

**Hamlin Public Hearing
April 8, 2013**

The Hamlin Town Board held a Public Hearing in the Hamlin Town Hall located at 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin, New York. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Breslawski.

Present: Councilperson Jason Baxter, Councilperson Craig Goodrich, Councilperson Martin Maier, Councilperson David Rose and Supervisor Thomas Breslawski.
Also present: Attorney Ken Licht; Highway Superintendent Steve Baase; and Building Inspector Chad Fabry. Residents: Samantha Nickel, Ray and Carole Mack, Ed Evans, John and Linda DeRue.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: LL AMENDING DOG LICENSING AND CONTROL PENALTIES

Supervisor Breslawski briefly explained the Public Hearing was to consider a local law amending Section 187-20 (Penalties for Offenses) of the “Dog Licensing and Control Law of the Town of Hamlin with respect to penalties for offenses.” The purpose of this change is to add community service as a penalty option for dog related offenses.

*LOCAL LAW _____2013
AMENDING SECTION 187-20 OF THE DOG LICENSING AND
CONTROL LAW OF THE TOWN OF HAMLIN WITH RESPECT TO
PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES*

Section 1: Section 187020 (Penalties for Offenses) of the “Dog Licensing and Control Law of the Town of Hamlin” is repealed and replaced by the following:

187-20. Penalties for Offenses.

Any person convicted of a violation of this Article shall be guilty of a violation and shall be subject to community service, a fine of \$75.00 for the first violation or imprisonment for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both, and an amount to be fixed by the Court, not less than \$75.00 and not more than \$250.00 for the second and each subsequent violation, or imprisonment for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both.

Section 2: This local law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

There were no comments or questions.

DISCUSSION:

Councilperson Goodrich objected to community service in place of fines. He felt it should be spelled out more clearly as to how it would be applied by the judges. He would rather see fines charged that go back to the general fund. Supervisor Breslawski stated that Community Service could also be extended to benevolent organizations within the Town. Councilperson Baxter was concerned that it would end up replacing fines. Councilperson Maier felt that it was suggested by the Judges as an option for a person that is unable to afford the fines. Another option suggested was to use payment plans for people that have trouble paying the fines.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED

Resolution # 157 Motion was made by Councilperson Goodrich, seconded by Councilperson Baxter, requesting Town Board resolution to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:40 PM as all business was concluded. Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Goodrich aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Councilperson Rose, Supervisor Breslawski aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Knapp
Hamlin Deputy Town Clerk