

Town of Hamden Town Board Meeting of October 2, 2024

A resident of Hamden was complaining about cars parking beyond the “no parking” sign at the Hamden Inn. It creates a dangerous situation for motorists coming out of Launt Hollow Road. Supervisor Marshfield said that he has spoken to a Sheriff deputy on two different occasions about it. He further suggested that this resident file a written complaint to the Town and it will be formally submitted in writing to the Sheriff on behalf of the Town of Hamden.

Highway Superintendent Tweedie reported that we have received \$183,463 in CHIPS funding. All paving on Ed Wright and Gregory Hollow Roads are complete. The damage on Rennie Road has been completed at a cost to the property owner of \$3,630 plus Town of Hamden costs. The two 2018 FEMA projects on E. Terry Clove have been finished and will be submitted. There is a webinar coming up on the August FEMA flooding we endured. We have a young man interested in employment with experience to replace our last vacated position.

The board authorized payment of the last Vestal Asphalt bill so that we can get it in to CHIPS with the cancelled check by November 8th.

The next bicentennial committee meeting is October 24th at 6:30 pm at the town hall.

The Hamden Septic system processed 220,872 gallons for the month of September.

The heat pumps have been installed at the museum and the highway superintendent’s office. This is totally paid for by a NYSERDA grant.

A matching grant solicitation for the Bicentennial Committee has been submitted to the O’Connor Foundation for \$10,000.

The board reviewed our dog control law of 2010 and decided to make changes. The changes are relative to slight increase in fees and substantial by the month penalties for unlicensed dogs.

The Tentative budget was approved with a 2.4% increase for all tax payers, plus a 14% increase in fire and ambulance rates for those properties in the Downsville and Delhi Fire Protection Districts. This was created by a 15% increase in contract costs from the Delhi Fire Department.

A local law to override the tax levy limit of 2% was approved.

A public hearing on the budget will be held on November 6th at 6:30 pm at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting of October 9, 2024

A budget resolution was approved in accepting the Police Traffic Services Program Grant was approved in the amount of \$10,965 to the Sheriff's Department. This funding is to increase seat belt usage and reduce dangerous driving behaviors.

A resolution to approve change order #2 through DPW was approved for a contract with Amstar of Western NY. The original contract was \$419,000 and the change order was for an additional \$70,077 for additional structural steel damage, bringing the contract up to \$489,077.

The board approved the disposal of three cars in the DSS department. They were 2017 and 2018 Chevy Malibu's.

The board unanimously appointed Keith Weaver as our new Commissioner of Social Services. It is effective until October 12, 2029. Keith has been filling in as the deputy since the unexpected death of former commissioner Armanno. He has been doing an exceptional job for the department and is most worthy of the position. We interviewed 4 applicants, two in house and two from other counties and selected Keith.

The board approved a resolution accepting \$8,016 in grant funding from Bassett Community Relations to the Office of the Aging. This is for locally grown produce to support the agency's wellness programs.

A resolution was approved in designating the Delaware County Department of Economic Development as tourism promotion agency for 2025.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield

Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting of October 24, 2024

A budget amendment for the acceptance of additional State Aid funding was approved in the amount of \$49,670. This funding is for outpatient mental health clinics.

A budget amendment in the amount of \$1,200 was approved from the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports for a COLA adjustment for contract providers in the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Delaware County.

A budget amendment was approved in the amount of \$70,105 in Mental Health and is for inmates at the jail that participate in criminal defense proceedings and require care from a NYS Psychiatric Hospital. This used to be funding at 50% from the State, but they withdrew funding and now it is 100% on the county.

The board approved the equalization rates for each town. Hamden's rate is at 83.5%. The rates county wide ranged from 100% to 2.16%.

Local Laws were introduced for pay increases for department heads.

Election Commissioner – Maria Kelso - \$62,550
County Attorney – Amy Merklen - \$171,000
Director of Real Property – Sherri Falcone - \$95,000
Personnel Officer – Carrara Knoetgen - \$96,218
Director of Emergency Services – Stephen Hood - \$77,879
Director of Mental Health – Douglas Elston - \$114,124
Commissioner of Social Services – Keith Weaver - \$111,510
Commissioner of Planning – Shelly Johnson-Bennett - \$125,327
Director of Economic Development – Glenn Nealis - \$102,038
Commissioner of Public Works – James Thomas - \$120,371
Public Health Director – Amanda Walsh - \$120,442
Delaware County Sheriff – Craig DuMond - \$115,000
Delaware County Treasurer – Beverly Shields - \$84,574

The public hearing will be held on November 13th at 1:00 pm.

A resolution was approved transferring \$630,000 out of DPW Capital and Bridge fund for meeting payroll for the remainder of 2024.

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