

## Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of July 3, 2024

Superintendent Tweedie reported that Gregory Hollow is ready to be paved and Ed Wright Road will be shortly. We will then be working up our dirt roads and mowing roadsides. CHIPS is considering going to funding roads in 5 or 7 years instead of the current 10 years.

Wastewater processed 257,192 gallons in Hamden for the month.

Next Bicentennial meeting will be at the town hall at 6:30 pm on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Water district #1 project in Hamden is complete. Paperwork has been submitted to DASNY for remaining \$56,000 in funding. The DeLancey project has not been started yet, but should be shortly.

The Board passed a local law to establish Residency requirements for the offices of Highway and Deputy Highway Superintendents. They may be from any adjoining town to the Town of Hamden.

Rodney Tweedie appointed Shane Pierce as his Deputy Highway Superintendent.

The new equalization rate for next year is 83.5% down from 93.5%.

We will advertise for fuel bids to be opened on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

The Board approved the new yearly contract with the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society with the same terms as the past few years.

The Moody antenna contract was approved at \$500 per year. This is for the highway department radios.

The Board approved the replacement of the Shriver septic system in DeLancey at an estimated cost of \$22,544.

The owner of the barking dogs in Hamden has installed a solid wooden barricade around the dog yard, in hopes it will dampen the barking noise issue.

The Board authorized Superintendent Tweedie to bid up to \$8,000 for a 2009 International 4wd Plow Truck. It is on Auction International.

Supervisor Marshfield presented a paper to those present, including the Reporter news correspondent on concerns residents may have on the hiring of our Assessor trainee, Katie Taggart. She had an accident 16 years ago that resulted in a felony conviction and has been clean ever since. She paid the price through our legal system and in the Supervisor Marshfield's opinion she should be given a chance to start her life over even though she will always remember the incident with sadness. Katie is smart, very likable with the support of the team at the town hall and will be a positive asset to the Town of Hamden. Unfortunately,

“The Reporter” failed to put any of the Supervisors comments in the paper as it contradicted what they had already reported. Very unfortunate. But this is the report.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

### **Proposed agenda for the August 7<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting at 6:30 pm.**

1. Wastewater Report
2. Opening of Fuel Bids
3. Report on CHIPS project on Highway
4. Bicentennial Meeting and Pre-celebration results
5. Result of bidding on the 2009 International 4WD truck.
6. Other

### **Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting of July 24, 2024**

The Board approved a resolution accepting \$364,051 in grant funding from the State Division of Justice System for the acquisition of law enforcement technology and equipment through the Sheriff’s Department.

The Board approved a resolution accepting \$729.57 in grant funding from the NYSDOH and for Public Health to promote and increase COVID-19 vaccinations.

The Board approved a resolution in the amount of \$85,000 to transfer that amount from Personal Services to the Equipment line. The Equipment line is short of funding due to price increases after the budget was adopted.

The Board approved the purchase of a 3-ton Gantry Crane from Material Handling Technologies of North Syracuse for \$60,996.

The Board approved a change order on the County Structural Steel Preservation Project which was issued for \$419,000. Amstar of Western NY, Inc. was unable to complete the project by the due date, due to delays in details from the Engineers. The project deadline was extended to August 31, 2024.

A Standard Work Day Resolution was approved for 9 different Supervisors and our District Attorney.

The Board approved disposing of 3 vehicles from the Department of Social Services. All Malibu’s, 2017, 2018 and a totaled 2022.

Haley Gransbury was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Deb Goodrich as County Clerk. She will be paid \$81,127 and the appointment would be through 12/31/2025.

A resolution was approved adding acreage to the Ag District No. 2 in Walton and Ag District No. 3 in Bovina.

The Board accepted a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Bassett Healthcare Network to initiate the Office of the Aging agency food box distribution Pilot Project. The funding will be used to provide locally grown produce to promote the agency's stay healthy wellness programs.

A resolution was approved to pay Catskill Watershed Corporation back \$199,536.10 in taxes which were over collected according to a Supreme Court Order.

The Board approved setting a public hearing to obtain citizen input regarding the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES). The hearing will be held on August 28, 2024 at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield