

Hamlin Town Board Meeting  
May 8, 2017

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 pm by Supervisor Peters. The locations of the fire exits and defibrillator were explained for those present. Everyone was invited to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the deceased residents of Hamlin.. Invocation by Pastor Body.

Present: Councilperson Jason Baxter, Councilperson Jennifer Voelkl, Councilperson Martin Maier, Councilperson Dave Rose and Supervisor Eric Peters.

Also present: Highway Superintendent Steve Baase, Deputy Town Clerk and Senior Consultant Michelle Johnson, Librarian Kay Hughes-Dennett, Recreation Director Anke Applebaum, Pastor Body, Assessor Dan Stanford, Hamlin Ambulance Representative Rick Wright and Conservation Chairperson and Town Historian Dave Walch.

Residents: Dottie Butcher, Cindy Lutwiller, Mark, Deb and Courtney Shores and Dave and Maura Smith.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Cindy Lutwiller submitted the following:

Over the past 6 months my time has been filled with personal and family needs that have kept me from the Town meetings.

I have many issues, concerns, and high fives that have been building up, waiting to be discussed.

First topic is the Library. I have been utilizing one of the programs at the Library with my grandchildren every Monday morning. My granddaughter Emma loves the Pre School story time and the personal interaction that she has with the employees. Craft time is her very favorite along with using the computer for small children. Please make sure that you as town leaders keep the library around for many more generations to come and do not slight any funding that should come their way.

The down side of after library is the playground. I refuse to take my grandchildren to this town's playground. Last summer I, thankfully not Emma, got a sliver as we were running around and playing on the structure. I will not pull a sliver out of a 3 year old's hand. What would it take to rebuild a plastic playground. The surrounding towns and villages have wonderful playgrounds, but I would rather stay local to be able to bring my father to watch them play. I am asking you the board, and the recreation department to consider spending some budget money for this project. And as I know these things take time, but please not years. Politics has a way of getting stretched out way too long.

Next is the parking at the Dakota. Several years ago I came to the board and asked about not having any parking near the north point of their parking lot. When you approach that intersection driving north on Town Line Road, it is impossible to see the traffic coming east on Roosevelt Highway. You have to get almost into the intersection to see oncoming traffic. You did in fact, speak to the owner and he did in fact block it off. (For a very short time)

For myself and many others it is our route home. After being hit by a truck a month ago, I was devastated to think that I could have hurt or killed my grandchildren, and have been very observant of

traffic issues. I am asking that you speak to the owner about permanently taking away those parking spots. You could save someone from an accident.

Thirdly is sewers. Several years ago you raised the hopes of many Lake Shore residents to possibly get sewers in the area. Another let down. Now that the waters have risen and the spring rains are over taxing the Lake Shore residents septic systems, would it be possible to revisit this project and move forward. You don't have a problem with raising resort taxes, shouldn't they get something for the money they pay.

For the people that did not want sewer installation, bypass them. Better yet, it has been so long since this was discussed at St. John's Church gym, that probably those people don't even own those properties anymore. I would really appreciate the board considering this, before we are not able to flush, bathe, or do dishes and laundry anymore.

Next is thanking Steve Baase and the Highway Department for all the help these last 2 weeks. I have taken walks and spoke with many neighbors about the crazy water issues. If every Lake Shore resident says the same good things about Steve, his shoulders should be as big as the Hulk's. So, thank you Steve.

Could the town also keep us informed as to any changes or recommendations that may surface from the greater powers in Albany. We may live far away, but we are still connected.

Fifth on the agenda is the ditches on our road. There are two of them that drain the parkway and backlots into the lake. Old time history and discussion has said that these ditches were once owned by the State, and over the years ownership was changed to the town. If in fact the town is in ownership will they be putting rocks on the lake side to keep these ditches and the land that supports them from eroding? The other ditches are covered and owned by whom? Property owners or the town? Does the town keep the covered areas cleaned out also? We need to keep the water running away.

And Lastly, is a concern that has spanned at least 20 years, and most recently the last 2 – 4. I do not stand alone on this issue. There are many residents that feel the same as I but are tired of being ignored. I have had many conversations about junk that is stored on a neighboring property. I have been told countless times that something will be done, and I have been told countless times nothing will be done. What I really have found to be true is the entire Town Board doesn't care and chooses not to fix it. How about the people that have to live next to it. If they are charged resort taxes, this is not what you see in a resort area.

If there was even a fire that started on the property, it would burn for days. The fumes and toxins from the junk would be highly dangerous to the neighborhood.

The Fire Department would even have a hard time getting to the area. The driveway is full of 5 – 6 vehicles filled with this junk in front of a pile of junk next to the house door with junk in front of it. Then there is the junk behind the house.

The flames and ashes would be a concern also. There is always wind at the lake which could put neighbors at risk.

Please help me understand why this is okay!

Thank you for your time.

With no one else wishing to address the board, Supervisor Peters subsequently closed the forum.

**APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

Resolution #125 Motion was made by Councilperson Rose seconded by Councilperson Baxter requesting Town Board approval of the Town Board meeting minutes of April 26, 2017.

Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Councilperson Rose aye, and Supervisor Peters aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Resolution #126 Motion was made by Councilperson Maier seconded by Councilperson Voelkl requesting Town Board approval of the Public Hearing meeting minutes of April 26, 2017.

Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Councilperson Rose aye, and Supervisor Peters aye. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Resolution #127 Motion was made by Councilperson Maier, seconded by Councilperson Voelkl requesting the Town Board approval of the authorization of payment of bills from their respective funds.

<b><u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u></b>		<b>TOWN OF HAMLIN</b>		<b><u>Abstract: 5</u></b>	
<b><u>ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>VOUCHER#</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>ACCOUNT TOTALS</u></b>		
General	2017-0438 to 2017-0496	6273.04			
<b>Account Total</b>				\$	<b>6,273.04</b>
Library	2017-0497 to 2017-0499	717.63			
	2017-0509 to 2017-0518	10318.98			
	2017-0531 to 2017-0557	20483.77			
<b>Account Total</b>				\$	<b>31,520.38</b>
Highway	2017-0519 to 2017-0530	10014.66			
<b>Account Total</b>				\$	<b>10,014.66</b>
Sewer	2017-0500 to 2017-0501	127.65			
	2017-0507 to 2017-0508	134.25			
<b>Account Total</b>				\$	<b>261.90</b>
Light	2017-0502	1528.77			
<b>Account Total</b>				\$	<b>1,528.77</b>

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Employees Trust	2017-0489 to 2017-0490	26069.00	
	2017-0503 to 2017-0504	204.60	
	2017-0506	1713.10	
<b>Account Total</b>			<b>\$ 27,986.70</b>

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Paychex	2017-0505	85.37	
<b>Account Total</b>			<b>\$ 85.37</b>

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<b>Visa Charges</b>	Walmart	146.01	
	Facebook Ads	36.55	
	Amazon.com	117.98	
	Expedia.com	178.00	
<b>Account Total</b>			<b>\$ 478.54</b>

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**GRAND TOTAL:** **\$ 78,149.36**  
 Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Councilperson Rose aye, and Supervisor Peters aye. Motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED AND FILED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. C-Zone news – 4/27
- b. National Weather Service- 5/3
- c. Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Eblast -5/3
- d. Construction News Reel – 5/1
- e. EFC Hosting Webinars on WIIA & IMG Grant Programs
- f. May 9 – Answers to Your Most Pressing Questions Re: Municipal Solar
- g. NYSLRS Retirement online Toolkit
- h. Webinar: Multi-Year Planning
- i. Fishery Advisory Board – 5/8
- j. Leveler – 5/2
- k. Bridging the Digital Divide, Ensuring Open Internet, and Expanding Broadband Infrastructure in Rural Communities
- l. Lake Ontario Storm Recovery Permit Guidance

**APPROVE LOCAL LAW NO. 3 FOR AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING SOLAR ENERGY**

Resolution #128 Motion was made by Councilperson Maier, second by Councilperson Rose to Approve Local Law No. 3 for Authorizing and Regulating Solar Energy Systems within the Town of Hamlin as follows:

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hamlin held at the Town Hall, 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin, New York at 7:00 p.m. on May 8, 2017, the following resolution was offered by Supervisor Eric Peters.

WHEREAS, the Town Board duly scheduled a Public Hearing to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the adoption of a proposed Local law #3 of 2017 entitled “A Local Law Authorizing and Regulating Solar Energy Systems Within the Town of Hamlin”; and

WHEREAS, such public hearing was duly called and held on April 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. and all persons having an interest in the matter having had an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) has reviewed an environmental assessment form and has made specific findings and has determined that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed law is consistent with both section 4.2b of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan which sets forth that it is the policy of the town to protect viable farmland and section 4.6b which states the policy that the town should review alternative energy generation programs

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town of Hamlin to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Councilperson Maier, seconded by Councilperson Rose,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board as lead agency under SEQRA has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and hereby adopts the aforesaid negative declaration under SEQRA, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hamlin hereby adopts said Local Law No 3 of 2017, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Town of Hamlin shall file forthwith a certified copy of the Local Law in the Office of the Town Clerk and file said Local Law with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Councilperson Rose aye and Supervisor Peters aye. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION**

Court House Roof – There were a few quotes received for different ways of fixing the roof and replacing the roof. The insurance company would not cover replacement and indicated that the deductible would be more than we would get, so they suggested we did not place a claim. They received a bid for patch up for \$350, tear off from Ontario for \$9,300, a complete re-do for \$12,950 and a steel roof starting at \$13,632. Due to these facts it was felt best to go with the lowest bid since it wasn't budgeted or covered by insurance.

**COURT HOUSE ROOF REPAIR**

Resolution #129 Motion was made by Supervisor Peters, seconded by Councilperson Baxter to accept the low bid from Jeff's Remodeling for \$350 to repair and match up the roof shingles.

Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Councilperson Rose aye and Supervisor Peters aye. Motion carried.

The insurance indicated there is an underlying structural issue and the roofers were unable to quote based on the fact that they were not sure if it would be able to hold what repairs they made due to these issues. Historian Walch will look into grants and also have a structural engineer take a look at it to see what options there might be available.

**REPORTS**

Councilperson Baxter reported on the following:

- Ambulance - They have started the partnership with COVA to improve their response rate during the hours of 6 AM and 6 PM. Rick Wright also commented that they are trying to get their ALS certification through the State, but it may not be easy.
- Hilton Parma Fire District – They are also dealing with high water issues. They will be having Charlie Daniel's Band at their Carnival this year.
- Dog Control – They are offering help at the shelter for any dogs that need shelter due to the high waters.

Councilperson Voelkl reported on the following:

- Zoning – No items.
- Chamber of Commerce – They will be having their award dinner in June for the business of the year and the business person of the year.
- She wanted to Thank Steve Baase for the endless hours he spent at the Lake front and all the help that he and his crew have given them all.

Councilperson Rose reported on the following:

- Planning – Hypnosis business is opening up. There will be a single lot subdivision going in for final approval next month. King Street will be having a Public Hearing for a woodworking shop.
- He was asked to bring to the board for they to consider a moratorium on building and SUP's on the Lakefront due to the high waters. He has also looked at the Spencerport/Ogden Emergency Plan to would like to work on updating ours.

Councilperson Maier reported on the following:

- Hamlin- Morton- Walker Fire District – 354 Calls to date. They will be replacing the pump in the tanker by May 9 and put back together. The Chiefs have been meeting along the Lake front to talk about evacuation plans.
- Conservation – No referrals

Highway Superintendent Steven Baase reported on the following:

- They started brush pick up again now that they are caught up on the Lake Front issues.
- They handed out over 30,000 sand bags over the past 4 weeks. The State of Emergency does not mean we will be seeing money for what we have been doing, unless FEMA decides to kick in.
- He needs to get out and pick up the snow fence so that the farmers can start planting their crops.
- The representatives were driving around looking at what the damage has been, but he has not heard if anything will be given or done to help at this time.
- National Guard was here for three days helping with the sandbags. He had put sandbags at central locations, but that did not go over well and people that needed them the most did not get them, so they will not work it like that process again.
- Drainage pipes are being worked on and he is looking into what can be done to protect our drainages and easements.
- Other towns have been putting up jersey barriers, however, we can not put them on personal property so it is not an option for us to do. As a Town we can not go on private property and protect them. We can not pick and chose who we can help.
- Coaches want to start getting on the fields, but they are still too wet and there has been some damage with people going on before they are ready, which then prolongs getting on the field while it is repaired.
- Junk Drop off finished and was lighter probably due to it raining the entire time.

Building Inspector, Cheryl Pacelli reported the following:

59 permits issued from 4/10/2017 – 05/08/2017

25 of which were for roofs

Permit cost received: \$2949.20

Permit valuation: \$603,257.00

12 permits have been closed. 363 Phone calls into the office

Sent out 14 violation notices for various code violations and complaints.

Met with many residents on the lake in office and at location to review the damage by the high water and what procedures to follow for re-construction of their lakefronts. Have been in contact and working with the DEC and the local Fire Department. Hamlin Meadows is in the process to begin Section 3.

Attended Pre-construction meeting on May 5, 2017.

Councilperson Voelkl asked what the process was to get a DEC Permit. Building Inspector indicated to come to her office to help get the permits taken care of.

Senior Consultant Michelle Johnson reported on the following:

- This is Senior Month so we will be having a catered Luncheon at the meeting this month.

Fire Marshal Ron Bragg was not present but sent a report on the following:

Fire Marshal Actives April 8, 2017 ---- May 5, 2017

Personal visits in or out of office.	2
Phone calls	21
Fire Inspections	6
Residential Fire Inspections	0
Follow up fire inspections	6
Residential complaints	2
Fire Dept Request	2
Fire Dept Requested by FM	0
Filing/Comp data entry	0files
mailings	23

Total 38.5 hrs 222.5 hrs YTD 57 miles 386.9 miles YTD

Assessor Dan Stanford reported on the following:

- Tentative Roll has been filed
- He will be holding a workshop regarding erosion issues for evaluation and relief when talking to the Board of Assessment Review.

Recreation Director Anke Applebaum reported on the following:

- Supervisor Peters handed out the NYMAR Safety Recognition Certificate for her attending the Recreation Reliability-Playground Inspection Seminar.
- The fields are filled with water and they had to cancel some baseball games. She has been trying to explain to the coaches that if they try it will make them worse to be repaired. She wants to look into finding parking lots to use instead if possible.
- Kaylee attended her Level 2 Archery Instruction. They will be receiving the \$5,000 of equipment they are to receive from the grant and then they will be able to have classes, parties and maybe even start a club and tournaments.

Librarian Kay Hughes reported on the following:

- There has been good participation in all the programs.

Conservation Chairman and Town Historian reported on the following:

- Tree giveaway went well
- He will take on talking to Engineers to see what the possibilities are for the Historical Barn repairs.
- His book is being published this week



Rick Wright from the Hamlin Ambulance reported on the following”

- Their calls are up 19% this year.
- He is confident that COVA will help them to be successful and they may have to use them more hours eventually also.

Supervisor Eric Peters

- He has been working on the Lake Front issues and has been in contact with Legislators to see if we can get any help. He would like to thank General German and Congressman Collins for their help.
- It has been frustrating and has taken hours to coordinate efforts and he is trying to make sure that they receive accurate information.
- He would like to thank Steve for all his efforts, we are very lucky to have him working with us to help carry out what has needed to be done. He and his team have done a great job. Supervisor Peters would like to give Steve a heartfelt thank you.
- He attended Love My Park Day and they are very wet down there too and still recovering from the wind storm.
- We will try to keep the website updated with as current and factual information as possible.
- American Red Cross has offered their help with whatever we need.
- Roads are still passable and we will not be ordering anyone out of their homes to evacuate. We have been informed that if anyone feels danger their first call is to be to the Fire Department and they will take it from there if anyone like Electric Company needs to be informed and take action. This has affected Lake Front, Farmers and orchards.

Councilperson Baxter wanted to also thank Steve and his department along with his son for all of the help they have been giving above and beyond. They are all doing a great job.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilperson Maier, seconded by Councilperson Voelkl to Adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm as all business had been concluded.

Polled votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Councilperson Rose aye and Supervisor Peters aye. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi A. Rickman, MMC  
Hamlin Town Clerk