

The Hamilton Town Board held Public Hearings on Thursday November 1, 2012, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Town Office, 16 Broad Street, for the following matters: For the Purpose of Considering Contracting with the Village of Earlville, New York for Fire Protection for 2013 year—For the Purpose of Considering Contracting with the Village of Hamilton, New York for Fire Protection for 2013 year-and For Meeting and Reviewing said 2013 Year Preliminary Budget and holding a Public Hearing thereon. Present were: Supervisor Eve Ann Shwartz, Deputy Supervisor Peter Darby, Chris Rossi, Councilor; Bert Glazier, Highway Supt., Sue Reymers, Bookkeeper, Mayor Miller, Deb Kliman, C. Todd, Councilor (on skype), and Hilary Virgil (new Librarian).

Eve Ann welcomed the public and opened the Public Hearings and asked if anyone wished to speak.

Deb Kliman said she noted \$8000 was being proposed for SOMAC and Eve Ann said to help with their some of their financial problems. Office of the Aging contribution was noted, and Deb wanted to say thanks on behalf of the Recreation Commission for the \$10,000 contribution, and also for putting money in the budget for the Library. That is for 2 libraries Eve Ann said – for Earlville's (\$1500) and Hamilton's (\$500). The new Library Director Hillary Virgil was introduced to the Town Board. Mayor Miller said maybe someday the Town could contribute to Hamilton's Summer Music Program, too, as it serves many people. The Town does contribute to the Syracuse Symphony program, it was noted.

The distribution of snow removal remains as it has. The Town Outside is doing the highway repair – Town Wide is doing snow removal – Peter explained to the Mayor. The equipment is a Town Wide expense they have learned, and there have been a couple changes in Revenue to balance that; Peter said. We are now receiving the Sales Tax as a contribution and that has all been applied to Town Outside (DB). However, the Colgate contribution is appropriately applied to Town Outside (DB); but we have chosen to take a portion of that to apply to Town Wide

(DA); so the tax increase is the same percentage for Town Wide and Town Outside. Eve Ann explained \$30,000 went into D A and \$54,000 went into DB.

Maybe there could be future consolidation of snow removal services, to economize for all the tax payers, Eve Ann said to the Mayor. The impact of the 2013 Year Preliminary Budget is \$30 per \$100,000 assessed valuation, Peter said; a 17% increase Eve Ann said.

At this point Eve Ann & Peter went over the proposed 2013 Year Budget item by item, explaining some of the items, such as:

1) Personal Services line for Assessor reflects we are paying more annually for the Assessor – 2013 year: it will be \$30,000. Assessor will make sure that her data files are up to date on each property - with up to date photographs; Eve Ann said. She is here 2 days a week, instead of just one day.

2) All employees received a 2% raise. Also, under Buildings-Equipment: up to \$5,000 to upgrade computers on Page 3.

3) There is an increase in Contractual Expenses (under Director of Finance) from \$1,000 to \$7000 – that is for the new bookkeeper Sue to receive training and get CPA help, when needed.

4) Under Garage - \$39,375 – that is the cost of the solar panels going on the garage – offset of fund balance, will not affect the taxes. \$35,000 is to repair a bridge (Summary Page).

5) Summary Page - \$111,000 from the appropriated reserve is the net cost of the new highway equipment.

6) Eve Ann explained those 2 columns together make up the total amount that they will be pulling out of the Reserve Fund – they are not going to take any money to reduce taxes this year.

7) Page 14 shows the Capital Plan of the Town of Hamilton; Sue Reymers said.

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8) The Highway Dept. took over the work of the Hamilton Center Cemetery, thus saving the Town \$1,716.52 (Page 4).

9) Page 5 – other payments - \$2787 – is the Madison Lane in lieu of money.

10) Discussion about Dog Licenses – NYS Law is that you need to license your dog; How to enforce. Talk to Larry Butts, Dog Control Officer. Eve Ann asked: How many dogs are licensed in the Town –Answer: about 400 dogs.

11) Labor for in house repair – is in Machinery Personal Services (Page 6).

12) \$351,000 Equipment (Highway) is anticipated purchase price for equipment. (Page 6).

13) Page 7 - \$30,000 is Colgate. \$240,00 is sale of Equipment. \$90,000 is money that comes from plowing the roads for the County.

14) Page 8 - \$20,000 for our Rescue Fire Truck share to the Village. PCD: \$10,000 contribution up from \$5,000.

15) Page 9 – new to us: Sales Tax Revenue \$68,945.

16) Page 10 – General Road Repair Contractual Expenditures line- will be monitored; CHIPS money helps this. Machinery Equipment \$40,000 has been moved to DA account.

17) Discussion: To save money: Wing Men are gone in the Highway Dept., Employee Benefit figures were discussed. (Page 10). SOMAC and Fire Dept. services were discussed. Lighting District Bills were discussed.

The Mayor and Town Board discussed talking with L. Petrie of NYS to gather more helpful information.

The Mayor thanked the Town for looking out for her Village residents, with the use of some of Colgate's in lieu of taxes money.

The Supervisor asked three times if anyone wished to speak on the Public Hearings.

A Motion to Close the Public Hearings was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Rossi and carried.

The Town Board then discussed the Fire Districts-Earlville, Hamilton, Hubbardsville.

The Supervisor Opened the Public Hearings on the Town's 2013 year Contract with the Village of Earlville, New York for Fire Protection, and the Town's 2013 year Contract with the Village of Hamilton, New York for Fire Protection.

C. Todd asked about Hamilton's increase in their Fire Contract, and Eve Ann said the Mayor and her staff will get something to the Town Board explaining what the differences are in the 2013 Contract.

She asked three times if anyone wished to speak.

A Motion to Close the Public Hearings on both of the 2013 year Fire Protection Contracts was made by C. Rossi, seconded by P. Darby and carried.

A Motion was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Rossi and carried that the Town of Hamilton Adopt both the Village of Earlville and Village of Hamilton's 2013 year Fire Contracts. Vote was unanimous.

Eve Ann thanked Peter Darby and Sue Reymers for all their hard work on the 2013 year Budget.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Rossi and carried at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine S. Hotaling, Town Clerk

