Hamlin Regular Town Board Meeting
December 11, 2023

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 7:10 pm by Supervisor Baase. Everyone was invited to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the deceased residents of Hamlin.

Present: Councilperson Rick Wright, Councilperson Joel Yager, Councilperson Phil Hurlbutt Supervisor Steve Baase.
Excused: Councilperson Jennifer Voelkl
Also present: Town Clerk - Patty Jo Groenendaal, Code Enforcement Officer - Cheryl Pacelli, Town Attorney – Maureen Werner, Recreation Supervisor - Keylee Gilfilian, Nick Russo and Jonathan Vogler.

BROADCASTED LIVE: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYcdDejGpNw

INVOCATION: Led by Nick Russo of Walker Bible Baptist Church

PUBLIC FORUM: No one choose to address the board.

APPROVE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2023
Resolution #286 Motion made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Yager to approve the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of November 29, 2023
Polled votes: Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE FUNDS:
Resolution #287 Motion made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Yager to approve payment of bills from their respective funds.

ACCOUNT	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT TOTALS
General	2023-1463	22519.66	
	2023-1464 to 1466	544.51	
	2023-1468	2882.39	
	2023-1522 to 2023-1564	50091.18	
Account Total			**$76,037.74**
Library	2023-1467	240.66	
	2023-1508 to 2023-1521	2783.90	
Account Total			**$3,024.56**

Highway	2023-1480 to 2023-1507	55171.15	
Account Total			**$55,171.15**
Sewer	2023-1469	61.18	
	2023-1476 to 2023-1479	19231.85	
Account Total			**$19,293.03**
Light	2023-1470	1994.42	
Account Total			**$1,994.42**
Hamlin Lakeshore	2023-1474 to 2023-1475	15815.54	
Account Total			**$15,815.54**
Hunt. Park			**$0.00**
Account Total			
Paychex	2023-1472	156.32	
	2023-1471	28.56	
Account Total			**$184.88**
Employees Trust	2023-1473	1930.94	
Account Total			**$1,930.94**
Visa	Amazon	1790.78	
	Harbor Freight	198.88	
	Hubbel Galvanizing	362.70	
	Intuit Mail Chimp	39.50	
	Walmart	165.47	
Account Total			**$2,557.33**
GRAND TOTAL:			**$176,009.59**

Polled votes: Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Erie Canalway News- December 2023
b. AOT December Digital Newsletter
c. Holiday Toy Drive
d. NY Community Connection November Newsletter
e. 2023.11.30 Charter Program Notice (MiPlan adds, Deutsche Welle disc)ny
f. Press Release for Scholarship Applications due March 1, 2024

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT ACKNOWLEDGE AND FILED.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MARK BALLERSTEIN FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

Resolution #288 Motion made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Wright to accept the resignation of Mark Ballerstein from the Planning Board effective December 31, 2023.

Polled votes: Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried.

ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF 3 PARCELS OF LAND FROM NEW YORK STATE PARKS

Resolution #289 Motion made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Wright to accept the transfer of 3 parcels of land from New York State Parks as listed.

RESOLUTION 289 ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF THREE PARCELS FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, GENESEE REGION.

Whereas, the Genesee Region of New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYS Parks) acquired linear parcels in the town of Hamlin, in Monroe County with speculation to build bridges with fly-over on ramps. However, all road intersections along the Parkway in Hamlin are at-grade intersections so these linear land parcels are unnecessary.

Whereas, the Town of Hamlin installed sanitary transmission mains through these parcels that connected over 290 homes along Lake Ontario to a public sanitary sewer system and ultimately to the Monroe County Northwest Quadrant Wastewater Treatment Facility for treatment and disposal to mitigate health risks to Lake Ontario residents from high lake levels.

Now therefore, the lands described in mapping and descriptions are not used for recreational purposes, are no longer necessary for Park purposes and the purpose that the parcels were originally acquired for and therefore, NYS Parks desires to transfer these lands to the Town of Hamlin for highway purposes.

Now therefore, the Town of Hamlin is willing to accept the transfer of these parcels from NYS Parks as described below:

Parcel 1 - ALL THAT Tract or parcel of land situated in Town Lot 7, Township 5, Section 10 of the Triangular Tract in the Town of Hamlin, County of Monroe, State of New York and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northeast corner of Newco Drive right-of-way as marked by a concrete monument;

Thence easterly on a bearing of S 61□ 51' 51" E a distance of 368.71 feet to a point;

Thence northeasterly on a curve to the left having a radius of 494.47 feet and an arc length of 282.65 feet to a point:

Thence easterly on a bearing of N 85º 23' 04" E a distance of 185.00 feet to a point;

Thence northeasterly on a curve to the left having a radius of 305.25 feet an arc length of 250.34 feet to a point;
Thence northerly on a bearing of N 38□ 23' 46" E a distance of 41.82 feet to a point, said point being in the south line of the Sandy Creek Beach Association;
Thence easterly along the south line of Sandy Beach Association on a bearing of S 65º 52' 12" E a distance of 68.10 feet to a point;
Thence southerly on a bearing of S 38º 23' 46" W a distance of 58.60 feet to a point;
Thence southwesterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 371.25 feet an arc length of 304.46 feet to a point;
Thence westerly on a bearing of S 85º 23' 04" W a distance of 185.00 feet to a point;
Thence on a curve to the right having a radius of 560.47 feet an arc length of 320.38 feet to a point;
Thence westerly on a bearing of N 61º 51' 51" W a distance of 368.71 feet to a point;
Thence northerly on a bearing of N 28º 08' 09" E a distance of 66.00 feet to a point, said point being in the south line of town lot 5 and the true point and place of beginning.
Subject to all covenants, easements, and restrictions of record if any affecting said premises as recorded in the Monroe County Clerk's office.
Being and hereby intending to describe a parcel of land, containing 1.792 acres of land more or less.
Parcel 2 - All that tract or parcel of land situated in Town Lot 13&14, Township 5, Section 10 of the Triangular Tract in the Town of Hamlin, County of Monroe, State of New York and being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point in the northerly right-of-way of Sandy Shore Drive, said point being the southeast corner of Lot 3 of the Sandy Shore Estates Subdivision as filed in Liber 271 of Maps Page 53 in the Monroe County Clerk’s Office;
Thence westerly on a bearing of S 71º 00' 50" E a distance of 886.27 feet to a point;
Thence southerly on a bearing of S 04º 30' 45" W a distance of 68.16 feet to a point;
Thence westerly on a bearing of N 71º 00' 50" W a distance of 886.59 feet to a point;
Thence northerly on a bearing of N 04º 46' 32" E a distance of 68.08 feet to a point, said point being in the true point and place of beginning.
Subject to all covenants, easements, and restrictions of record if any affecting said premises as recorded in the Monroe County Clerk's office.
Being and hereby intending to describe a parcel of land, containing 1.343 acres of land more or less.
Parcel 3 - All that tract or parcel of land situated in Town Lot 5, Township 5, Section 10 of the Triangular Tract in the Town of Hamlin, County of Monroe, State of New York and being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point in the northerly right-of-way of Benedict Beach Road, said point being 243.76 feet easterly of an angle point in said right-of-way;

Thence easterly on a bearing of N 78□ 04' 24" E a distance of 475.03 feet to a point, said point being in the east line of Town Lot 5;
Thence southerly along the east line of Town Lot 5 on a bearing of S 02º 22' 50" E a distance of 68.11 feet to a point;
Thence westerly on a bearing of S 78º 04' 24" W a distance of 287.10 feet to a point;
Thence southerly on a bearing of S 02º 34' 40" W a distance of 100.00 feet to a point;
Thence westerly on a bearing of N 87º 25' 20" W a distance of 182.17 feet to a point;
Thence northerly on a bearing of N 02º 34' 40" E a distance of 121.04 feet to a point, said point being in the true point and place of beginning.
Subject to all covenants, easements, and restrictions of record if any affecting said premises as recorded in the Monroe County Clerk's office.
Being and hereby intending to describe a parcel of land, containing 1.040 acres of land more or less.
Discussion – This was property we needed to put in the sewers. The State Park owned this as a possible expansion to enlarge the intersection at one time.
Polled votes: Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried.

SET THE DATE FOR THE 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TO BE JANUARY 2ND, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

Resolution #290 Motion made by Councilperson Yager and seconded by Councilperson Wright to set the date for the 2024 Organizational meeting to be January 2nd, 2024 at 7:00 pm located at 1658 Lake Rd. Hamlin N.Y. in the Board room.
Polled votes: Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Resolution #291 Motion made by Councilperson Yager and seconded by Councilperson Wright to approve the Following Budget Transfers

From Account	To Account	Amount
DA.9040.80 Workers Compensation	DA.5110.40 General Repairs Cont. Exp	$ 10,543.40

From Account	To Account	Amount
A.8810.20 Cemetery equipment	A.8810.40 Cemeteries Contractual	$ 8.53

General

From Account	To Account	Amount
A.1990.40 Contingent-Other	A.3510.40 Dog Control Contractual	$ 2,000.00

From Account	To Account	Amount
A.3610.40 Board of Asst Contr.	A.1355.40 Assessor Contractual	$ 2,000.00

From Account	To Account	Amount
A.1990.40 Contingent-Other	A.1430.10 Accounting Salary	$ 10,500.00

From Account	To Account	Amount
A.1990.40 Contingent-Other	A.7520.40 History Property Contractual	$ 2,000.00

From Account	To Account	Amount
A.5132.50 Highway Garage Electric	A.5132.80 Highway Garage Phone	$ 1,500.00

From Account	To Account	Amount
A.7110.10 Parks Salary	A.7110.40 Parks Contractual	$ 1,328.14

From Account	To Account	Amount
A.1990.40 Contingent-Other	A.1460.40 Bank Fees & Service Charges	$ 319.16

From Account	To Account	Amount
A.8160.40 Refuse Contractual Exp	A.8540.40 Drainage	$ 3,671.41

Highway

From Account	To Account	Amount
DA.9040.80 Workers Compensation	DA.5110.40 General Repairs Cont. Exp	$ 10,543.40

From Account	To Account	Amount
DA.9060.80 Medical & Dental Ins.	DA.5130.40 Machinery Cont. Exp	$ 16,905.42

Polled votes: Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Resolution #292 Motion made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Yager to make the Following Budget Amendments

General

Increase Revenue Account:
A.2300.00 Other Governments $3,400.00

Increase Expense Account:
A.1330.10 Tax Collection Salary $3,400.00
Polled votes: Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried.

Discussion
Baase – The Town Clerk brought to our attention about requesting Governor Hochul to veto the A.04282B/S.3505B bill. A bill changing the election years for local government to even years coinciding with the presidential election.

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO VETO A.04282B/S.3505B
Resolution #293 Motion made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Wright to request Governor Hochul to veto the A.04282B/S.3505B bill.
Polled votes: Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamlin, NY Town Board believes that increasing participation in the election process and reducing costs of government operations is good for our republic, and

WHEREAS, during the 2023 legislative session, Assembly Member Amy Paulin and State Senator James Skoufis reintroduced this legislation, which would move local elections to even-numbered years, and

WHEREAS, versions of this legislation were introduced in previous years and failed to reach the floor for a vote due to lack of support, and

WHEREAS, after the 2022 session concluded, the bill sponsor indicated that hearings would be held on the proposal through the Election Committee process, and

WHEREAS, no such hearings were held, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation circumvented the legislative committee process during the legislative session, limiting public input and understanding of the impacts, and

WHEREAS, there has been no financial analysis or operational analysis of the impacts on local Boards of Elections, and

WHEREAS, this legislation passed in the middle of the night on the last days of the legislative session, which is counter to the idea of an open and transparent government, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamlin Town Board has many concerns with this bill, especially its diminishment of adequate attention to local issues and local voices, and

WHEREAS, by forcing local elections to compete against national and state-level campaigns, this legislation will decrease voters' attention to important local issues and deprive local candidates of appropriate platforms to explain their stance on issues, and

WHEREAS, moving local elections to even-numbered years would increase the cost of campaigns for local office due to advertising prices being driven up by demand from national and state level campaigns, thereby reducing the ability of local campaigns to get their messages out, and

WHEREAS, this legislation excludes elections to offices in New York City and all other cities and villages in New York State, as well as certain offices within all counties and towns, thereby negating any possible savings to local Boards of Election, and

WHEREAS, this legislation usurps Home Rule powers reserved by local governments and protected by the Constitution of the State of New York, raising questions of legality and constitutional authority, and

WHEREAS, local municipalities have had the ability to change their elections to even-numbered years for decades, and have chosen not to do so, and

WHEREAS, establishing the schedule of local elections is the right of the local government, supported by more than a century of precedent, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Bill sponsor indicated that she had not received any messages of support for this proposal from any of the 57 Counties and 933 Towns across New York State impacted by this legislation, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hamlin Town Board calls on Governor Hochul to strongly oppose this legislation and utilize her veto authority to reject this proposal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hamlin Town Clerk be, and hereby is, directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Minority Leader Robert Ortt, Assembly Minority Leader William Barclay, Assembly Bill Sponsor Amy Paulin, Senate Bill Sponsor James Skoufis, Senator Daniel Stec, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Assemblyman Kenneth Blankenbush, Senator Jeremy A. Cooney, Senator Samra G.

Brouk, Assemblyman Steve Hawley, Monroe County Legislator Jackie Smith as well as to any others deemed necessary and appropriate.

REPORTS

Yager – Library had 2,593 participants year to date. November highlights include the Civil War presentation, Thanksgiving Day crafts and enjoyed some holiday cheer. CPR Go bag to practice hands on CPR.
Dog Shelter has 10 calls for service, 2 vet appointments, used the truck one time for Clarkson and ten times for Sweden. The new entry door was put in. They replanted two trees at the Shelter.

Wright- Going to the Hilton Parma Fire Department meeting tomorrow.
The Ambulance is incredibly busy with 1119 calls to date last year they had 1098 for the year. The vehicles are doing good.
Seniors have scheduled their board meetings for the 2nd Saturday of the month with the exception of December. Looking for speakers. They asked about the ancestry and if that is going to happen.
Baase – It will not be at the library. There is still an option for it to get set up at the History Center.
Wright - The seniors asked about the light at Hamlin Meadows.
Baase – National Grid needs to put that up.
Wright – The seniors also asked about a tree lighting.
Gilfilian – We had one last year but it was not very well attended. This year we had the Santa event at St. Johns Church.
Wright – I did the bell ringing at Tops and was amazed how much people donated.
The VFW had their Christmas Party. A few asked why the flags are gone but they want to get new flags for the big presentation on Memorial Day. They want to work on the gutters and thinking about snow blowing, salting and snow plowing.

Hurlbutt – Hamlin Morton Walker Fire Department had 442 call year to date. The Planning Board had a Conservation Corridor Development Permit that was approved. Farmland Protection Plan will be meeting on December 20th. Fire Department Commissioner vote on Tuesday from 6 – 9 pm.

Pacelli – 11 permits issued from 11/13/2023 – 12/11/2023, Permit fee cost received: $1,122.00, Permit valuation: $55,930.00, C of O & C of C issued – 10, Phone calls into the office: 186
Sent out 8 violation notices for various code violations and complaints. Code Enforcement has 2 residents before the court for the outdoor storage of junk and non-renewal of a Special Use

Permit. The Next Era Energy Walker Lake Ontario Solar Facility has a test scheduled for December 18, 2020. If the test passes, they will be online with power.

Gilfilian – Over 80 people were registered for the Storytime with Santa. The next brochure will be coming out for the months of January – April. We have lots of stuff in it that we are really excited about. The Friends of Hamlin Recreation will be having their meeting on Monday the 18th. The Cultural Committee will be meeting on January 17th. The snow removal had a few people come in to inquire about it.

Baase – I have been helping with the decorating outside. The kids love the new reindeer that was at the Santa event. The Bond paperwork is in at a 5.45% interest.
Hurlbutt – Did we do another test yet with the sewer generator?
Baase – Yes. It did work and the letters will be going out. There was a main power error code the programming was off. Hopefully this week that will get updated and Highway can get names and have the key available for residents. The Town Clerk posted on Facebook, newsletter and the website and got a few inquiries on the snow removal. There are guidelines available.

Discussion-
Hurlbutt - Are there any grants for the waterline extensions?
Baase – Yes, but we need to finish the sewer project before they allow another grant.
Wright – VFW trail is so wet back there we could try a grant for Veterans organizations.

ADJOURNMENT
Resolution #294 Motion made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Yager to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm as all business had been concluded.
Polled votes: All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Jo Groenendaal
Hamlin Town Clerk