of January of 2024. Surplus equipment will be advertised on Auction International in the next week or two. (78' Mac plow truck, 05' pickup, new salt spreader, and a Toro tractor lawn mower).

Wastewater report was given for the Hamden hamlet and for the month we processed 261,402 gallons of wastewater.

The Bicentennial Committee met on November 30<sup>th</sup> and will meet again on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. New street banner design was chosen and will be bought and installed in 2024.

Upon receipt of the CHIPS funding the board agreed to pay back the Good Neighbor fund in the amount of \$156,904 from Highway. This was a loan to the Highway Department until such time we received CHIPS funding.

A new loader was purchased from Tracey Road Equipment for \$179,059 and is working nicely. We have an agreement with Tracey that we will pay for it in February after we get our tax warrant.

The board approved a one-year contract with the Delhi Fire Department for the Fire and Ambulance contract for \$91,967.

End of year meeting date will be December 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Ryan Kilmer will be recognized for his 40 years of service as a Hamden Town Board and Planning Board member.

The organizational meeting and regular meeting of the Town Board will be on January 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

The justice bank account was reviewed and approved.

The board accepted with regret the resignation of Constable Harold Southworth. Harold has moved out of the area.

The board approved the hookup of Tylan Klinker to the Water District #1 for \$20,580 of which \$6,000 of that was paid up front and the remainder will be paid over a 10-+year payback. This will be in addition to the regular user and capital fees that are paid by all other patrons of the district.

The board agreed to spend the \$10,000 we have received in NYSERDA grants for the new heat pump and for the conversion to energy efficient LED fixtures for the Town Hall. Rob Muroff has

submitted a quote and will be doing the installations. New outside LED's and two fixtures in the fire department bay will be converted from fluorescent to LED.

Our legal firm is looking over our proposed Solar Local law and it should be ready to go in a few weeks for the board to act upon.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

### **Proposed Agenda of the January 3, 2024 meeting of the Hamden Town Board**

1. Organizational meeting for the year
2. Set date to review town clerk, justice, and supervisor books
3. Review various policies in effect, 7 in all.
4. Fuel Usage report for 2023.
5. CHIPS receipt
6. Approval of County Planning contract with town planning board for 2024
7. Wastewater Report for hamlet of Hamden
8. Budget amendment approvals
9. Water District #1 project update
10. Other that may come before the Town Board

### **Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of December 13, 2023**

A resolution was adopted to increase the Jail revenue by \$300,000 from the Federal Inmate boarding and increase the appropriations by the same amount for Personal Services and Equipment.

A resolution was adopted accepting a grant in the amount of \$20,598 in Emergency Services from NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for preparing a system of emergency preparedness. This was federal money going through the State and then to Counties.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$63,227 in the Mental Health Department and to be used as training for mental health professionals in order to recruit and retain the workforce. This is funded by the State.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$120,500 in Public Works. This funding was taken out of fund balance and applied to solid waste for maintenance and repair of buildings, disposal of tires, disposal of C&D, and for MRF contracted services.

The board gave approval for Public Works to dispose of several pieces of equipment no longer needed for public use. (Trucks small and large, car, skid steer, Grapple, container boxes, etc.)

The board approved a dual employment application for the Sheriff Department employees to work in corrections if needed.

The levy of taxes for special districts, general and highway funds were approved for all Towns in Delaware County. In Hamden, the special districts include lighting districts, water districts, sewer districts, and fire districts.

A resolution was approved to levy county taxes for the January bills. Total levy is \$35,798,940.

The meeting dates for the 2024 county meetings were approved. 18 county meetings in all.

The organizational meeting of January 3, 2024 was approved for 1 pm at the County building.

The Board formally approved the labor agreement between the deputy sheriffs and Delaware County. 4.25% increase each year for 3 years.

A resolution was approved to take \$1,000,000 from the Public Works Fund Balance in order to pay for contractual expenses on the building projects.

A resolution was approved in support of the issuance of revenue bonds by the Central Bradford Progress Authority and declaring that it is desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in Delaware County. A medical center is to be located in Hancock by Lourdes Hospital.

A resolution was approved in the levying of the returned school taxes by each Town. Total unpaid school taxes are \$6,576,361 of which the county is responsible for paying to the school districts. Hamden's unpaid school taxes this year was \$156,834, last year it was \$181,113.

Supervisors Taggart from Franklin, Supervisor of Tuthill of Delhi, Supervisor Axtell of Deposit, Supervisor Valente of Davenport and Supervisor Davis of Middletown were given recognition for their past years of service. The new Supervisors were welcomed for the new year.

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