

Hamilton Town Council Annual and Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall 38 Milford Street, Hamilton & Via Zoom Videoconferencing

Present: Eve Ann Schwartz, Shari Taylor, Darrell Griff, Dana Krueger, Travis DuBois.
 Others Present: Sue Reymers, Town Clerk; Brynley Wilcox, Bookkeeper; Luke Dowsland, Highway Superintendent.
 Public: Jody Palmer, Deb Hotaling, Jim Leach (all via Zoom).

Call to order & Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application for Empire State Development Funding for rehabilitation of houses for the purposes of creating good-quality workforce housing in the Town of Hamilton.

List of Houses:

1	199.12-1-15: 1227 Earlville Rd	1296 sf	Residential	Demolition	Vacant
2	199.12-1-15: 1227 Earlville Rd	1296 sf	Residential	Reconstruction	Vacant
3	199.12-1-13: 1237 Earlville Rd	2248 sf	Residential	Deconstruction	Vacant
4	199.12-1-13: 1237 Earlville Rd	2248 sf	Residential	Rehabilitation	Vacant
5	199.12-1-40: 1302 Poolville Rd	2318 sf	Residential	Deconstruction	Vacant
6	199.12-1-40: 1302 Poolville Rd	2318 sf	Residential	Rehabilitation	Vacant
7	199.12-1-30: 7470 Willey Rd	1468 sf	Residential	Deconstruction	Vacant
8	199.12-1-30: 7470 Willey Rd	1468 sf	Residential	Rehabilitation	Vacant
9	199.12-1-6: 1325 Poolville Rd	1632 sf	Residential	Deconstruction	Vacant
10	199.12-1-6: 1325 Poolville Rd	1632 sf	Residential	Rehabilitation	Vacant
11	199.12-1-2: 1351 Poolville Rd	1800 sf	Residential	Deconstruction	Vacant
12	199.12-1-2: 1351 Poolville Rd	1800 sf	Residential	Rehabilitation	Vacant
13	213.20-2-43: 10 West Main St	2420 sf	Residential	Demolition	Vacant
14	213.20-2-43: 10 West Main St	2420 sf	Residential	Reconstruction	Vacant
15	213.16-1-7: 99 North Main St	1976 sf	Residential	Deconstruction	Vacant
16	213.16-1-7: 99 North Main St	1976 sf	Residential	Rehabilitation	Vacant

RESOLUTION 2023-1: Open the public hearing

On a motion of Councilmember Krueger, seconded by Councilmember DuBois, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the public hearing be opened at 7:10 p.m.

Supervisor Schwartz gave a brief overview of the grant's purpose and asked if anyone wanted to speak.

RESOLUTION 2023-2: Close the public hearing

On a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Krueger, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Resolved that the public hearing be closed at 7:03 p.m.

Resolution Authorizing Application for Funding with Empire State Development

RESOLUTION 2023-3: Authorization for the Application for Funding with Empire State Development

Councilor Travis DuBois made the following Resolution, which was seconded by Councilor Shari Taylor:

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamilton is considering strategies to promote new workforce housing within the Town; and

WHEREAS, there is Restore NY funding available from Empire State Development (ESD) available to fund rehabilitation and/or demolition of vacant and underutilized housing (the Project); and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for Community Development (PCD) will assist in the facilitation of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project will result in substantial benefit to the Town of Hamilton in the form of new good-quality housing, and;

WHEREAS, the Town Council held a public hearing on January 12, 2023 at 7 p.m. to obtain citizens' views regarding the Project and the ESD program as administered by the PCD;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to submit an ESD grant application on behalf of the Town of Hamilton in the amount of not more than \$2,000,000 to ESD to support the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement between the Town and ESD and all related documents associated with the ESD grant, including entering into a subrecipient agreement with the PCD for the administration of the Project and the ESD grant, subject to review and approval of all such documents by the Town Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby designated as the Certifying Officer responsible for all activities associated with the environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the Project; and

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Property Assessment list of all properties that may be improved with the Restore NY grant funding shall be published for three consecutive days before said hearing date and shall be reviewed at said public hearing;

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the allocation of \$500 from the fund balance to pay for the application fee and authorizes the Town Supervisor to submit the grant application for this project on behalf of the Town of Hamilton.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Shari Taylor	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Darrell Griff	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Travis DuBois	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Dana Krueger	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Eve Ann Shwartz	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

STAFFING AND CONTRACTUAL APPOINTMENTS:

One-year Appointments, Commencing January 1, 2023 & expiring December 31, 2023:

RESOLUTION 2023-4: Annual Appointments for positions as listed.

On a motion of Councilmember Griff, seconded by Councilmember DuBois, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the following appointments for 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023 as follows:

- Historian – W. Jackson Loop
- Dog Control Officer – Carol Lawrence
- Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer – Chuck Ladd
- Deputy Town Clerk - Elisa Robertson
- Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk & Secretary – Elisa Robertson

RESOLUTION 2023-5: Annual Contractual Appointment for Town Attorney.

On a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember DuBois, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC be the town attorneys for 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-6: Appoint Suzanne K. Reymers, RMC as Town Clerk / Collector, Records Management Officer and Records Access Officer for a 4-year term

On a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember DuBois, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Suzanne K. Reymers, RMC be appointed as Town Clerk/Collector, Records Management Officer, and Records Access Officer for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION 2023-7: Appoint Luke Dowsland as Highway Superintendent for a 4 Year Term

On a motion of Councilmember DuBois, seconded by Councilmember Krueger, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Luke Dowsland be appointed as Highway Superintendent for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2026.

Appointments of Registrar of Vital Statistics and Deputy Registrar

- 1) Suzanne K. Reymers, Registrar (2-year term 1/1/2023-12/31/2024)
- 2) Elisa Robertson, Deputy (2-year term 1/1/2023-12/31/2024)

RESOLUTION 2023-8: Appointment of Registrar/Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics – S. Reymers/E. Robertson for a 2-year term 1/1/2023-12/31/2024

On a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember DuBois, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Suzanne Reymers be appointed as Registrar of Vital Statistics and Elisa Robertson be appointed as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, both for a 2-year term 1/1/2023-12/31/2024.

PLANNING BOARD, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS:

RESOLUTION 2023-9: Planning Board Appointment of Kathleen Palmer

On a motion of Councilmember Griff, seconded by Councilmember Krueger, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Kathleen Palmer be appointed to the Planning Board for a new 5-year term 1/1/2023-12/31/2027.

RESOLUTION 2023-10: Planning Board Annual Chair Appointment

On a motion of Councilmember DuBois, seconded by Councilmember Griff, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Mike Welshko is Chair of the Planning Board for 1/1/2023-12/31/2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-11: Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment of Harmon Hoff

On a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Kreuger, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Harmon Hoff be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a new 5-year term 1/1/2023-12/31/2027.

RESOLUTION 2023-12: Zoning Board of Appeals Annual Chair Appointment

On a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Kreuger, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Harmon Hoff is Chair of the Zoning Board for 1/1/2023-12/31/2023.

APPOINTMENTS & COMMITTEES BY TOWN SUPERVISOR:

Appointments by Town Supervisor

- Supervisor Shwartz appointed Shari Taylor as Deputy Supervisor.
- Supervisor Shwartz appointed Brynley Wilcox as Budget Officer.

TOWN COMMITTEES:

- Cemetery Committee – Darrell Griff, Shari Taylor
- Highway Committee – Travis DuBois, Darrell Griff
- Partnership for Community Development Liaison – Dana Krueger
- Liaison to Colgate University’s Upstate Institute and COVE – Shari Taylor
- Liaison to Villages of Earlville – Shari Taylor
- Liaison to Village of Hamilton – Eve Ann Shwartz
- Liaison to Personnel – Shari Taylor
- Liaison to SOMAC – Travis DuBois

Annual Reorganizational Resolutions**RESOLUTION 2023-13: Official Newspaper - Utica Observer Dispatch**

On a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember DuBois, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Utica Observer Dispatch be designated as the Town’s official newspaper.

RESOLUTION 2023-14: Official Banks – NBT & NYCLASS

On a motion of Councilmember Griff, seconded by Councilmember DuBois, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that NBT, and NYCLASS be designated as the Town’s official banks.

RESOLUTION 2023-15: Authorize Issuance of Payroll – Bi-Weekly and Monthly

On a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Krueger, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the issuance of payroll on either a bi-weekly or monthly basis only be authorized.

RESOLUTION 2023-16: Designate Town Board Meetings

On a motion of Councilmember Griff, seconded by Councilmember DuBois, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Town Board Meetings are designated to be held on the Second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall located at 38 Milford Street and via Zoom Videoconferencing.

- *Legal notice to follow informing public.*

RESOLUTION 2023-17: Authorize Mileage Reimbursement Rate at .655 cents/mile

On a motion of Councilmember DuBois, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the 2023 Town mileage reimbursement rate be in accordance with NYS & Federal rate of .655 cents per mile.

RESOLUTION 2023-18: Authorization for Pre-Pays of Bills

On a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Krueger, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that authorization is given for advance payments of certain monthly bills such as electric, telephone, internet, postage, village court rent, insurances relating to health and dental, property, automobile, liability, and surety be paid as pre-pays. *(Bills that are paid in advance will be listed on the next available abstract and designated as prepaid.)*

RESOLUTION 2023-19: Procurement of a Blanket Undertaking for Municipal Officials and Staff

On a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Kreuger, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, NAYS: 0

Resolved that the Town of Hamilton approve the procurement of a Blanket Undertaking from a duly authorized corporate surety covering the officers, clerks, board members, and employees of the Town pursuant to various sections of New York State Town Law and Public Officers Law.

RESOLUTION 2023-20: Authorize Signatories for Checks

On a motion of Councilmember Griff, seconded by Councilmember DuBois, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, NAYS: 0

Resolved that Eve Ann Shwartz-Town Supervisor, Dana Krueger-Councilmember, Darrell Griff-Councilmember, Shari Taylor-Councilmember, Travis DuBois-Councilmember are signatories for checks.

RESOLUTION 2023-21: Establish \$200 Petty Cash Fund & Impose \$20.00 fee for Bounced Checks

On a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember DuBois, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, NAYS: 0

Resolved that a \$200 Petty Cash fund be established in the Town Clerk's department for town office use and to authorize the imposition of a \$20.00 fee on each check tendered as payment to the Town which is subsequently returned for insufficient funds or similar reasons.

Public Comments: None.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent – Luke Dowsland

GENERAL REPAIRS:

- Unplugged all the frozen culverts around town (Rhodes Road freezes solid)
- Ditched on Chapple Rd

EQUIPMENT:

- Fixed a broken solenoid on the chipper
- Put a new ignition switch in 16
- Put a new wiper motor in 16
- Tightened the tailgate on 16

TREE REMOVAL:

- Cut brush around the town
- Scheduled a tree removal on Bailey Rd with Brent Harris
- Removed 2 trees in the Hamilton Rural Cemetery

SNOW REMOVAL:

- Plowed and sanded 14 times
- Used 16,800 gallons of brine and 504 years of sand

OTHER:

- Spent a week and a half working on the new 511 getting it ready for SOMAC's use
- Shifts have started
- Put rear brakes on Ambulance 514
- Fixed a flat tire on Ambulance 513
- The new skid steer finally showed up

Supervisor/Bookkeeper – Brynley Wilcox**SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT 2022-2023:**

- \$1,851.91 was received from the County (Plow Dates: 11/16/22 – 11/20/22)
- 2022 YTD: \$ 115,641.22
- BUDGET: \$ 120,000.00 (short \$4,400)

MORTGAGE TAX:

- \$29,805.56 was received from the County (April – September 2022 Mortgage Tax)
 - 6.04% over Apr-Sep 2021 distribution (\$28,107.28)
- YTD: \$66,013.35 (\$36,013.35 over budget)
- Budgeted: \$30,000.00

CHIPS:

- \$183,008.48 was received from NYSDOT
 - \$54,927.37 was rolled over for next year

END OF YEAR REQUIREMENTS:

- W-2s and 1099s were mailed out January 3rd
- A draft of the Town's AUD will be ready by the March meeting. It is due to the State by April 1, 2023.

2022 YEAR-END FINANCIALS:

- Balance Sheet
- Profit & Loss vs. Budget
- Fund Balance—2018 to 2022

RESOLUTION 2023-22: Receive and File Financials

On a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Krueger, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the 2022 financials and fund balance 2018 – 2022 be received and filed.

RESOLUTION 2023-23: Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilmember Griff, seconded by Councilmember DuBois, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #1 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund A	No.	1	<i>through</i>	18	70,917.76
General Fund B	No.	1	<i>through</i>	1	39.65
Highway Fund DB	No.	1	<i>through</i>	6	13,369.89
Street Lighting SL	No.	1	<i>through</i>	2	259.71
TOTAL:					84,587.01

Town Clerk – Sue Reymers**CLERK’S OFFICE:**

- December cash disbursements and bank reconciliations completed, up to date.
- Credit Cards: We’ve successfully been offering the credit card option, which has been used for various purchases. People like the option and the fees are not presenting any issues. They like convenience.
- Tax Collection 2023: Electronically received tax roll and bills just before Christmas. The Tax Roll is on the website. We are getting the usual requests for copies and a couple of questions on taxes. Legal notices were completed as usual. The Official Tax Roll Book has also been received, thanks to Supervisor Shwartz who saved me from a trip to Wampsville to pick it up.
- ACC Tech Work:
 - A new Firewall was installed for the network.
 - .Gov emails and Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) – pending.

Community Room:

- Lifelong Learning continues to utilize the space monthly.
- Town Court will be using it for the jury for a trial soon. There may be a second trial as well.
- The Clerk’s Office is hosting a training for Madison County Dog Control Officers on January 28 in partnership with WRHA.

Cemetery Committee:

- Woodlawn Cemetery: I received 6 boxes on Friday, January 6. Debbie Kliman will drop off the signed agreement with list of boxes on 1/10.
- Pontem Software: I spoke with a sales person from Pontem. This continues to look promising as a solution for our community. I will have a more information report in either February or March.

9- Mile Park:

- SAM Grant became the CREST Grant since it was a better fit for the 9-mile project. It will still be handled by DASNY. It was submitted on 12/22/2022 to Senator May's office. Grant is for \$135,000.

Policies:

- Recording & Photography Equipment Use Policy – pending.

RESOLUTION 2023-24: Approval of Minutes – 12/8/2022

On a motion of Councilmember DuBois, seconded by Councilmember Griff, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the minutes for December 8, 2022 be approved.

Codes Enforcement Officer – Chuck Ladd

12-5-22: Email and phone calls. IPS training. 12:30-4:30

12-6-22: Inspections, home owner correspondence. 9-1

12-13-22: File review. Code research. Local and State. 10-1

12-14-22: Final inspection for Gary Harris. No office time. 12-1:30

12-19-22: IPS software work. 9-12

12-20-22: A. Sawyer final inspection. Bricca final inspection. 10-2

Supervisor Shwartz added that the Codes Enforcement Officer is also working on the Housing Grant.

Town Justice - Annual Report – Hon. Donald Haight *(delayed to February meeting)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery Committee – Chair Darrell Griff - Nothing to report.

Highway Committee – Nothing to report. They need to meet.

Partnership for Community Development Liaison Report – Dana Krueger

PCD is not meeting in January so nothing to report. Supervisor Shwartz added that the PCD is working to help the town complete the Restore NY Housing Grant.

SOMAC Liaison Report – Travis DuBois

Travis DuBois reported on the latest call numbers and financials. The auditors requested that the town's time for fixing the ambulances is added to the budget, so it's recorded. The new fly car, a 2014 Tahoe (a police pursuit vehicle-PPV), is in service. It was paid for by a combination of SOMAC reserve fund, \$4,000 in donations – total cost \$15,000 with additional \$4,100 to prepare it for use. SOMAC's board expressed thanks to Luke and Company for the time his team put in on the car.

The Nominating committee did not meet in December so elections are delayed a month. On February 14, they will host their annual meeting and elections. So far, no new board members have been brought forward.

Supervisor Shwartz mentioned that Colgate reached out the morning after the incident with the Buffalo Bills player to get together to discuss standbys and are extremely aware of the importance of having that service in light of that incident. Per Travis, they plan on doing additional training for folks on the field, including on how to remove helmets because they have changed so much.

Supervisor Shwartz shared that the Madison County Public Safety Committee met to discuss ambulance services with 11 or 12 Town Supervisors in executive session. The committee reviewed surveys of the various ambulance services including some private information that will be kept confidential. The committee is analyzing the information. The group will continue to meet. More will be reported next month.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

9 Mile Swamp Project

Eve Ann reported that the DEC contacted us and they need additional information on our application.

Earlville for Earlville Project – Shari Taylor

The group did not get the grant for the park, but the state provided feedback on the application. Next meeting is end of February.

Hamilton Climate Preparedness Working Group (HCPWG)

The group is meeting next week. Meanwhile, Chris Rossi, John Pumilio and Sue Reymers met with Holly Hutchinson of the Finger Lakes Climate Fund to discuss funding from Colgate that needs expending. The funding is for climate offsets that could be directed towards projects in and around Hamilton, bridging funding shortfalls for home energy installations for homeowners within a certain income range. This has prompted the meeting to identify those who were interested in the Hamilton Heat Smart program last year. The program has been on a hiatus since last summer because Heat Smart CNY, which funding ended last summer, became inactive. It is being revived as the Heat Smart Hub.

Housing: Affordable/Vacant Grant

Already discussed.

Zoning Update

The town hopes to wrap up their review soon and then host public sessions, much like what was done for the Comprehensive Plan process. Next workshop is January 30.

Short Term Rentals – Moratorium expires 4/15/2023

The moratorium expires April 15 and there is concern that the town board will not be able to finish the zoning revisions in time to address short term rentals. The town will need to seek another extension of the moratorium. There was a discussion on the recent public hearings for the proposed short term rental policy/law that the Village of Hamilton has proposed.

OLD BUSINESS:**NYSERDA Grant for Clean Energy Project - \$10,000 – application due March 1, 2023**

Board discussed the options for the grant. It's down to 2 different projects: air source heat pump at highway garage for the office and breakroom or EV Charging Station either in the Village of Earlville at Bell Tree or in the Village of Hamilton public parking lot on Milford Street.

Sue will contact Melanie Vilardi at the Village of Hamilton. Luke will get a quote for the highway garage. Sue will also contact Amanda about the charging station locations. Shari will talk to the Bell Tree. Travis recommended an EV Charging Station (Juice Bar) that he installed in the Village of Sherburne, and he will get a quote. Also discussed solar speed signs. Shari, Travis, Luke, and Sue are on the committee. Application due March 1.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resolution to Establish 9 Mile Park****RESOLUTION 2023-25: ESTABLISHING THE "TOWN OF HAMILTON NINE MILE PARK" IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON ON PREMISES OWNED BY THE TOWN AND LOCATED ON WICKWIRE ROAD (TAX MAP NO. 171.-1-8)****SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

The following resolution was offered by Councilor Dana Krueger, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilor Shari Taylor, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamilton previously acquired approximately 7 acres of property along Wickwire Road in the Town of Hamilton to, *inter alia*, protect and preserve public access to the Sangerfield River; and

WHEREAS, said location is a popular area for the public to launch kayaks and canoes and to otherwise recreate and access the Nine Mile Swamp; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamilton has worked in conjunction with the Partnership for Community Development and interested community members to develop a Town Park that will include universal accessibility to the Sangerfield River, an improved parking lot area, a wood pavilion and a natural play area for use by residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamilton Town Board desires to formally establish the property on Wickwire Road as a Town Park; and

WHEREAS, such action constitutes a Type II action for purposes of State Environmental Quality Review and, as a result, no environmental impact is anticipated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Town Law Section 220, the Town of Hamilton Town Board hereby formally establishes a town park on the 7-acre property owned by the Town on Wickwire Road (Tax Map No. 171.-1-8), which shall be formally known as the "Town of Hamilton Nine Mile Park"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the park land to be improved with suitable buildings, structures, apparatus and other features; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be subject to permissive referendum and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to post and publish a notice of adoption of this resolution within ten (10) days of this resolution in accordance with the Town Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Dana Krueger	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Shari Taylor	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Darrell Griff	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Travis DuBois	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Eve Ann Shwartz	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

RESOLUTION 2023-26: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWH OF HAMILTON ADOPTING THE 2022 MADISON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN OF MITIGATION PLAN

The following resolution was offered by Councilor Shari Taylor, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilor Travis DuBois, to wit:

WHEREAS the Hamilton Town Council recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Town of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS the Town of Hamilton has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2022 Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the 2022 Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Town of Hamilton from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Hamilton Town Council demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2022 Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town of Hamilton in Madison County, State of New York, **THAT:** Section 1. The Hamilton Town Council adopts the 2022 Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited, or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Dana Krueger	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Shari Taylor	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Darrell Griff	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Travis DuBois	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Eve Ann Schwartz	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Concerns of Town Board:

Luke Dowsland brought up the NYS legislation that allows towns to adopt a local law offering a real property tax exemption of up to 10% for volunteer firefighters and the ambulance workers in certain situations. Counties, schools, and fire districts can also pass the law. The town's assessor noted that Hamilton does not offer the initial exemption which was for \$1,500. This is 10% of the full value and could have huge implications and recommends some sort of study before considering. Luke reviewed some details of who would qualify. There was a long discussion. Eve Ann will find out if Madison County plans to adopt this exemption. Luke will bring the different fire departments criteria to the board to review. Luke plans to talk to the various school districts, the Towns of Brookfield and Madison, and the Hubbardsville Fire District. Travis will talk to SOMAC about this exemption.

Supervisor's Report: Madison County Activities: Already reported on.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Krueger, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne K. Reymer, RMC
Town Clerk