

**Regular Town Board Meeting
September 22, 2021**

The Hamlin Town Board held their regular scheduled meeting in the Hamlin Town Hall located at 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin, New York. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Peters. Everyone was invited to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the deceased residents of Hamlin.

Present: Councilperson Jason Baxter, Councilperson Jennifer Voelkl, Councilperson Phil Hurlbutt, Councilperson Joel Yager, Supervisor Eric Peters.

Also present: Town Clerk - Patty Jo Groenendaal, Highway Superintendent –Mike German, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer – Cheryl Pacelli, Town Attorney – Maureen Werner, Austin Warner, Gerry Hutchison, Amber Gallo, Matt Fisher, Angel Male, John Ebel, Steve Baase, Jess and Linsey VanWayckhuse, Jenn Haris, Margg Mattison, Chip and Deb White, Thomas Beger, John Coffee, Cody Bailey, Jake VanWayckhuse, Camrin White, Tristen Burns, Cohn Simmns, Mark Leadeth, Jennifer and Katie VanWayckhuse.

BROADCASTED LIVE:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqsupzDIFgA&ab_channel=TownofHamlin%20CNY

INVOCATION: Led by John Ebel from Hamlin New Testament Church

PUBLIC FORUM:

Gerry Hutchison found out the town dump was closed and this is an importance to Hamlin residents especially with all the Ash trees dying. He has donated 41 trees so far, some that were up to 80'tall. Ideas for some solutions include buying a permit and keeping the area gated. Contractors propose a \$50.00 per load to dump maybe pay in advance a punch a card. Possibly volunteers to help man it. Hours could be like Wednesday 9 – 12 and Saturdays 10 – 2. Would love to see published policies for the issues such as where to dump and residents following the rules. Would like to see it open as soon as possible. Gave Mike German some other written down ideas.

Mike German – Jerry has been helpful with ideas. Grinding the brush was never an issue for our residents. Unfortunately, other area towns are closed and have encouraged them to come to Hamlin. There is a concern to charge contractors he doesn't think you can charge them enough to offset what it is costing. There are other areas where contractors can dump for no charge because they get paid for their chips.

Eric Peters- we are trying to get this back open and running as soon as possible

Jessie and sister Lindsey VanWayckhuse – Petition presented to the board along with picture of the memorial. Received notification that the memorial on Westfall needs to be removed.

Statement provided to the Town below:

Good evening, and thank you for allowing us to speak on behalf of Caz Whites memorial on Westphal Drive.

September 25th, 2019 is a day that we will never forget. The day we got the call that no one ever wants to or expects to get. "He is gone, Caz is gone". Caz lost his life in a tragic automobile accident and in an instant our lives were changed forever.

Caz a name that you heard and would instantly smile. He was truly one of a kind. If you were lucky enough to know or meet him, you would never forget him. The most genuine kind-hearted loving soul and was known for giving some of the biggest and best bear hugs around. He has touched the lives of more people than we ever knew. So many that we call it our #CazLove family. Caz grew up in Hamlin and dedicated many years of his free time to volunteer for the community. He coached the Hamlin Hornets football team and spent his free time helping at his dad's auto shop to name a few.

He was more than just a local, but was a valued member of the community and a friend to all. He was a true friend and a loyal one at that. Dropping what he was doing to help family, friends or even an absolute stranger in need, no questions asked. Caz cherished his family and friends and would give the shirt off his back, and literally has at times. If someone was stuck or stranded on the side of the road, he would stop to help them without hesitation. All he ever wanted to do was make people laugh and boy did he. He had such an infectious smile and laugh. He brought a different kind of light and laughter into our lives that can never be replaced. I'm sure you have seen around town all of the #cazlove support from purple clothing key chains, car decals. Our caz love family is our family.

The town of Hamlin has reached out to the parents of Caz and have informed them that the memorial we've all had a part in creating must be removed by Monday, September 27th. His memorial has been established for 2 years. The town has received complaints that were not fully disclosed with us. They kindly asked us to remove his memorial ourselves, and if not then they would have to do it for us. We feel the memorial is doing no harm but instead bringing so much love and strength to the community and we ask to keep the memorial at Westfall Thank you for your time.

When the news of his passing got out, the community rallied together to make his memory and name live on. Caz was an incredible fisherman whose love of fishing was like no other. He grew up in ponds and creeks, rivers and lakes. The first to jump in the water without hesitation. Westphal Drive being a place he called his second home. He didn't just go there to catch and release. He cleaned up the area daily of debris, cans and bottles, fishing line and anything else

that could harm wildlife. At one point he left a garbage can down there to reduce pollution and would take care of that as well. He cared about wildlife, and the outdoors. Westphal became his memorial spot after his passing. We knew this was the perfect spot. His mom as do so many others go there often to clear their head and to talk to him, to feel his warmth from all the love and sentiments people leave to be cherished. Reason being is that so many people had memories and adventures with him there. The countless hours of fishing, kayaking, wading and boat rides. This was a place we needed because when we gather there, we can feel his presence, we can see the memories and feel the overwhelming love. It's one spot we can go to remember him by who he was, not the tragedy that happened.

We have abided by the rules set to us by the town and we will continue to do so. We keep the spot cleaned and well maintained all year round. We removed everything off the tree when asked. The local news even reached out to us to do a story on Caz and his memorial. He is a local Legend. We can't handle another loss, and I'm sure many of you know of Caz.

Hamlin is a beautiful place to live, and visit as we all know. Removing this memorial means that we won't have a place to cherish his memories that we grew up with. It is more than a public plot of land. This special plot of land fills the hearts of so many in times of need. The removal of Caz's memorial realistically will not discourage people from still visiting this spot, but it will only have detrimental effects on an already grieving family and community.

We have come here today to ask with the most sincerest heart to please let us keep his memorial. It has done no harm to the public. If there are complaints that have not been disclosed with us, we deserve to hear the complaints. It is a beautiful space that is treasured and loved and well maintained. There is a countless number of people that visit Westfall that have no association to the memorial so how do we know that these complaints are actually due to the memorial?

They have turned in the Signatures to show how many were touched by Caz. Maybe a plaque on the tree or a bench would be nice to put in his memorial.

Eric Peters – No parent should have to suffer the loss of a child. We feel for the family. This has put the Town in a no-win situation. The town gets complaints from the neighbors that live there. Most of the property is private property. The town gets the complaints of the memorial piling up and blowing around. Tearing up the road and the burnouts is not appropriate. All need to be considerate of all involved. This is a road right of way when the road was reconstructed. We can not put things in the road right of way.

There needs to be a main contact person who can be the one to call when there are issues and to police their own people. For the short term some of these materials need to be removed and kept from blowing. We can not stop people from going there but it is not a place for burnouts.

Amber Gallo – Is willing to do anything to keep that place she will do the cleaning everyday if that is what it takes to keep this family able to visit this spot where they feel closest to their loved one. Was not aware that the water access is private property only the roadway part.

Peters – reiterated that we need that contact person. If there is to be a gathering the town would like to know about it. This is part of the problem that the water access if private property.

People were going there even before the memorial has been a problem. The compromise is making sure there is a contact person.

Jessie VanWayckhuse – Questioned when to expect a follow-up?

Peters – After a few meetings this should not be a knee jerk reaction and make sure this is done right.

APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2021:

Resolution #194 Motion made by Councilperson Baxter and seconded by Councilperson Yager to approve the Town Board Minutes of September 22, 2021.

Polled votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Supervisor Peters aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE FUNDS:

Resolution #195 Motion made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Yager to approve the payment of bills from their respective funds.

ACCOUNT	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT TOTALS
General	2021-1127	63.08	
	2021-1128 to 2021-1131	3833.01	
	2021-1154 to 2021-1165	7151.15	
Account Total			\$ 11,047.24
Library	2021-1137 to 2021-1138	206.09	
Account Total			\$ 206.09
Highway	2021-1142 to 2021-1153	124738.79	
Account Total			\$ 124,738.79
Sewer	2021-1132 to 2021-1133	143.92	
	2021-1140 to 2021-1141	449.01	
Account Total			\$ 592.93
Light	2021-1134	1697.23	
Account Total			\$ 1,697.23
Huntington Park	2021-1139	1146.00	
Account Total			\$ 1,146.00
Hamlin-Kendall #5	2021-1137	55.00	
Account Total			\$ 55.00

Hamlin-Lakeshore	2021-1138	28147.60	\$	28,147.60
Account Total				
Employees Trust	2021-1126	2470.06		
	2021-1135 to 2021-1136	130.62		
Account Total				
			\$	2,600.68
Paychex	2021-1123	104.24		
Account Total				
			\$	104.24
Visa Charges	Amazon	1450.27		
	Udemy Inc	11.99		
Account Total:				
			\$	1,462.26
GRAND TOTAL:				
			\$	171,798.06

Polled votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Supervisor Peters aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Friends to Friends Workshop 3 reminder
 MCZ News Weekly 9/15/21

REQUESTING TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Resolution #195 Motion made by Councilperson Baxter and seconded by Councilperson Yager to approve,

WHEREAS, the County owns, operates, and maintains parks in the towns and villages of the County; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Monroe County Shared Services Plan adopted pursuant to General Municipal Law § 239-bb included sharing resources between municipalities and/or jointly procure contracts to provide programming, facilities, and administration of parks and recreation across municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, pursuant Resolution 196 of 2021, the Monroe County Legislature authorized this Agreement to share recreation programs and park services with towns and villages of the County; therefore

The Town of Hamlin, Town Board authorizes this Agreement to share recreation programs and park services with the County of Monroe and authorizes the Supervisor to execute the agreement.

Polled votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Supervisor Peters aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE THE HIGHWAY DEPT. TO INSTALL 425FT OF 6FT TALL CHAIN LINK FENCE AND GATE

Resolution #196 Motion made by Councilperson Baxter and seconded by Councilperson Hurlbutt to authorize the Highway Dept. to install 425ft of 6ft tall chain link fence and gate for the purpose of enclosing the stockpile area at 91 Railroad Ave. Material and labor to be provided by Speed Fence Company for the sum of \$12,200.00 who was the lowest of 3 quotes. Funds to be used from account AA5132.4.

Polled votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Supervisor Peters aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER

Resolution #197 Motion made by Councilperson Voelkl and seconded by Councilperson Yager to Requesting to approve the following budget transfer related to the pervious motion, General - AA

From Account	To Account	Amount
1990.40 Contingent Budget	5132.40 Highway Garage Expense	\$12,200.00

Polled votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Supervisor Peters aye. Motion carried.

Discussion

Peters – Budget workshop meetings there is a conflict on the 28th with another committee meeting should we reschedule? Decision to just cancel the 28th since they usually don’t use all the 6 dates.

Resolution #198 Motion was made by Supervisor Peters and seconded by Councilperson Voelkl, requesting to drop the September 28th date for budget meetings.

Polled votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Supervisor Peters aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution #199 Motion was made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Yager, requesting Town Board approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm as all business had been concluded.

Polled votes: All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Jo Groenendaal
Hamlin Town Clerk