

## **Hamlin Town Board Meeting September 9, 2013**

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 Breslawski. 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.

Present: Councilperson Jason Baxter, Councilperson Craig Goodrich, Councilperson Martin Maier, Councilperson David Rose, and Supervisor Thomas Breslawski. Also present: Attorney Ken Licht; Highway Superintendent Steven Baase; Building Inspector Chad Fabry; Conservation Board Members Ed Evans and Jeanine Klopp; Recreation Director Patty Jo Groenendaal; Recreation Commissioner Karl Burroughs; Town Historian Bob Kruger; Library Director Kay Hughes-Dennett; and Board of Ethics Co-Chair Linda Rabjohn.

Residents: Roberta Fey, Ronald Fey, Kurtis Goltermann, Tom Jensen, Nick Kramer, Eric Peters and Donald Rabjohn.

### **LIBRARY PRESENTATION BY KAY HUGHES-DENNETT**

**Hamlin Library Board of Trustees:**

Sue Evans-President	Dane Emens-Vice President
Bunnie Beardsley-Secretary	Carolyn Hungerford-Treasurer
Karen Keck	Lara Schuler
Mark Ballerstein	

Our Board is very strong and we hope it continues to be that way.

### **The Library Build – Looking Back September 2012 to September 2013:**

- October 2012 – Notified of MCLS preliminary approval of 2012 Library Construction Grant
- January 2013 – Started Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals process
- May 2013 – Town Board takes over Library approval process
- June 2013 – Borings for site done – result: unsuitable soil
- September 2013 – Trenching done behind swale, found suitable soil
- September 2013 – Revising bid documents; we hope to be bidding by the beginning of October.

### **Grants:**

- New York State Library Construction Grant
  - \$466,136 – We have a check for \$419,522, which is 90% of the award amount. The final 10% will be sent to the Library upon completion of the project.
- Bullet Aid From New York State Senator Joseph Robach
  - \$15,000 (education/programming/computers)
- NYSERDA
  - Toshiba Copier - \$3,830
  - Lexmark Copier - \$1,289
  - Whirlpool Refrigerator - \$1,429
  - Before rebate cost - \$6,548
  - After rebate cost \$1,637

J. O'Connell & Associates (grant writers) wrote the grant for the Library Construction Grant and the NYSERDA Grant.

**Statistics for 2012:**

Collection size – 26,232

Number of items circulated – 72,126

Patron visits – 27,893

**New Programs:**

- **Lego Club**
  - Held on the first Saturday of the month at 2 pm
  - We are looking for donations of Legos
- **Coupon Exchange**
  - Held on the third Saturday of the month at 2 pm

**2013 Summer Reading Program:**

- We held 22 programs, holding multiple sessions of each program due to our meeting room size. We had at least 15-20 in every program group that we ran. We ran 2-3 sessions on every one.
- We had 922 kids come through the craft and performer portion of the reading program this summer.
- We had 40 adult participants in the reading portion of the program that read 264 books.
- There were 48 teen participants that read 1,514 hours.
- We had 33 juvenile participants that read 767 hours.
- The 28 read to me participants, which is ages 5 and under, were read to for 220 hours.

I can't wait to have the new Library building so I can do one session of programs and be able to help out the community with being able to use the meeting room, and also have a larger Library for the community. Hopefully we will be done by next June.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Supervisor Breslawski reminded all those present of the rules of Public Forum and opened the Public Forum.

**Tom Jensen, 1 Roadside Drive** – On August 12, 2013, I was presented a Resolution of Appreciation by the Hamlin Town Board. Resolution #266 is listed as unanimously approved. This resolution, while greatly appreciated, would be better if it were factual. The meeting minutes of July 8, 2013 record that Resolution #263 was made by Councilperson Goodrich, and seconded by Councilperson Baxter. The motion was voted on and Supervisor Breslawski voted no. There were dozens of witnesses to this vote as well as being in the minutes for that meeting, voted on and approved unanimously on August 12.

It took 8 months and the efforts of Councilperson Goodrich to propose this resolution on my behalf, and 4 councilpersons voted in favor. I extend my sincere appreciation to them for this honor. It is somewhat lessened to learn, that on that same night, Walt Fisher was also issued a Resolution of Appreciation for his 6 months of service on the Conservation Board. I do not claim that he does not deserve recognition for his service to Hamlin, but his rapid recognition for service is amazing compared to the 8 months it took to recognize someone who has been on the Planning Board for 6 years, attended multiple town meetings for over 10 years, served on the Zoning Code Committee, the Master Plan Committee, the Wind Tower Committee, and working with the Recreation Department for several years.

I will not offer any opinions as to why this took so long to be proposed. I am honored to have received the only known Resolution of Appreciation that was brought up and voted on during an actual open meeting of the Hamlin Town Board. I will, however, return this resolution to the Town Board since it is incomplete and inaccurately approved.

The Public Forum was closed.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2013**

**Resolution # 285** Motion was made by Councilperson Rose, seconded by Councilperson Maier, requesting Town Board approval of the regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2013. Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Goodrich no, Councilperson Maier aye, Councilperson Rose aye, Supervisor Breslawski aye. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE FUNDS**

**Resolution # 286** Motion was made by Supervisor Breslawski, seconded by Councilperson Maier, requesting Town Board approval for the authorization of payment of bills from their respective funds, except for Voucher #000-12086, which we are waiting for clarification from the State Comptroller Legal Department.

**MONTHLY  
TOTALS**

<b><u>ACCOUNTS</u></b>	<b><u>VOUCHER#</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>ABSTRACT</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>
			<b><u>ACCOUNT TOTALS</u></b>	
General	11977-78	275.42		
	11984-85	5181.34		
	11997-12002	3652.15		
	12041-12099	33622.88		
<b>Account Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>42,731.79</b>
Library	11979	84.89		
	12006	286.60		
	12012-12018	3256.14		
<b>Account Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>3,627.63</b>
Highway	12003	86.80		
	12019-12040	77298.47		
	12100	16923.53		
<b>Account Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>94,308.80</b>
Sewer	12004-5	229.34		
	12009-12011	981.99		
<b>Account Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>1,211.33</b>
Light	12007	1118.26		
<b>Account Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>1,118.26</b>
Employees Trust	11980-11983	1972.04		
	11986-11988	2066.76		
	11989-11990	23372.65		
	12008	1616.71		
<b>Account Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>29,028.16</b>
** Visa Charges = \$652.38				
** IRS Charge = \$16.00				
These are not included in the Grand Total				
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>172,025.97</b>

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

**APPROVE AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFERS**

**Resolution # 287** Motion was made by Councilperson Rose, seconded by Councilperson Maier, requesting Town Board approval of the authorization of transfers as follows:

<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AA.8010.13- Clerk to Support Boards	AA.3620.12- Clerk to Bld Insp	\$966.78
AA.7110.10- Parks Salary	AA.7110.40- Parks Contractual	\$909.77

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

Supervisor's Monthly Report acknowledged and filed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli's Weekly News, August 11, 2013
- b. Letter from NYS DOT, re: Parkway conditions
- c. Letter from NYS DOT, re: Walker Lake Ontario Road Speed Limit
- d. Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli's Weekly News, August 18, 2013
- e. Office of the Controller, Monroe County, re: Monroe County Sales Tax Distribution for Second Quarter 2013
- f. NYS Dep't of Taxation & Finance, re: Certificate of the Final State Equalization Rate for the 2013 Assessment Roll
- g. Letter from Paul J. Nau, re: resignation from Conservation Board
- h. Letter from The Community Foundation, re: Healthy Eating Project Grant
- i. Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli's Weekly News, August 25, 2013
- j. Letter from Linda & Gene Eichas and Rose Davis, re: Tree
- k. Governor Cuomo: Remembering the March on Washington
- l. Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli's Weekly News, September 1, 2013
- m. Governor Cuomo: Honoring NY's Labor Community

**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT BUDGET WORKSHOPS**

**Resolution # 288** Motion was made by Councilperson Rose, seconded by Councilperson Maier, requesting Town Board resolution to schedule Special Town Board meetings for the purpose of conducting a Budget Workshop on October 15<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup> (if needed) at 6:30 pm. Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Goodrich aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Councilperson Rose aye, Supervisor Breslawski aye. Motion carried.

**RESIGNATION OF PAUL NAU FROM THE CONSERVATION BOARD ACKNOWLEDGED**

**Resolution # 289** Motion was made by Councilperson Goodrich, seconded by Councilperson Baxter, requesting Town Board resolution to acknowledge the resignation of Paul Nau from the Conservation Board. Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Goodrich aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Councilperson Rose aye, Supervisor Breslawski aye. Motion carried.

**DON WELLS APPOINTED AS ACTING-ASSESSOR UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2013**

**Resolution # 290** Motion was made by Councilperson Maier, seconded by Councilperson Rose, requesting Town Board resolution to appoint Don Wells as the Acting-Assessor for the Town of Hamlin until December 31, 2013. Polled Votes: Councilperson Baxter aye, Councilperson Goodrich aye, Councilperson Maier aye, Councilperson Rose aye, Supervisor Breslawski aye. Motion carried.

**LION CHARLIE MAIER LODGE USE FEE WAIVED FOR HAMLIN HORNETS ON 9/8/13**

**Resolution # 291** Motion was made by Councilperson Baxter, seconded by Councilperson Rose, requesting Town Board resolution to waive the Lion Charlie Maier Lodge Use Fee for the Hamlin Hornets on September 8, 2013 to use for picture day in the event that it rains.

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

**LION CHARLIE MAIER LODGE USE FEE WAIVED FOR LION'S CLUB ON 8/26/13**

**Resolution # 292** Motion was made by Councilperson Rose, seconded by Councilperson Maier, requesting Town Board resolution to waive the Lion Charlie Maier Lodge Use Fee for the Lion's Club of Hamlin on August 26, 2013 for a Lion's Meeting.

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

**QUOTES REQUESTED FOR PROPANE GAS FOR HAMLIN HISTORY CENTER**

**Resolution # 293** Motion was made by Councilperson Goodrich, seconded by Councilperson Rose, requesting Town Board resolution to authorize the Supervisor to obtain quotes for propane gas for the Hamlin History Center. Quotes are due by October 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM.

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

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE 2013 TOWN BUDGET**

**Resolution # 294** Motion was made by Councilperson Goodrich, seconded by Councilperson Baxter, requesting Town Board resolution to amend the 2013 Town Budget by increasing estimated revenues in account AA.1550.00 by \$793.86, and estimated revenues in account AA.2705 by \$10.00, and increasing appropriations in account AA3510.11 by \$296.00, account AA3510.20 by \$125.22 and account AA3510.40 by \$382.64.

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

**DISCUSSION:**

- 1. Grain Communications Tower offer*** – They are offering between \$200,000 and \$229,000, which represents just under 11 years of payments. We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 5 year lease that contains 6 renewal options for a 30 year total. If we accept this offer, we would turn away \$380,600 in future revenue. It was agreed that there was no reason to accept this offer.
- 2. Conservation Board reduction*** – By reducing the Board 2 members who are paid \$1,443.10 per year, the cost savings would be \$2,886.20. I asked the Board their opinion; they do not wish to have their membership reduced. Also a reduction in members may mandate a change to Chapter 498 of the Town Code concerning the Waterfront Advisory Committee that consists of 7 members. Councilman Goodrich and Baxter felt that the members should be reduced to 5. Supervisor Breslawski and Councilman Maier felt that it should remain at 7. No changes were made. Councilman Rose suggested a meeting between the Conservation Board and the Town Board to discuss this further.

**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING TO BE ARRANGED WITH CONSERVATION BOARD**

**Resolution # 295** Motion was made by Councilperson Rose, seconded by Councilperson Maier, requesting Town Board resolution to set up a Special Town Board Meeting with the Conservation Board, with date to be determined.

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

3. **Planning Board reduction** – It's a little more complicated by local ordinance; decreasing the membership to 5 would take effect upon expiration of the next 2 terms. No incumbent shall be removed until the expiration of his/her term. We had the same amount of savings - \$2,886.20. Attorney Licht stated that it can be done by the Town Board. Tom correctly stated that you can't terminate any present member of the Planning Board by reducing the membership. The reductions would take place upon the next 2 vacancies or end of terms. This will be discussed further after Councilman Rose brings it to the Planning Board.
4. **Redman Road Water** – We received the numbers back from J.P. and this Redman Road Water would begin south of Route 18 and complete the loop on Redman Road heading north to where the other line terminates. Option 1 shows ductile iron pipe installation at a \$500,119.00 cost; that's a \$1,495.92 annual cost. Option 2 shows a PVC pipe installation at \$382,519.00; that's a \$1,191.19 average annual cost. Option 2 would require we work out an agreement with Monroe County Water Authority to allow the use of PVC pipe. With that agreement, the Town would be responsible for all future costs associated with the maintenance and repair of the PVC pipe. Supervisor Breslawski asked J.P. if he had any concerns with being inundated with repairs down the line because of the PVC pipe. He praised PVC as a good material, and didn't have any concerns about making a change. Councilman Rose suggested contacting Monroe County because they did a pilot program on Hamlin Center Road from Route 18 through Wiler Road with PVC, and see what their opinion is on their already established PVC waterline.
5. **Assessor Contract** – Supervisor Breslawski had spreadsheet comparables for sharing the Assessor services with Parma vs. hiring our own Assessor. Councilperson Rose stated he was against the contract with the Town of Parma because it was written strictly for them. It states that the Assessor is an employee of the Town of Parma, not the Town of Parma and Hamlin. They themselves dictate to us what they are going to pay for the benefits, yearly salary, and we have nothing to say. They just sent us a letter saying this is what your payment will be for the coming year. Their contract is for 3 years. I would rather have our own and have an Assessor here for 5 days a week rather than 2 days. Right now, we are sharing an Assessor and we have a part-time Assessor for roughly \$50,000 per year. I think that we should have a full-time Assessor. We could cut down on the clerk's hours and still be just as cost effective.  
Councilperson Baxter stated that for the \$3,500 difference that it would cost to hire our own, we would have someone here for 40 hours vs. 20 hours. It would be an employee under our control financially, for raises, medical, etc. We wouldn't be dictated by a contract and whenever they want to raise a fee. I understand we have the luxury to control our half, but in the past, we haven't been. I am not comfortable for \$3,500 to sign that agreement with Parma when I know that our Town will get 20 hours more in service. Plus that \$3,500 could be made up by having the clerk work less hours.

Supervisor Breslawski stated that his only concern was level of service with hiring someone new. Don Wells provided a very high level of service. A new Assessor would have a very long learning curve. We could possibly be sacrificing that and certainly will be sacrificing experience. Councilman Rose stated that due to the amount of people that came in for grievance day, something drastically was not there. There were such variations shortly after we had a town wide assessment by professional people. Liz worked in the mortgage department of a bank and her job was to go out and appraise properties for home equity loans. She has had quite a few years experience going out and appraising houses, so she does have appraisal experience even though it's not done through a municipality. She would gladly take all the courses that are necessary. In fact, she is signed up for 2 or 3 already. I feel confident that Liz could do the job, is willing to do the job, and it would be fully controlled by the Town of Hamlin.

**RESOLUTION FOR ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWN OF HAMLIN-MOTION NOT SECONDED**

**Resolution # 296** Motion was made by Councilperson Goodrich, seconded by Councilperson Baxter, requesting Town Board resolution to hire Liz Spencer as the Assessor for the Town of Hamlin.

**DISCUSSION:** Attorney Licht stated that they needed to have a salary figure, advertise (if necessary), and interview candidates. You are bound by the current contract with Parma until the end of December. Councilman Rose stated that the salary would be \$32,000, which Liz said she would accept as a yearly salary. He stated that she was well qualified.

Supervisor Breslawski stated that he felt that they needed to follow established procedures by advertising the position and conducting interviews.

Councilman Baxter withdrew his second. He wanted to see more discussion, and definitely wants to see it on next month's agenda. He wants to see something in place before the end of the year.

Councilman Rose asked to add this to the October agenda with salary set at \$32,000 for a 40 hour work week, health care benefits 75%, and would be part of the NYS Retirement System – Tier 6, as everyone was in agreement with these terms. Interviews could be set up in the later part of October.

**TOWN WILL NOT ENTER INTO MUNICIPAL CONTRACT WITH TOWN OF PARMA**

**Resolution # 297** Motion was made by Councilperson Rose, seconded by Councilperson Baxter, requesting Town Board resolution to not enter into a Municipal Contract with the Town of Parma as of December 31, 2013.

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

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR A FULL-TIME ASSESSOR**

**Resolution # 298** Motion was made by Councilperson Rose, seconded by Councilperson Baxter, requesting Town Board resolution to advertise for a full-time Assessor with applications due into the Town Clerk's Office by Monday, September 30, 2013 at 4 PM.

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

6. **Hornets Cheerleading waiver request** – The Hornet’s Cheerleaders and the Hornets use our facility a lot and I am not sure an automatic waiver of fees is in order. In this case, they will be using the floor mats. The regular rate that they are asking to be waived is \$10 per hour. I thought perhaps a \$5 per hour charge would be better. They are asking for September 20, 27, October 4, 11, and October 18. Patty Jo added that there are other organizations that may be using the facilities in the future. I think we need to be fair across the board. A certificate of insurance and supervision would still be required to use the facilities. I think it is important to stress that supervision is required and that they will be held responsible for any damage.

**HAMLIN HORNETS CHEERLEADERS TO USE TOWN GYM FOR DISCOUNTED RATE**

**Resolution # 299** Motion was made by Councilperson Goodrich, seconded by Councilperson Baxter, requesting Town Board resolution to approve the Hamlin Hornets Cheerleaders to use the Gymnasium at a rate of \$5 per hour on September 20, 27, October 4, 11, and 18, 2013.

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

7. **Library Lease** – Councilman Rose and Ken Licht have been working on a lease. There will be a revised one ready tomorrow. They wanted to keep a forever green area in front, so that will be incorporated into the lease.
8. **Dangerous Dog Report** – I spoke to one of the Justices about the proposed resolution to order the Dog Control Officer to file a dangerous dog report and give the report to the Judge for every dog bite in the Town; he did not support doing this by resolution and having this be an automatic thing. His concern was that the Judges do not want or need this information until such a time that a case is brought before them. I was told by the Dog Control Officer that it’s something that the state does recommend, and I would like to do a little further research before jumping into mandating a dangerous dog report.
- Councilman Goodrich feels it’s important that we record any dog bites and we should move on this quickly.
- Councilman Rose suggested putting an ad in the Hamlin Herald in regards to dangerous dogs to inform residents what will happen to them that if the board makes legislation that every dog bite will result in a dangerous dog report being submitted to the Judge. If the dog has not has his rabies shot, he will be taken to the Hamlin Dog Shelter for 10 days. If it has had its rabies shot, it will have to be quarantined for 10 days. We have had a number of dog bites lately, so we need to get the information out to the residents as a public service.
- Steve Baase suggested adding the leash law to the article. If the dogs are fenced off or kept on a leash, these things wouldn’t happen.
- Supervisor Breslawski said that he will write up an article and put everything pertinent from the Hamlin Law into it and submit it to the Hamlin Herald.
- Councilman Goodrich suggested putting the information into the Hamlin Express as well.

**REPORTS:****Highway Superintendent Steven Baase** reported on the following:

- We are almost done with fixing roads. We have 3 cross culvert pipes left to do on Martin Road, north of North Hamlin that we have to replace.
- We are trying to finish up the County work. We have some edges to put on the roads that we paved for the County. We have a couple of cross culverts to replace on North Hamlin Road for the County and some ditching to do for them. We have another week worth of work and money coming from them. We will probably get some more work in October.
- We are trying to get caught up on ditching and other things in our own town. We put the paying jobs first before it goes someplace else. We were on Hamlin Center Road ditching today.
- We had to wait for things to dry out to get out toward our ball fields. I made sure we did as little damage as possible.
- Our town roads should be striped fairly soon. Redman Road should be striped for the County also. They will all be striped at the same time.
- The junk drop off will September 28<sup>th</sup> through October 5<sup>th</sup> on Brick Schoolhouse Road. Brush will be in late October.
- I have been busy with the highway budget and did get that in on time last Friday.
- Radios – the trunk system is all set up and working. They said the Fire Departments have all tested it. Now I need to make a decision on what radios we will be getting. I want to do some tests in different areas to make sure they work before we purchase them and put them in the trucks.
- Football – They are having a bunch of items delivered for their scoreboard. This Saturday they plan to put it up and it is going to have three big posts in cement out by the football/soccer field. They are going to hook into the Lion Lodge electricity and pull the electricity off that for the scoreboard and they have no electricity for their speaker systems that they always use. I believe that they are going to run 220 out to the scoreboard and also put in some outlets to get electricity. Councilman Rose stated that it was originally agreed that they were going to put a hole in on Route 18 with their own meter and service and they would connect from that. Nothing was ever said about pulling electricity from the Charlie Maier Lodge site. If they take one thing like this for granted, what's going to be the next thing they do? We need to put a stop to this right now. Attorney Licht stated that he doesn't recall anything in the lease agreement stating that they could pull electricity from the Charlie Maier Lodge. Chad Fabry stated that they have no building permit, so they won't be able to do it this Saturday. He will inform them to stop work until further word from the Board.

**Building Inspector Chad Fabry** reported on the following:

- I wrote 30 permits in August; we had revenues of \$1,277. Inspections are a little bit harder to track because I am still running between two programs. I had 38 inspection appointments. We had 19 complaints, neighbor complaints mostly. Oddly, the neighbor was mowing too much of his neighbor's lawn. It was a fairly eventless month. One thing that I noticed when I was going over my budget preparations for the upcoming budget is we are about 30% behind projected spending in our department. Our projected spending was 30% less than 2011 spending and so we are going to have a very significant savings on our department this year over 2012, and especially over 2011. Our vehicle expense is also down fairly down significantly. The arrangement that the Town has with Clarkson regarding the vehicle, in essence, cost this town about the equivalent of the lease payment they were making on the other car, not counting gas, not counting insurance, tires, repair and maintenance. So, it's been a very symbiotic relationship between Clarkson and Hamlin in that regard. I don't see any changes coming to our budget. I think we will finish up 30% light of our projection. It doesn't mean that I don't want it next

year, but I will be just as conscientious about finishing up 30% light that year too. Our office supplies are way down and our equipment is way down. We are making do with our equipment much better than our previous building departments.

**Councilperson Goodrich** reported on the following:

- The Dog Warden collected fees of \$1,277 for the month of August, and had 27 dog calls. Nine Hamlin dogs are in the kennel right now; we have had 5 dog bites this month. We had \$340 in Kennel fees; we collected \$115 from Parma. They have 4 dogs for the month of August.
- Zoning was pretty simple. There was only one person and she was seeking relief from Town Code 520-29 for a fence; no permit was required for the fence they needed.

**Councilperson Maier** reported on the following:

- The Conservation Board had 3 referrals: Shore Acres for a deck, Newco Drive for a shed, and Tucker Lane for a break wall. Merritt Ackles visited all three of them in the LWRP. He had no issues for those. They should go through without any problem. They had a little discussion on the Regulatory IJC Report. They were talking about resending the letter that we sent in earlier to reiterate the issues.
- The fire districts had 524 calls to date. Councilman Rose added that there will be a very minuscule adjustment with the fire tax rate due to the districting of Morton, Hamlin and Walker. With the ratio of taxable income and the number of properties, Morton will go down a little bit this year, Hamlin will go up a little bit, and Walker will remain just about the same. Everyone will be taking their fair share.

**Councilperson Baxter** reported on the following:

- Hilton-Parma Fire District passed their tentative budget. They have been doing testing on the trunk radio system and they now have the results back and actually have better coverage than the VHF radios that they have been using.
- The new truck is here; the old truck is gone. People are being trained on that.
- Recreation – they are still pursuing Friends of Recreation and Parks as a 501(C)(3) non-profit so they can apply for more grants that J. O'Connell sends their way. They don't qualify for 90%-95% of them due to them not being 501(C)(3). They completed their budget and were in the 2% like they were supposed to. I commend Patty Jo and the Recreation Commission for that. There is graffiti on the roller hockey court. Steve said it will be taken care of tomorrow.

**Councilperson Rose** reported on the following:

- Senior Citizens are working on their budget. It will be pretty much what it was this year. On September 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a busload of seniors going up to the Thousand Islands for the day to take a cruise on the river and have lunch.
- Kay did an excellent report on the Library. They are working on their budget. It looks like they will be pretty much compatible with this year.
- The Planning Board granted Preliminary and Final Commercial Site Plan Approval for a bottle and can return business on the West Fork. There was a single lot subdivision. The other one has to go before the Zoning Board to take the house and the five acres off of the barn which is being sold. The house, which was built in 1912, sits too close to the road so they have to have a variance for the front setback for it and then they can finish that project. I understand that the Spear clubhouse and out barn is being sold by the individual because it is being classified as agricultural so that's another thing that is being taken care of.

**Conservation Board Ed Evans** reported on the following:

- There was an end of August deadline for any submission regarding the lake level plan in the works and the newspaper article didn't seem to give a good review of Hamlin's feelings so the Conservation Board moved to resurrect the letter we had written earlier and sent to you.
- We discussed at length the shrinking of the Conservation Board from 7 members to 5. I emailed to David what an excellent job he did of putting down in writing the opinions that were passed around in writing by the members of the Conservation Board. I felt more than just a little bit disappointed that it fell short of convincing the Board that we on the Conservation Board have earned the privilege of having a 7 member board. I am not speaking for the Board, but speaking for myself, I would like to remind the Town Board of the LWRP consideration. The Town's people of Hamlin have learned to appreciate having the LWRP. They were once given a big mass meeting in the gym across the hall and given the opportunity to say that it was a waste of time and a waste of money, but they voted nearly unanimously to keep the LWRP. They saw that they derived some benefits from it, the benefit being that unlike some of the lakeshore residents, they don't have to wait weeks and months for the DEC to come and inspect a project that they wish to do out in front of their houses because we have the LWRP. We cut all those steps to make that kind of thing happen for the benefit of the Town. It's the Conservation Board that administers the LWRP. When it comes to the many year-long process of re-writing that LWRP document, it's the Conservation Board that does it. Hardly any of the other Boards mention the LWRP. It's the Conservation Board that maintains it, and the state watches what we do. Seven members certainly makes that possible, in addition to all the other things that David mentioned. One more personal suggestion for me regarding this is if it's really that important to save the salaries of a couple of the Conservation Board members, consider this, why not abolish the salaries of all the Conservation Board? We will work for nothing. Those who don't want to work for free, then we will hire somebody that does. There are towns with Conservation Boards that don't pay at all and people on our Conservation Board are the dedicated type, and I'm thinking if that suggestion is run by them, that it might be taken seriously. If saving money is that important for administrating to the environment, then I ask you to seriously take my suggestion. I will take this back to the Conservation Board, and I will tell them that I spoke with the Town Board and prefaced it by saying it's my own personal opinion and not theirs.
- The work at the LWRP History Site up on Moscow Road continues to get bigger. The State Park System is now getting into the act with gusto. They recently paid for 2 dumpsters and have a 3<sup>rd</sup> one on the way. We had 15 SUNY Brockport students that pitched in and filled the dumpsters. The paperwork has been started by the park to hook up the water to the house and plans are underway to put in a gravel-packed one-way road starting at Moscow Road, going around back behind the farmhouse and back to Moscow Road again. The iron gate will be moved soon. Councilman Goodrich added, "Thank you for making that kind offer to work for free. That, of course, will help the budget, and let me know if you come up with any other members that will work for free when we have our discussion. Thank you."

**Town Historian Bob Kruger** reported on the following:

- It was a busy month of August. The material I requested for being listed on the State and National Register has been sent in, and I appreciate your expense on that. It should take about 6 months to a year.
- I received a couple of walk-in guests.
- I received a couple of acquisitions this past month. I was offered a B-1 John Deere Corn Sheller that is in great condition. This is how corn was separated before the combine. I thought maybe I could work with some of the Recreation and Youth Groups and with adult

supervision, they could be turning the crank watching how the process of shelling off an ear of corn would be. It would be a nice learning experience.

- I am preparing for Heritage Day on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is no Heritage Award recipient this year. We are going to have some nice exhibits. The Hojack Hoboes are going to be back playing bluegrass music.

**Recreation Director Patty Jo Groenendaal** reported on the following:

- Anke, one of our staff, has been working on a drinking fountain project. We have been missing a drinking fountain since the Courthouse was redone. Many residents have come to us to request a drinking fountain, with no success. She started a fundraiser project, and it is now online. It's a really good video that Anke put together. It's something we came up with to help with the need for a drinking fountain out by the basketball courts. Please look at it, share it, spread it, and let this video go viral so everyone will want to give, give, give!

**Supervisor Breslawski** reported on the following:

- Budget worksheets are in; we are working on entering them in and computing the tax cap limit. Our first workshop on that is on September 19<sup>th</sup>. I will be meeting with Jerry Dobberstein to receive a check for \$3,062, which is an additional rebate check that we will receive this year and next year as well. It is based on the interest earned on our NYMER rebate amount; they voted to return that to the Towns as well.
- We have our stamps for the invoices for several of the departments. Notably Recreation, Justice, Highway and Town Clerk. We are still working on the system, but we have more and more invoices coming in as time goes on, which saves a lot of time, money and reduces the chance of entry errors.
- We are meeting with payroll companies to discuss what they can offer to the Town and at what cost. There is a potential to realize some savings here. Along with that, we have been looking to make a change to the way we pay our monthly payroll that could save us \$1,800 per year. That is something that we have been getting quotes on over the last few months.
- Finally, I want to comment on something that was mentioned in the Public Forum. I did vote yes on Tom Jensen's Resolution of Appreciation, Resolution #266, because I wrote it and I agreed with everything contained in it. Prior to that, I voted no to Resolution #263, which was a resolution to send a Resolution of Appreciation to Tom Jensen. I voted no because of the actions of Mr. Jensen while under the employment of the Town that resulted in a police report being filed. In previous instances with other employees when law enforcement was involved, no Resolution of Appreciation was awarded. In my opinion, this was purely political grandstanding by Mr. Jensen and others involved in his embarrassing decision to return his award.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilperson Rose, seconded by Councilperson Goodrich to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM as all business had been concluded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi A. Rickman  
Hamlin Town Clerk