

**Hamlin Special Town Board Meeting
March 14, 2013**

The Hamlin Town Board held Special Town Board meeting in the Hamlin Town Hall located at 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Supervisor Breslawski.

Present: Councilperson Jason Baxter, Councilperson Craig Goodrich, Councilperson Martin Maier, and Supervisor Thomas Breslawski. Excused: Councilperson David Rose
Also Present: Library Director Kay Hughes-Dennett; Building Inspector Chad Fabry; Highway Superintendent Steven Baase; Conservation Board Member Ed Evans; Planning Board Member David Wolfe; Library Board President Sue Evans; Library Board Trustee Bunnie Beardsley; Residents: Art McFarlane, Tom Adams, Nick Kramer, Wally Hamilton, Linda and Mario Delaura, Lorrie Daniels, Carol Phillips, Emma Milks, Eric Peters, Marie Hamilton, Carina and Sarah Meyer, Olivia Charland, Gretchen Carletta, and Lara Schuler.

DANIEL SCHUM HIRED AS LEGAL COUNSEL CONTRACTOR FOR PLANNING BOARD

Resolution # 152 Motion was made by Councilperson Baxter, seconded by Councilperson Maier, requesting Town Board resolution to hire Daniel Schum as an independent contractor to serve as legal counsel for the Planning Board pertaining to the processing of the Town of Hamlin Library Application only, at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Goodrich aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Supervisor Breslawski aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE TOWN HISTORIAN'S COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT POLICY

Resolution # 153 Motion was made by Councilperson Goodrich, seconded by Councilperson Baxter, requesting Town Board resolution to approve the Town Historian's Collections Management Policy for the Town of Hamlin.

Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Goodrich aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Supervisor Breslawski aye. Motion carried.

SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL A.88 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.824

Resolution # 154 Motion was made by Councilperson Goodrich, seconded by Councilperson Baxter, requesting Town Board resolution to support Assembly Bill A.88 and Assembly Bill A.824 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2013-154

SUPPORT FOR NYS-CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VACANT STRUCTURES

Resolved to support New York State regarding the proposed laws concerning contact information for vacant structures.

WHEREAS, vacant, abandoned and foreclosed homes and structures have proliferated throughout New York State over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, vacant structures that are not maintained for months at a time degrade and depreciate the value of the vacant structure as well as the value of surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, lending institutions that hold mortgages on said vacant structures do not always provide the contact information of a responsible party; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A.88 and Assembly Bill A.824, currently pending, would make it mandatory for lending institutions to provide contact information of responsible parties regarding vacant structures; and require good faith in obtaining a foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamlin Town Board supports the passage of said Bills.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the town of Hamlin hereby supports the passage of said Bills and respectfully requests that the State Representatives who represents constituents in the Town of Hamlin support the passage of said Bills.

Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Goodrich aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Supervisor Breslawski aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Breslawski stated, "I realize that a great many of you have turned out tonight to show your support for the construction of the new Library. I appreciate that, and I'm sure the Town Board appreciates it as well.

On Monday night the Town Board voted to hire attorney Richard Horwitz to represent the Town on matters relating to the proposed Library construction. The primary function of tonight's meeting was to hire attorney Daniel Schum to represent the Planning Board with respect to the Library application to build.

That being said, I also realize that there is a great deal of public support and concern revolving around this issue, and I believe that you, as members of the public, are entitled to as much of an update as I am legally able to provide you with.

At this point the Library application is not on the agenda for the April 1st Planning Board meeting. Attorney Horwitz just returned on Tuesday from being out of Town on holiday and has been presented with all the information relating to the Library application. I have advised him of the urgency that we are facing with regards to time constraints and he is working rapidly to formulate a strategy going forward.

Attorney Schum, having just been appointed to represent the Planning Board regarding the application, will be provided all information relating to the Library application as well so that he and his clients can have ample time to prepare for their April 1st meeting.

Should anything take place regarding the Library application, you can rest assured that it will be communicated to the public in a timely manner.

I'd like to thank the residents who have shown their support for the construction of the new Library, and thank the Town Board members, who remain committed to the construction of our new Hamlin taxpayer free facility."

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilperson Maier, seconded by Councilperson Goodrich to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 PM as all business had been concluded.

Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Goodrich aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Supervisor Breslawski aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Knapp
Deputy Town Clerk