Hamlin Regular Town Board Meeting
May 29, 2024

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 7:00 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 Phil Hurlbutt, Councilperson Rick Wright, Councilperson Jennifer Voelkl, Councilperson Joel Yager, Supervisor Steven Baase.
Also present: Deputy Town Clerk – Colleen Flaherty, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer – Cheryl Pacelli, Town Attorney – Maureen Werner, Jonathan and Jeannette Vogler, James Fox

BROADCASTED LIVE: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5Pkbe8ReRU

INVOCATION: Led by James Fox of Living Hope Assembly of God

PUBLIC FORUM: No one chose to address the board.

APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2024:
Resolution #161 Motion made by Councilperson Yager and seconded by Councilperson Voelkl to approve the Town Board Minutes of May 13, 2024.
Polled votes: Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Supervisor Baase aye.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE FUNDS:
Resolution #162 Motion made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Yager to approve the payment of bills from their respective funds.

ACCOUNT	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT TOTALS
General	2024-0635 to 2024-0636	513.91	
	2024-0640	318.54	
	2024-0643 to 2024-0645	974.36	
	2024-0647	29796.2	
	2024-0660 to 2024-0697	23207.7	
Account Total			**$ 54,810.71**

Library	2024-0637	434.03	
Account Total			**$ 434.03**
Highway	2024-0650 to 2024-0659	6063.37	
Account Total			**$ 6,063.37**
Sewer	2024-0649	267.90	
Account Total			**$ 267.90**
Hamlin-Lakeshore	2024-0648	388.52	
Account Total			**$ 388.52**
Light District			
Account Total			**$ -**
Paychex	2024-0642	256.60	
	2024-0698	119.06	
Account Total			**$ 375.66**
Employees Trust	2024-0641	1797.38	
Account Total			**$ 1,797.38**
Visa Charges	Amazon	118.40	
	Cornell Seminar - Cvent	470.00	
	CPR/AED	60.00	
	Crown Awards	134.04	
	NYSAA	125.00	
Account Total:			**$ 907.44**
GRAND TOTAL:			**$ 65,045.01**

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

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2024:

Resolution #163 Motion made by Councilperson Yager and seconded by Councilperson Voelkl to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of May 13, 2024.
Polled votes: Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Supervisor Baase aye.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Resolution #164 Motion made by Councilperson Yager and seconded by Councilperson Voelkl to approve the transfer of funds.

From Account	To Account	Amount
A.1990.40 Contingent-Other	A.1910.40 Unallocated Insurance Payment	$ 5,705.00

Discussion:
Baase – We didn't budget enough for the annual increase.

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

APPROVAL TO PAY HAMLIN SPORTS TO PURCHASE SOCCER UNIFORMS

Resolution #165 Motion made by Councilperson Yager and seconded by Councilperson Voelkl to approve to pay Hamlin Sports $3,826.00 to purchase 215 soccer uniforms for the teams this year.

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

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A KUBOTA LAWN MOWER FOR THE HAMLIN DOG SHELTER FROM BENTLEY BROTHERS

Resolution #166 Motion made by Councilperson Yager and seconded by Councilperson Hurlbutt to approve to purchase a Kubota Lawn Mower for the Hamlin Dog Shelter from Bentley Brothers in the amount of $8,642.72 off of State Bid Contract #69404.

Discussion:
Yager- They are going to mow their own lawn.
Wright – Is it that big?
Hurlbutt – Who is going to run the lawn mower?
Baase – Dave [Maynard] will be mowing. He's going to mow the back trail because it only gets mowed once a year.
Wright – I thought it was a big mower for what they need.
Yager – Really, it's a good one. We have like $19,000.
Baase - $22,000.
Hurlbutt – Will the Highway Department service the lawn mower
Baase – We'll figure it out.
Voelkl – Would he be covered under the insurance?

Baase – Yes, as a town employee.
Voelkl – We're going to pile this onto the rest of his responsibilities?
Yager – Yes, because it's not working now. It's horrible.

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

APPROVAL TO PAY FOR THE KUBOTA LAWN MOWER FROM THE HAMLIN DOG SHELTER DONATION ACCOUNT

Resolution #167 Motion made by Councilperson Yager and seconded by Councilperson Wright to approve to pay for the Kubota Lawn mower for the Hamlin Dog Shelter from its donation account.

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

Discussion:
Voelkl – Where have we gotten for the grant for the Dog Shelter?
Baase – The company that we hooked up with will be writing grants for us.
Wright – Is there a timeframe?
Baase – Some of that has to be done by 2025. These things have to be done by then for the new state regulations.
Yager – A lot of towns are not going to do all of it.

APPROVAL TO AWARD LAWN MOWING CONTRACT TO YARD DADDY

Resolution #168 Motion made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Yager to award the lawn mowing contract for delinquent properties to Yard Daddy at the agreed price.

Discussion:
Baase – There were 5 bids. I did some figuring because they didn't all give prices based on what we told them we wanted. Some were very pricey like $5 per 100 sq/ft. Another one came in very cheap at 50 cents per 100 sq/ft. There have been other problems with that company that I've heard of.
Voelkl – What is the difference in the two quotes from one company?
Hurlbutt – One is for the initial mowing and the second is for additional mowings after that.
Voelkl – The cheapest is Yard Daddy. I've had no issues with them.
Baase – That one years ago for the ambulance hired them for mowing and they quit halfway through and they had to hire a new company. They hired them to plow the parking lot and then

the town had to do that the rest of the year. It puts a bad taste in my mouth when you hire someone and they don't finish and stick you with finding someone else in the middle of the season.
Wright – My friend had problems with them too.
Baase – We figured an average of 5000 sq/ft per lawn.
Hurlbutt – I'm good with DJR
Baase – Most of them are in Hamlin except Yard Daddy, they're in Clarkson.
I've heard good things about Rock Property.
Voelkl – I think for the cost for the town Yard Daddy has the lowest price. I know we're supposed to get the money back but we don't know that for sure. These are overgrown abandoned properties.
Wright – I just don't like them. Too many problems.
Voelkl – They've been responsible and responsive.
Hurlbutt – How many properties are there Cheryl?
Pacelli – There are 4. 2 of them may be taken care of this weekend. These lawns are very high. Unfortunately, most of these are because of people who have passed on and they just don't have any family to take care of their property.
Hurlbutt – All of these companies are aware of how tall these lawns are Cheryl?
Pacelli – One the one gentleman that did the two properties. He called and asked about specific properties.

Polled votes: Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Councilperson Wright no, Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Supervisor Baase no.
Motion carried.

Discussion:
Wright – After the last meeting with the cell tower, I went through the Cancer Society's website and different organizations like Verizon. There was no strong evidence that the RF waves caused any cancer of any kind. The eagles, Buffalo is using fake eagles on the towers to deter both eagles from nesting as well as other critters that might possibly get in there.
Yager – That's what you're suggesting, that we get eagles for the tower?
Wright – No, I'm just saying that's what they have done. Eagles also only go 1-4 miles while nesting. The ones that have lights on them, from what I can find, had accidents with eagles and osprey because when it's cloudy or rainy with difficulty seeing they're drawn to the light resulting in 50-60 strikes. Ours will not have lights so that's a good thing. In New York state 100 bald eagles have nested in towers and that's also why Buffalo is using the decoys.

ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution #169 Motion was made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Yager, requesting Town Board approval to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm as all business had been concluded.
Polled votes: All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Flaherty
Hamlin Town Clerk