

## **Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of December 4, 2024**

Highway Superintendent Tweedie reported we should receive \$288,458 in CHIPS funding around December 16<sup>th</sup>. FEMA has been here and we have filed 5 projects from the August flooding. Three on Chambers Hollow, one on East Brook and one town wide road damage. We will need an engineer for the projects. The highway equipment is holding together very well.

Wastewater report for the month of November with 198,718 gallons of wastewater processed for the month.

The next Bicentennial Meeting will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the town hall.

The adoption of our 4<sup>th</sup> local law of 2024 entitled Dog Licensing Law was approved. The only changes were the fees being charged. Most went up \$1.00 per year, but the big change was that there is now a \$10.00 per month late fee to be charged on all late licensing.

The 2025 contract with the Delhi Fire Department for Fire and Ambulance services was approved. The only change from previous contracts is the cost. The new cost is \$106,321 up about \$15,000 from the previous year.

The new bicentennial baseball/schoolhouse museum brochures have been received and are very nice.

We have received the \$4,000 in grant funding from the O'Connor Foundation for various items purchased for the town hall and museum.

The municipal dog shelter report from Ag and Markets was read with all satisfactory comments.

The hamlet of Hamden sidewalk shoveling letter to be sent out were reviewed and approved.

The board approved applying for a \$50,000 NYSERDA grant to install a commercial heat pump in the Highway Garage.

The January Organizational meeting was set for January 2, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

The year end meeting to close out 2024 business was set for December 30, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

## **Town of Hamden Year end Meeting of December 30, 2024 Agenda**

1. 2025 Delaware County Planning Contract
2. Acceptance of a \$50,000 NYSERDA grant for heat pump at the highway garage.
3. CHIPS funding status
4. Other

## **Town of Hamden Organizational Meeting of January 2, 2025 Agenda**

1. Organizational appointments and wages, and committees
2. Waste Water Report
3. Bicentennial gathering date and time
4. Annual Policy Reviews
5. Budget amendments
6. Fuel Usage Reports for 2024
7. Audit date to set for Supervisor, Justice, Town Clerk
8. Other

### **Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting of December 11, 2024**

The board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$275,000 to transfer excess boarding in of prisoner's revenue to the personal services line. Boarding in of Federal prisoner revenue had been more than budgeted.

The board approved a resolution as a budget amendment in purchasing new voting machines at the cost of \$589,000. We need 40 voting machines and the old ones are 15 years old. The successful bidder was Clear Ballot Group, Inc. of Boston. The funding will come out of fund balance.

A budget amendment resolution in the Emergency Services department was approved for \$20,598. EMS was awarded an Emergency Management Performance Grant from the State Homeland Security Program. This grant is to prepare for emergency preparedness and more specifically to purchase interoperable communications equipment.

A budget amendment resolution was approved accepting \$85,356 in funding from the State Homeland Security and Emergency services. It is to be used for the purpose of purchasing a maintenance contract for the Computer Aided Dispatch system and the Records Management System.

A budget amendment resolution was approved to purchase a color printer in Mental Health and to use it from the Federal Salary Sharing account in the amount of \$5,145.

A budget amendment resolution was approved to transfer \$50,045 from the County contingency account to the NYS Psychiatric Hospital fund. This used to be funded at 50% by the State and is now mandated at 100% county share. We had previously transferred \$200,000 for this purpose.

A change order for the Bridge over the Little Delaware in Delhi was approved with additional costs of \$2,370. This brought the total cost to \$4,221,291.

A resolution titled Levy of Taxes for Special Districts was approved. Hamden's portion was as follows: Hamden Lighting \$2,800, DeLancey lighting \$1,900, Delhi Fire District \$686, Walton Fire District \$17,640, Downsville Fire Protection \$3,500, Delhi Rural Fire Protection \$103,821, Downsville Fire District \$5,707, Hamden Sewer District \$12,974, Hamden Delinquent Water \$4,280, DeLancey Delinquent Water \$3,990, Sidewalk snow removal \$440.

The board approved the meeting schedule for 2025. All meetings will be held at 1 pm.

The board set the organizational meeting for January 8, 2025 at 1 pm.

The board approved an agreement for a 25-year retirement plan for peace officers employed at the Probation Department. This would be similar to what the Sheriff Deputies and Correction Officers have.

A resolution was approved to allow the Treasurer to pay for unpaid school taxes for the 2024-2025 year. Unpaid taxes for the entire year are \$6,845,396, unpaid for Hamden alone is \$192,821. For Hamden this is slightly higher than last year.

A budget amendment was approved to allocate \$28,985 to the Delaware County Historical Association towards their proposed building project. This concludes the Federal ARP funding and closes the account with a zero balance. We started with \$8,672,706. This Federal funding was a blessing for our County Departments and for numerous non-profits around the county.

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