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MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR DENNY ROACH

Despite a particularly mild winter (so far), it's still nice to realize that we are now in print in the Spring '06 newsletter! This newsletter provides a wonderful opportunity for me to share some of the things that have been happening at the Town Hall. Another opportunity to keep apprised of "happenings", for those who have Internet access, is the Town's Web Site (www.hamlinny.org). Besides a monthly message from the supervisor, the website also contains "Latest News Items," "Current Events," and all the Town Board and Support Board meeting minutes.

Your elected officials and support board members are working on a number of issues and initiatives, which include:

1. **Possible lease of water districts to the Monroe County Water Authority:** By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be very close to making a decision on this. As background, the Town Board listened to many of you who, at our previous public information meetings, asked for an "apple-to-apple" comparison, i.e., "what does it cost us now compared to what would it cost us if we went to MCWA?" So we computed the cost to run our water department and to supply water to all the consumers in 2005. Based on that information, we adjusted our water rate to include a deficit reduction fee to overcome a 2005 operating deficit and a maintenance fee to establish a maintenance reserve fund, which had been lacking. From this information, we were able to do a very accurate forecast of comparative rates. However, we still need to consider the other subjective, more emotional issues such as customer service, loss of jobs at our water department, allocation of \$850,000 from MCWA to us for system improvements, etc. All of our collective information will again be presented to the public at an informational meeting on **March 30** at the Kendall High School Auditorium. We will also listen to the public's comments and opinions. We then anticipate that the proposal will be voted on at the April 10th Town Board Meeting. Spread sheets, which list the 2005 Costs and Revenues and 2006 Rate Comparisons, are available from my office and on the website.
2. **Comprehensive Master Plan:** The Comprehensive Master Plan Committee submitted its draft update to the Town Board in November 2005. It is now up to the Town Board to review it and conduct public hearings before voting for its adoption. We have scheduled an open, Town Board workshop for 6 p.m., April 19 to begin that review. Our goal is to have a finalized, updated Comprehensive Master Plan by summer.
3. **Wind Energy Generating Systems:** The Town has been approached regarding the construction of two MET (meteorological) towers. MET towers are temporary 197' unlighted, single pole, antenna-type structures which have anemometers at various heights used to gather wind speed and direction. They are used to gather information over a 2-3 year period to determine the feasibility of constructing future wind energy generating towers. The company will make a presentation to the Town Board at the April 10th meeting. It is open to the public.
4. **Zoning Code Committee on Property Maintenance:** The Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals are conducting joint monthly meetings to review the Town's codes for property maintenance and to streamline/improve some codes to make them less onerous for permit applicants. These meetings are open to the public.

Things We Can Be Proud Of

A month doesn't pass without learning of something in Hamlin that we can boast about. Here are some recent items, which make me proud to live in Hamlin:

1. The Hamlin Public Library has issued its 2,542 library cards
2. The Hamlin Public Library has purchased 200 new books.
3. We have sold over 377 copies of **REMEMBERING HAMLIN, 1802-2002**, written by Mary Smith, our Town Historian.
4. A "Community Baby Shower" for Hamlin's Barreiro Quintuplets has been extremely successful with many thoughtful individual donations as well as generous contributions to date from Hamlin-area churches and service organizations.
5. A number of Hamlin college students attained "Dean's List" status or were otherwise distinguished with honors and/or scholarships. (Hardly a week goes by without mention in THE HAMLIN HERALD or the BROCKPORT POST of some Hamlin residents or students having been honored.)

Spring Clean-up Time

Let's take pride in our Town and our property by taking the extra time and effort to do a great spring clean-up.



FREE RABIES CLINIC

The Hamlin Town Clerk's Office with the assistance of Monroe County Health Dept. and North Star Sportsman Club will be sponsoring a **FREE** rabies clinic on May 19th at 6 pm at the Hamlin Highway Garage located on Railroad Ave. You do not need to be a Hamlin resident.

You may have your dog, cat or ferret receive its shot at that time. If you have a recent rabies certificate, bring it with you in order to get a three year shot.

Licenses and renewals can be obtained that night. A change in the New York State Law requires that the one-year license will be running with the current date of the rabies shot. Failure to license your dog(s) can result in a fine. **For more information on the clinic you may contact the Hamlin Town Clerk's Office at 964-2421.**

DO YOU HAVE A COPY?

Town Historian Mary Smith states she is overwhelmed by the response of her book "**Remembering Hamlin – 1802-2002**". The demand for this wonderful publication has prompted a second printing. In the meantime autographed soft cover books are still available for \$15 from the Town Clerks Office.

PASSPORTS

Passport Requirements are changing. The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 mandated the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State to develop and implement a plan, which requires U.S. citizens to present a passport or other secure document, such as a border crossing card, when entering the United States.

The following are the proposed timelines for implementation of the plan as provided to the Town Clerk's Office.

December 31, 2006 – Requirement will be applied to all air and sea travel to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.

December 31, 2007 – Requirement will be extended to all land border crossings as well as air and sea travel.

DID YOU KNOW YOUR TOWN CLERK IS A PASSPORT AGENT?

If you are in need of a passport, she is willing to help you by processing your passport. In addition to the application, which is available in the Town Clerk's Office, a driver's license, two passport photos, raised seal birth certificate, and a \$67 check or money order made out to the Dept. of State is needed for an adult. The agent fee is an additional \$30. For more information and a link for the application try the Town of Hamlin website, www.hamlinny.org, or call 964-2421.

WANTED

According to Hamlin Town Code **NO** unregistered or junk vehicles are allowed to be stored on your property. This is any vehicle that does not have valid NYS license plates on it. A vehicle storage permit can be obtained to restore old or antique cars. This permit is valid for one year only and the cost is \$25. You can apply for a vehicle storage permit in the Building Department if you own the property, have the vehicle title and ID number for the vehicle. There are places that will take your unwanted vehicle as a donation. For more information call 964-8181 Monday through Friday 9 am - 4 pm.



COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

The Hamlin Community Center Exploratory Committee has completed the second phase of their mission as requested by the Town Board. The committee discussed various properties as possible building locations for a community center. The list considered desires suggested by residents via the survey conducted last year as well as other possibilities throughout the town. The committee will await the Town Board's next request for information.

FREE FISHING DAY at Hamlin Beach State Park on June 25th. A limited supply of free passes to enter the park are available in the Town Clerk's Office starting June 1st.



BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit is required in the Town of Hamlin for many things including a shed, fence, pool, deck, addition, garage, pole barn, gazebo, pond, wood burning stove, emergency generator and sign. Failure to obtain a Building Permit is subject to a \$125 fine plus the cost of the permit. If you have any questions regarding a permit or whether you need to get a permit, please contact the Building Department at 964-8181 Monday through Friday 9 am - 4 pm.

HOUSE NUMBERS

To assist emergency crews in locating your house, please make sure that you have 5 inch numbers on your house, that can be seen from the road and reflective numbers on your mailbox. According to Hamlin Town Code, if your house is more than 75 feet back from the edge of the right-of way, your house number should be displayed on a sign 25 feet from the road. If you have any questions please call the Building Department at 964-8181.

USED CELL PHONES

Do you have an old cell phone you no longer need? A collection box is located at the Hamlin Town Clerk's Office. They are donated for use by battered women.

FUN IN THE SUN

When the hot summer beats down, a swimming pool is very appealing. But because pools are also attractive and potentially dangerous to young children, New York State building codes require pools to be fenced, gated and in some instances equipped with alarms. If you are considering a swimming pool, hot tub or spa purchase, contact the Hamlin Building Department at 964-8181 first to obtain a permit and determine what other requirements you must follow. The cost of the permit is \$25. A final inspection is required before the pool can be used. An electrical inspection is needed prior to the final inspection. Failure to obtain a permit will result in a \$125 fine plus the cost of the permit.



In ground and above ground pools, including inflatable pools holding more than 24 inches of water, must be surrounded by a fence or other barrier at least 4 feet high. Any gates in the fence must be self-closing and self-latching. If a home's wall serves as part of the swimming pool's barrier, doors with direct access to the pool must be equipped with an alarm. These codes are in place for a reason. They are added safety measures to protect you and your guests from swimming pool accidents. As a pool owner you are responsible for anyone in your pool. Other things to consider when installing a pool include zoning requirements, electrical clearances and utility easements. It is suggested that you contact your insurance agent before installing a swimming pool. Most insurance companies require additional liability coverage.



What's Happening In Our Highway!

We hope everyone had a good winter. It was a relatively calm one compared to some winters we have had in the past. Lets put all that behind us and look towards spring.

The Town of Hamlin has a spring clean up and brush pickup every year. As of this writing the tentative dates for the brush pickup will be **April 24th to April 28th**. The spring clean up will be from **April 24th to May 6th**.

For the spring cleanup the Town has dumpsters set up at 4180 Brick Schoolhouse Road where residents may bring various items to throw out. This will be advertised in the Hamlin Herald and the Town website during the month of April.

Also for those residents who wish to get rid of hazardous materials, Monroe County will be collecting them at the Village of Spencerport on **Saturday, June 17th**. The details for this will also be posted in the newspaper and website as we get closer to that event.

We expect to be busy this summer with various County and Town road projects. One of our first projects is the installation of a water main on Roosevelt Highway between Wiler Road and Walker Lake Ontario Road. We will be doing this project in conjunction with the Clarkson Highway Department.

Celebrate Youth Day

Search Institute has identified 40 Developmental Assets (Building Blocks) essential for healthy development. The Brockport Central School District, Towns of Sweden, Clarkson and Hamlin and the Village of Brockport through Patty Jo Groenendaal, Asset Coordinator, along with the Asset Club, are planning the 2nd annual **“Let’s Celebrate Our Youth Day”** September 16th, 2006. Promoting Building Block Asset # 18 – Youth spend three or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in the community.

We are very proud to have many opportunities for youth in our community. Come help us celebrate that. We are looking for any group or organization (Sports, Scouts, Craft clubs, etc.) who would like to be involved with the fun filled day of free games and activities. Show off to the community what your group or organization does for youth. For more information or to get an application for a free booth call Patty Jo at 637-1975 or e-mail pattyjo@bcs1.org. To find out more about the 40 Developmental Assets go to www.search-institute.org

SENIOR REPORT

We are growing! During the year 2005 Hamlin Senior membership went over the 200 mark. The Hamlin Senior Citizens are an active group of adults who like to get together. The requirements to join are that you are a resident of Hamlin and are 55 years of age or older or a spouse of a member who is 55 years of age or older. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Hamlin VFW. The fun starts at 9:45 am with crafts under the direction of our craft instructor. At 11:45 am we either share a pot luck lunch, where everyone brings a dish to pass and their own table setting, or we have a catered meal. With all the great cooks in Hamlin,

the pot luck is always a hit. Following lunch a general meeting takes place at 1 pm where we share information and sometimes have guest speakers. The meeting is followed by BINGO for those who would like to stay and play. We also have a game day on Wednesday at the Hamlin Town Hall. We play cards (euchre) and the “marble game” (you have to see what this game is all about). Game Day starts at 12:30 pm and goes till about 3:30 pm. If you enjoy cards or games, please join the fun.

Senior trips are one of our most popular attractions. See the schedule in the Recreation Section or go to the Hamlin web site. If you have any questions about the Hamlin Senior Citizens or would like to join, please contact Kathrina Hurd-LaFever at 964-8499.

LIBRARY

One of our community’s more popular sites is the Hamlin Public Library. It is one of 20 libraries in Monroe County, which are all part of the Monroe County Library System (MCLS). The system provides technological and delivery services that directly benefit anybody who uses the library. The library computer system allows us to scan barcodes to check out materials, to locate items in the catalog, and to maintain patron records.

Many library systems are facing great challenges. New York has not increased funding for libraries since 1997. Since then MCLS has had to continually cut services. It has gotten to the point where they can’t cut anymore services, and the cost shares of each member library will be going up in the next few years. For Hamlin that means an increase from \$3,529 in 2006 to \$9,079 in 2008. We do amazing things with the budget. If you are inspired to speak up about library funding, you may contact our State Senator George D. Maziarz at 350 New Campus Dr., Brockport, NY 14420.



Community Information

Hamlin Food Shelf Seeks To Relocate

Life Solutions of Hamlin, (formally Bread and Thread), which serves the Hamlin area, is too small and is looking for a new location. Please call us at 964-7420, if you can help us.

Requirements would include about 1,500-2,000 square feet of street-level space (in order to easily carry food boxes in and out); parking for volunteers, clients and food delivery; heat; and free or very low rent. The present Food Shelf relies on community donations and food grants from Foodlink.

Last year the Hamlin Food Shelf served about 372 area families with emergency food, fed over 628 adults and 538 children, and provided about 115 Holiday baskets at Thanksgiving, at Christmas and at Easter. For details, call Life Solutions at (585) 964-7420.

Hamlin Wheel Fest – June 3, 2006

We still are looking for crafters/vendors interested in a booth. Applications for \$35 booths are located on the Town’s website. Also, we are looking for items for our Silent Auction. We look for a variety of items including those “white elephant” items you uncover during your spring cleaning. Give us a call at 964-2421. This years event is from 10 am to 10 pm and will be filled with family activities, a car show, entertainment and good food. The day concludes with an awesome fire works display.

Up Coming Events In Hamlin

- 4/27 to 4/30 Friends/Library Book Sale-Merritt Hall
- 5/05 to 5/07 Quilt Show - Merritt Hall
- 5/12 to 5/13 Dog Agility Show – Firemens Field
- 5/20 Chicken Bar-B-Que – Morton Baptist Church
- 5/20 Community Dance – V.F.W.
- 5/21 Chicken Bar-B-Que – Firemens Exempt Bldg.
- 5/29 Memorial Day Parade
- 6/25 Free Fishing Day at Hamlin Beach
- 7/06 to 7/08 Dog Show – Firemens Field
- 8/03 to 8/06 Hamlin Firemens Carnival
- 8/19 to 8/20 Civil War Reenactment at Hamlin Beach State Park
- 8/19 Community Junk Jamboree – Town Hall

Any non-profit organizations who would like their event mentioned may call 964-2421. The next deadline is May 15th for the Summer Newsletter to come out in June.

Clip and Save

Town Clerk	964-2421
Open Monday evenings Sept. – May till 6 pm	
Assessor	964-8748
Building Insp.	964-8181
Court	964-8641
Dog Control/Page	525-1608
Fire Marshal/Page	451-3435
History Center	964-7385
Highway	964-2640
Library	964-2320
Planning	964-8961
Recreation	964-7222
Supervisor	964-8981
Water	964-2710

Other Frequently Needed Numbers

DEC Officer Doe	637-9484
Hamlin Beach	964-2462
Life Solutions	964-7420
Loan Closet	964-3195
Monroe County Clerk	753-1600
Post Office	964-2425
Schools: Brockport	637-5303
Hilton	392-1000
Kendall	659-2741
Time Warner	756-1900

Non Emergency Numbers

Hamlin Fire	964-2330
Morton Fire	659-8777
Walker Fire	964-3692
Ambulance	964-8845