



For the past two years I have proudly served as Hamlin’s Town Supervisor. During this time I have accomplished many tasks for the betterment of the community and the residents. We will soon be seeing construction begin on Hamlin’s first free-standing library. The beloved lakeshore farm stand that once faced difficulty can legally continue to operate. Hamlin’s fiscal strength has been ensured by both resolving items identified in the audit and collaborating with the State Comptroller’s office. Residents now have greater access to town services; many departments are now open late on Monday nights and I held office hours during both day and evening.

Having spent 8 years serving the Town, first as a Conservation Board member, then as Town Councilman, and finally as the youngest Town Supervisor ever elected to office in Hamlin, I take great pride in these, and the many other accomplishments realized over that time frame.

During my eight years of service, I never missed a single Town Board meeting. I often spent countless hours preparing for meetings, working late into the night, on weekends and whenever else necessary to accomplish the goals that I set. While much of this service was very rewarding, it was a double edged sword, as my wedding and honeymoon were planned to take place between two important Town meetings, and I consistently missed out on time with my young family due to Town related responsibilities. As much of an honor as it has been to serve you, I can honestly say that I look forward to the end of the year, and the end of my service to the Town in this capacity.

The Town now enters a new chapter, unfortunately as a divided Town. The new Supervisor won his position by less than 50 votes and enters service only after the most divisive, angry and negative campaign that longtime residents of Hamlin had ever seen. There are many questions to be answered. First and foremost, the alleged blatant abuse of public trust by the Dog Control Officer and several other employees, who planned a public shutdown of the department in order to blame me and hurt my chances for re-election. I call on Mr. Peters to deal with this issue swiftly and publicly, as it was an issue of deception towards all Hamlin residents. I’m sure that all Hamlin residents have questions regarding this, and deserve answers. I ask Mr. Peters to hold those Town employees involved accountable, and I ask that Mr. Peters begin with explaining his own involvement in this scandal. Since Mr. Peters, as displayed in his own written words, willingly and knowingly participated; anything other than full disclosure would be a disgrace to Hamlin. In order to truly renew the heart of Hamlin, residents in this divided Town need to know these answers.

On a more positive note, a Special Meeting was held on November 25th where the Town Board unanimously passed the 2014 Town of Hamlin Budget. This Budget, which I proposed, contains a tax levy increase of only \$30,630.00, from \$1,269,081.00 to \$1,299,711.00. This will result in a minor tax rate increase of 5 cents per thousand, or a \$5 per year increase on a \$100,000 house. Many cost increases were offset by additional revenue, thus keeping the tax burden on the residents minimal. This Budget, my final one, continues my pledge of conservative spending and offsetting costs with non-tax revenue to minimize the tax burden on residents.

Finally, I want to thank the many residents who supported me as Supervisor over the years, and the many Town employees who I enjoyed working with. While this list is by no means complete, I want to give a special thanks to the following Town Employees: Recreation Director Patty Jo Groenendaal and her staff, Bookkeeper Shari Hill and her staff, Town Assessor Don Wells, all Highway Department Employees, Town Security Employees, Historian Bob Kruger, Town Attorney Ken Licht, Building Inspector Chad Fabry and his staff, Senior Citizens Coordinator Katrina Hurd, Town Custodian Fay Knapp, Town Engineer JP Schepp, Justice Court Employees, Library Director Kay Hughes-Dennett and her staff, Deputy Town Clerk Mary Ann Knapp and many others who serve the Town.

Thank you to all of you for your hard work and dedication that you have to the Town of Hamlin. I have so many good things to say about each of you and not enough space to say them. It has been an honor serving all of you.

Sincerely,
Thomas N. Breslawski
Hamlin Town Supervisor

Margaret A. McGrath Charitable Foundation Scholarships



Scholarship applications for the Margaret A. McGrath Charitable Foundation are due March 1, 2014 for the 2014-2015 Academic School Year.

Margaret A. McGrath established the Foundation in 2004 under her will to provide scholarships to residents of the Towns of Sweden and Hamlin who have chosen to pursue a degree in either Business or Elementary Education. The Foundation has awarded \$381,000 in scholarships since its formation.

The Foundation offers two types of scholarships. The Philip and Margaret Dollard Business Scholarship is awarded to qualifying college students who major in Business. The Marie Dollard McGrath Elementary Education Scholarship is awarded to qualifying college students who major in Elementary Education.

Qualifying 2014 graduating high school seniors and current college students are encouraged to apply. For further information, contact Richard J. Dollard, Executive Director and Trustee at 585-637-7170 or refer to the Foundation’s website at www.frontiernet.net/~mcgrathfound/scholarshipfund.htm.

It is with a great feeling of honor and privilege that I will begin serving you in January as your Hamlin Town Supervisor. You have placed great trust in me, I am humbled by it and I truly appreciate it. My intention is to be open and inclusive, and I encourage input from all our residents. I will treat everyone with respect and only ask that the courtesy is returned.



My plans are to be in the office Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm, and Saturday mornings from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. I will also be available by phone, e-mail, and days by appointment. I will be holding two Town Board Meetings per month, with the exception of the months of July and August. If you are in the Town Hall and see me there, feel free to stop in. There are lots of things I would like to accomplish with your help. I also would like to thank Mr. Breslawski for his service to the town.

As all of us go through this Holiday time of year, please take a moment to remember those who have served before us and those who are serving us now. I look forward to representing this great town and its residents as your elected Supervisor.

Save the Date: Hamlin Wheel Fest will be held on June 7, 2014.

We will have crafters from 10 am-6 pm, Kids Corner 10 am-6 pm, Silent Auction Noon-6 pm, Cruise-In 11 am-3 pm, Cruise-In Swap Meet 11 am-3 pm, Antique/Classic Outboard Motor & Boat Display 10 am-3 pm, and Entertainment all day with Fireworks at 10 pm SHARP.

Again, we take things all year round for the Silent Auction. If you by chance get something you don't like for Christmas, you can bring it in and donate it if you would like or we'll pick it up. Just give us a call.

Thanks again to everyone that supported the 2013 Hamlin Wheel Fest!!!

Watch on-line for updates and applications for vendors at www.hamlinny.org.



From the Town Clerk's Office

Kathi Rickman 964-2421

Services offered at the Town Clerk's Office:

- Free Notary Service
- Passport Agents (we also take pictures for Passports, State Licenses, Pistol Permits, etc.)
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Duck Stamps
- Postal stamps
- Dog Licenses
- Marriage Licenses
- Suburban Disposal Blue Bags
- Handicap Parking Permits
- We collect Monroe Town and County taxes
- We sell E-Z Pass Tags



Master Card, Visa and Discover accepted.

Need something faxed?
Local \$1.00 +\$.50 each additional page.
Long Distance \$2.00 + \$1.00 each additional page
Receiving faxes cost \$.25 per page
Copies \$.25 per page

To pay your taxes on-line: www.monroecounty.gov.

If you have recently paid off your mortgage and should now be receiving your tax bill, or if you have moved, call the Town Clerk's Office at 964-2421 to let us know.

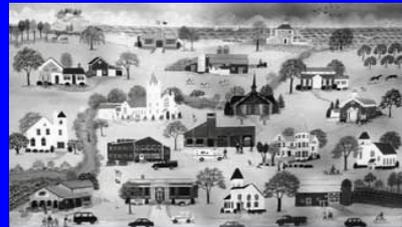
For your convenience, the Town Clerk's Office will be open until 6:00 pm on Mondays January 6, 13, 27, February 3 and 10.



Don't forget the Holidays! We have something for everyone, even the ones that have everything!!!

"Remembering Hamlin" Hard Cover Book	\$20.00
Soft Cover Book	\$15.00
Hamlin Folk Art Prints	\$ 5.00
Historical Map of Hamlin	\$ 1.00
Shelf Sitters of the Hamlin Depot	\$ 2.00
Hamlin's Postcards – Packs of 30	\$ 2.00
Hamlin Pins	\$ 2.00

We now sell E-ZPass Tags \$25



***We are accepting donations for the Kathleen Anne Tenney Shelter, Inc.**





MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

The Medical Loan Closet is sponsored by the Hamlin Lion's Club. There is no charge to borrow equipment. However, we ask that the equipment be returned as soon as possible after use. All equipment goes out clean, sanitized and in good repair. You can arrange to pick it up yourself or have someone from the Lion's Club deliver it. Equipment available for loan include: hospital beds, wheel chairs, over-bed tables, commodes, shower chairs (various styles), crutches, canes, and walkers. Lion Tim Crawford is the coordinator for the Loan Closet. He can be reached at 733-8459. If you know of anyone who would like to donate any equipment, please contact Tim.



News from Hamlin Library

**HAMLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JANUARY - JUNE 2014 PROGRAMS**

Kay Hughes-Dennett 964-2320



Programs for Children:

Munchkin Monday Story Hour

(Free program-no registration required)
Stories and crafts for child and caretaker (ages 2-5)
Mondays from 10:30-11:15 am

- January 20, 27**
- February 3, 10, 17, 24**
- March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**
- April 7, 14, 21, 28**
- May 5, 12**



Thursday Night Story Hour

(Free program-no registration required)
Story and themed craft for children ages 5-10
Thursdays from 6:45-7:30 pm

- January 23, 30**
- February 6, 13, 20, 27**
- March 6, 13, 20, 27**
- April 3, 10 17, 24**
- May 1, 8, 15**

Craft Saturday

(Please call to register)
Come and make a winter themed craft at the Library for children ages 5 (with parent) and up from 2-3 pm.

- January 11 - Winter Craft**
- February 8 - Valentine Craft**
- March 8 - St. Patrick's Day Craft**
- April 12 - Easter Craft**
- May 10 - Patriotic Craft**

Family Bingo

(Please call to register)
Bring your family to the Library for a fun game of BINGO!
For children ages 5 and up and parent
Monday, January 20, 2 pm

Movie Day

(Please call to register)
Come see a recently released children's movie from 2-3:30 pm for children ages 5 and up.
Snacks and beverage provided.

- Monday, February 17**
- Friday, March 14**
- Monday, April 14**



Lego Club

(Free program-no registration required)
The Library has started a new Lego Club for children ages 5 and up. Come and play with our collection of Legos and make new friends. We will meet on the 1st Saturday of the month starting **Saturday, January 4th** at 2 pm.

- Future Dates are:**
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| February 1 | April 5 |
| March 1 | May 3 |

Mega Block/Duplo Club

(Free Program-no registration required)
The library has started a new Mega Block/Duplo Club for children ages 2-5. Come and play with our collection of Mega Block and Duplos and make new friends. We will meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month starting **February 5** at 10:30 am.

- Future dates are:**
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| March 5 | May 7 |
| April 2 | June 4 |

Classes for Adults:

Tuesdays at 2 Book Discussion Group

(Free Program-no registration required)
Join us for a book discussion group at the library. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm. We alternate reading fiction and nonfiction books. The next book we will read is available at the circulations desk at the library.

- Future dates are:**
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| January 21 | April 15 |
| February 18 | May 20 |
| March 18 | June 17 |

Coupon Exchange

The Library is starting a Coupon Exchange. The Club will meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2 pm and the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am at the Library. Please bring any unused, unexpired coupons you have to trade with other members.

- Dates we will meet are:**
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| Saturdays, 2:00 pm | Wednesdays, 10:30 am |
| January 18 | January 8 |
| February 15 | February 12 |
| March 15 | March 12 |
| April 19 | April 9 |
| May 17 | May 14 |
| June 21 | June 11 |

ATTENTION!!! The Hamlin Public Library is looking for donations of new or used Legos (not Duplos or Mega Blocks- we had many, many of these donated-thanks to all) to be used in our new Lego Club. We would appreciate any help you could provide.

Shelter Reservations: Available for reservation from May to mid-October. Shelter Reservations can be made starting the second Monday in January for each calendar year. For information, call 585-964-2462.

May 16, 2014 - Camping Season Opens: The camping season at Hamlin Beach kicks off. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 456-CAMP or by logging on at www.nysparks.com.



“Friends of Hamlin Beach”
Meetings are held 2nd Wednesday of each Month
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Park Office Conference Room
All are welcome to attend!!
Check out our website:
www.friendsofhamlinbeach.org/event.html

News from Hamlin’s History Center

Bob Kruger 964-7385

NEWS FROM THE NORTH STAR HISTORY CENTER

PAST AND PRESENT---

As winter approaches, bringing with it wind, cold and snow, we tend to reminisce about the worst snowstorms that affected our town. Two in recent memory come to mind, the blizzards of 1966 and 1977.

The blizzard of 1966, packed a one-two punch. From late Saturday night on January 22nd to late Sunday, over 18 inches of snow fell, canceling many church services and closing schools on Monday the 24th. Five days later, the blizzard of 1966 officially started running from January 29 through February 2; over 31 additional inches fell with gusts over 50 mph. According to the “Democrat and Chronicle”, “a woman in Hamlin claimed that most or all the town’s six snow-fighting vehicles were stuck on Tuesday. So the farmers put their tractors in gear and started pushing the white stuff back.”

Eleven years later, after an already snowy start to the winter season, on January 28, the blizzard of 77 would hit our area. Winds gusting over 52 mph would make snowfall hard to measure. The storm lasted five days. The County’s west side was the hardest hit. Snowmobile clubs aided local fire companies in delivering assistance to stranded motorist and residents. By February 2, the winds subsided and clean up got underway in digging out snowbound roads and vehicles.

In a “Suburban News” article from February 3, 1977, Hamlin Supervisor, Larry Merritt, (1966-1979), claimed that the snowstorm of 1977 in Hamlin was “the worst thing I have ever seen, and that includes 1966”.

I would like to thank everybody that came out on “Heritage Day” on September 22nd. I enjoyed listening to people sharing their personal experiences in Hamlin’s past. Over seventy people came through the History Center’s door in a three hour period. If you have any questions or would just like to visit the History Center, please call 964-7385 to set up an appointment.



**NORTH STAR SCHOOLHOUSE
 HAMLIN, NEW YORK**

News From the Dog Control Office

Dave Maynard 525-1608

NYS Dog Licensing

Dog Licensing – NYS Agriculture & Markets Law states that a dog 4 months old must be licensed. If Dog Control responds to a complaint and finds the dog is unlicensed, an appearance ticket will be issued. The fine is \$75 for the first offense and if you have more than 1 dog, it’s \$75 per dog.

If you are sent a renewal form for your dog’s license and you don’t renew it, there is a \$75 fine for the first violation and up to \$250 for the second and each subsequent violation.

There is NO Fostering allowed in the Town of Hamlin without a Special Use Permit. If you have a dog in your home, you must license it as it is considered your dog. If you have over 3 dogs in your home, you need a Harboring Dog Permit for a one time fee of \$25.

Hamlin now has its own dog shelter! If your dog is picked up and it is unlicensed, it will be brought to the Hamlin Dog Shelter at 80 Railroad Avenue and held for \$20 per day at the shelter until the dog is licensed. Any dogs that are found, we post them immediately on our Facebook page at “hamlindogcontrol”. Please check it often to help us locate the owners of the missing dogs.

Copies of the Hamlin Dog Control Laws are available at the Hamlin Town Clerk’s Office. For more information call 964-2421.



LICENSE FEES:

Spayed or neutered \$ 9.00

Unspayed/
 Unneutered \$17.00

***Let us know if you are 65 or older to get your \$5 Senior Discount.**

****You can now register your dog on-line at www.hamlinny.org****

Any Hamlin resident, 55 years of age or older and their spouse are welcome to join the Hamlin Senior Citizens. Meetings are held at St. John Lutheran Church, 1107 Lake Road West Fork, Hamlin. Please enter St. John's at the south side entrance ramp.

Meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, (except December) and begin at 9:45 am sharp. We enjoy cards, crafts, and games. Lunch is at NOON, usually it is potluck, and we all bring a dish to pass with our own tableware. Occasionally lunch is catered. Around 1 pm, our business meeting begins. For those members that wish to remain after the meeting, we offer a "Fun Game".

For more information visit the Hamlin website at: hamlinny.org.

UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, February 13, 2014
"Sister Act", RBTL, Rochester, NY

Wednesday, April 23, 2014
"Phantom of the Opera", RBTL, Rochester, NY

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
"Senior Breakfast", A.D. Oliver Middle School

*New Members always welcome!!!
Come join the fun!*



On-line Ordering available at:
www.familytablefoodministries.com

FAMILY TABLE FOOD MINISTRIES are a faith based organization that delivers quality food at a deeply discounted rate while giving back to your local churches and community. We purchase Restaurant Quality Food which is packaged and shipped to our Host Sites for delivery to our customers.

The majority of our orders come from families who are simply looking to cut their food costs. For most families, food is very high on the list of financial demands that they struggle to satisfy each month. Our program is designed to provide food to reach those families that are simply trying to stretch their dollars, without sacrificing quality when it comes to what they put on their dinner table. Our program is designed to assist people of ALL income levels. For more details, contact St. John's Lutheran Church at 585-507-2783.

Host Site:
St. John's Lutheran Church
1107 West Lake Road
Hamlin, NY 14464
585-507-2783

From the Highway Superintendent

Steve Baase 964-2640



With winter coming soon, so does plowing season. Our plows will inadvertently hit some mailboxes. We apologize for this. Please call the Highway Department at 964-2640 to report a hit box and we will repair it as soon as possible with a standard steel box. Plastic boxes do not hold up well in the cold weather and are inadvisable.

Please do not leave snow in the road from your driveway nor pile it next to your mailbox.

Please observe all parking regulations over the winter months.

Christmas trees may be brought to the Highway Department for recycling at 91 Railroad Avenue to the east of our fence by the brush pile.

Have a safe and happy winter.

The Highway Crew



FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING!

Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 3:00 pm
91 Railroad Avenue, Hamlin, NY

Our Highway Department Recycles:

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|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Laptops & Desktops | MP3 Players | Computer Accessories | Cables & Wires |
| Televisions | Monitors | Audio/Video Equipment | Cellphones |
| Video Games & Systems | PDA's | Communications Equipment | Circuit Boards |
| Copiers & Fax Machines | Printers | Servers & IT Equipment | Scanners |

In addition to accepting electronics year round at the Highway Department, we will also accept items with freon and tires year round if you pay for them first at the Town Clerk's Office.



NEW!!

Mobile Food Pantry!!

The Mobile Food Pantry is made possible by Foodlink.

Who can get a box? There are no eligibility requirements to receive food! Limit one box per household.

What will I receive? A box of food containing fresh dairy and produce (approximately 20 lbs of food).

Where do I go? *Life Solutions of Hamlin, Inc. Food Pantry
1696 Lake Road
Hamlin, NY 14464*

For more information, contact (585) 964-7420.

Town of Hamlin
1658 Lake Road
Hamlin, NY 14464

POSTAL CUSTOMER

HAMLIN ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Supervisor Tom Breslawski	964-8981
Councilperson Jason Baxter	964-2421
Councilperson Craig Goodrich	964-2421
Councilperson Martin Maier	964-2421
Councilperson David Rose	964-2421
Town Clerk Kathi A. Rickman	964-2421
Highway Superintendent Steven Baase	964-2640
Judge Paul S. Rath	964-8641
Judge Richard Moffett	964-8641

TOWN HALL OFFICES

Assessor	964-8748
Code Enforcement (Chad Fabry)	964-8181
Court (Patience McPherson)	964-8641
Dog Control (Dave Maynard)	(pager) 525-1608
Historian (Bob Kruger)	964-7385
Highway (Steve Baase)	964-2640
Library (Kay Hughes-Dennett)	964-2320
Recreation (Patty Jo Groenendaal)	964-7222
Support Boards (Cheryl Pacelli)	964-8961
Town Clerk (Kathi Rickman)	964-2421

SCHOOLS

Brockport	637-5303
Hilton	392-1000
Kendall	659-2741

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Life Solutions Food Pantry	964-7420
Medical Loan Closet (Tim Crawford)	733-8459
Monroe County Water Authority	442-7200
Suburban Disposal	352-3900
Waste Management	254-3500
Time Warner	756-5000

FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

Ambulance (Non-Emergency)	964-8845
Hamlin Fire Dept (Non-Emergency)	964-2330
Hamlin Post Office	964-2425
Hilton Post Office	392-2910
Hamlin Beach State Park	964-2462
Camping Office	964-2121
Hamlin VFW Post	964-2005
Walker Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)	964-3692
Morton Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)	659-8777

FOR RENTAL OF THESE LOCATIONS:

Hamlin Beach Shelters	964-2462
Merritt Hall	964-3235
Town Hall Gymnasium	964-7222
Lion Charlie Maier Lodge	964-7222
Exempts Building (Paul)	964-3836
VFW (Bonnie)	281-0980