

The regular monthly meeting of the Hamilton Town Board was held on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Office, 16 Broad Street. Present were: Supervisor Eve Ann Shwartz, Deputy Supervisor Peter Darby, Carolyn Todd, Town Council; Mayor Margaret Miller, Linda Manchester, Asst. Bookkeeper/Supv. Secretary; Gerald Hayes, Deb Kliman, Rob Wise, and Tom Fagan. C. Rossi was absent due to the death of a friend, and D. Holcomb had to do emergency NYSEG work.

Supervisor Shwartz welcomed the public and Tom Fagan said he found on unclaimed funds money for the Town of Hamilton. Linda Manchester will look into this. Deb Kliman asked that Harvey Kliman's Term on the ZBA Board be looked into.

A Motion to Accept the February 9, 2012 Town Board Minutes was made by C. Todd, seconded by P. Darby and carried; Eve Ann would like the following figures she had said included in those Minutes: \$81,171.00 received from Colgate in lieu of taxes, State Aid received for completing 2011 Reassessment in the amount of \$10,860; and in Codes a saving of \$6,610.

Highway Supt. Bert Glazier then gave his Highway Report. They have sanded and plowed 31 times, they serviced the backhoe, they have worked on trees and culverts, he said it is too early to complete the Annual Agreement to Spend Highway Funds – for example: Preston Hill Road is out of shape, he said. They are working on improvements in the Town Garage – they have finished the bathroom. Discussion about selling current tractor & mower, discussion about purchasing a mowing tractor, and discussion about sale of loader via Auctions International. Further discussion regarding 10 year Capital Budget, with Eve Ann, Peter and Bert meeting with the Cazenovia Highway Supt. and creating a detailed repair costs report.

A Motion was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Todd and carried allowing the Highway Supt. to purchase a mowing tractor for \$43,900; 2007 JD 5525 4WD with side & rear flail mowers.

Financial Discussion: Peter said the Fund Balance is actual. Peter said we need actual Expenditures figures and actual Revenues Figures – Linda Manchester can do that. The buyer of our Loader was not happy with its condition, and Bert said he owned it for 3 and ½ months before he complained. Bert said he bought it on an “as is” condition.

Monday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Garage was tentative set as a date for the second Town Board Meeting of the month.

Mayor Miller said the Town has not paid the Village \$10,000 yet for the youth recreation program. Discussion: Also the Earlville and Hamilton Senior Citizens and the Hamilton Food Cupboard need to be paid.

A Motion was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Todd and carried authorizing the payment of \$2,000 to the Earlville Senior Citizens, \$2,000 to the Hamilton Senior Citizens, \$2300 to the Hamilton Food Cupboard, \$450 to the Earlville American Legion, and \$450 to the Hamilton American Legion.

Eve Ann said the Town Clerk did a great job and found the Resolution (#22) on Minutes Page 673 wherein the Town agreed to pay the Village of Hamilton \$10,000 annually for 10 years to help pay for HFD Rescue Truck. Mayor Miller said one payment for \$10,000 was made on December 27, 2010.

A Motion was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Todd and carried to make the following payments to the Village of Hamilton: \$10,000 for the 2011 year for the HFD Rescue Truck, \$10,000 for the 2012 year for the HFD Rescue Truck, and \$10,000 for the Youth Recreation Program.

A Motion to pay the Highway Bills was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Todd and carried # 39-51, in the amount of \$9628.46.

A Motion to pay the General Bills was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Todd and carried # 42-61, in the amount of \$39347.54. Per C. Todd's questioning, Linda Manchester said Hanover's and the Town Clerk's (required many different codes) bills were now there for their review. The Pre-Pays for March 2012 were \$7598.86.

Informational: It is time for the Tax Collector to send out delinquent Tax Reminder Notices – there are usually about 300 to do, and they must be done in the month of March, by Law. The work is done here at the Town level.

Discussion: Town's Annual Financial Report – when done- a Legal Ad must be put in the newspaper, and a copy needs to be available here at the Town Office. L. Manchester is to get a copy printed, Eve Ann said.

Discussion: Mowing Hamilton Center Cemetery – Motion done to bid the work was ended. The Highway Supt. said they (the Highway Staff) could mow it and save the Town about \$1600.

C. Todd said the website launch date was March 15th, but Matt (North Shore Solutions) was not sure when the launch date will be – it is delayed. D. Kliman said the landing page of the Town and Village & maps were taking more time. Therefore maybe training of the Village and several Town employees can take place in April. C. Todd said Matt (North Shore Solutions) has many Maintenance Packages: 1 month – 6 hours- \$200; 3 months - \$575; and he said he will negotiate. Past that his fee is \$30 an hour to help us. Eve Ann said \$30 an hour x 6 hours is \$180; so that would be cheaper. The Village is going with a 2 month contract to start with. C. Rossi and C. Todd also want website training. You have to have a password to put information on; it can have minutes, agendas, meeting notices and financial reports on it. It was discussed to still put notices in the newspaper, because not everyone has a computer.

A Motion was made by C. Todd, seconded by P. Darby and carried to sign the Contract for One Month Maintenance with North Shore Solution, at a cost of \$200, to begin after the site is launched.

Bond, Schoeneck & King (Syracuse Law Firm) sent the Town a letter saying there is a new open meetings law stating documents to be discussed at a Meeting should be made available for the public beforehand. Eve Ann said she will talk to the Town Attorney Steve Jones about this. Mayor Miller said it stated – unless it is a hardship.

Eve Ann said the Agreement with the Village of Hamilton to shared services of the Codes Enforcement Officer, Paul McGinnis, is close to being finalized. Then Paul will have to answer to two bosses, Sean Graham and Eve Ann; she said.

Eve Ann said Rochelle Harris, Assessor, does not have Roach's files (they are on his laptop), she does not have photos pertaining to the 2011 Reval. Carol Brophy (at the County) said an Audit was going on pertaining to Ag Exemption entitlements. Eve Ann said Rochelle wants a different printer and a new camera. Eve Ann asked about assessor's contractual and P. Darby said if she needs it – we will find the money. Discussion: trying to get a photo of each property – young people can perhaps do the Village (C. Todd will speak with Hamilton's principal), retired people, they will need identification and a letter of explanation, and need to be careful of bad dogs & irate landowners- can maybe do the Town outside.

Eve Ann stated a letter received from Roger Bradstreet (Town of Nelson Supervisor) informed of a Natural Gas Development Training Course for Municipal Planners and Leaders being held on March 27th, from 6-9 p.m., at the STUAC Theatre Auditorium at Morrisville State College.

Resolution # ___ was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Todd and carried that this Natural Gas Development Training Course will satisfy the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Natural Gas Training; with Linda Manchester to notify all these Board Members ASAP since this Training will count toward the annual minimum education required for the respective Boards members.

A Motion was made by C. Todd, seconded by P. Darby and carried for the Town to pay \$300 for Joint Membership in ICLEI. Greenhouse Gas Study (GHG) –Joint with Village of Hamilton. Eve Ann said she will send Chris Rossi an email.

C. Todd then talked about the Audit of the Community Block Grant. She said when the Report comes out from Auditor Denise Cannon – we will need a Response. She said she emailed everyone information about this.

C. Todd also went to a meeting about the new proposed 500 feet Windmills in Madison, NY. She had a Map of the proposed placement of these windmills that would border the Town of Hamilton. There is a map at Parry's, and there is one online B. Moseley said. D. Kliman said another concern is the noise level, the flicker effect, and the shadow effect.

Discussion about the Madison County Landfill is a leader, utilizing the heat that comes off the landfill and gasification of wood.

Eve Ann reported the Madison County Energy Committee is studying renewable energy sources: Solar/wind/and micro hydro energy. The County is moving ahead with solar.

Discussion about the Town's Umbrella Insurance Policy's current limit, and the fact the ambulance service is covered.

A Motion was made by C. Todd, seconded by P. Darby and carried to increase the Umbrella Coverage of Liability for the Town of Hamilton to 4 million dollars, for an additional cost of \$1232.

A Motion to go into Executive Session regarding possible litigation was made by C. Todd, seconded by P. Darby and carried.

A Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Todd and carried.

A Motion was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Todd and carried to direct Attorney Steve Jones to settle the C & S Wholesale case for \$1,000,000 assessment.

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by C. Todd, seconded by P. Darby and carried at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine S. Hotaling
Town Clerk

