Hamlin Regular Town Board Meeting
February 26, 2025

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 Jennifer Voelkl, Councilperson Rick Wright, Councilperson Joel Yager, Councilperson Phil Hurlbutt, Supervisor Steve Baase.
Also present: Town Clerk - Patty Jo Groenendaal, Highway Superintendent - Mike German, Code Enforcement Officer - Cheryl Pacelli, Town Attorney – Maureen Werner, Assessor – Liz Spencer, Roberta Davis, Adam Maier and Mike Gugliuzza from Mercy Flight.

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

INVOCATION: Led by Roberta Davis from Christ Chapel Wesleyan Church

PUBLIC FORUM:
Mike Gugliuzza, Director of Operations at Mercy Flight.
One of the key issues we needed to work on when COVA took over was staffing. We now have an ambulance crew 24/7. The next phase is to monitor the call volume and see where and when to add resources. As of January 1st, we took control of Central and Eastern Orleans County again. We are also in Genesee County and can pull those resources up if needed. We have just put in new Cardiac Monitors and continue working on available grants.
Adam Maier – We definitely have seen an uptick in the call volume. 30% of the calls coming in are for mutual aid. On the westside of Monroe County we do not have a lot of resources. For backup Hamlin has Monroe Ambulance if they are not available it is Gates or Spencerport. On occasion if Brockport has a crew they can back up as well. The new cardiac monitors are in service. The nurse navigation program with the 911 emergencies is working well. They try to sort the critical patients and non-critical patients to take the stress off the hospital system and the EMS system.

Baase – We are glad you are here and thank you for taking the time and sharing your updates with us.

Gugliuzza – We are still working through the asset transfer with COVA. Their Certificate of Operations transferred to Mercy Flight, but they are a not-for-profit and are still going through the paperwork on that. Right now, we are fortunate that our staff is strong.

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT ACKNOWLEDGE AND FILED

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Resolution #98 Motion made by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Hurlbutt to approve the Regular Town Board meeting minutes of February 10. 2025
Polled votes: Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE FUNDS:

Resolution #99 Motion made by Councilperson Yager and seconded by Councilperson Hurlbutt to approve payment of bills from their respective funds.

ACCOUNT	VOUCHER#	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT TOTALS
General	2025-0197	530.29	
	2025-0198	32502.23	
	2025-0199 to 2025-0201	467.80	
	2025-0205 to 2025-0206	869.74	
	2025-0228 to 2025-0262	45060.09	
Account Total			**$ 79,430.15**
Library	2025-0202 to 2025-0204	1159.24	
Account Total			**$ 1,159.24**
Highway	2025-0212 to 2025-0227	74964.12	
Account Total			**$ 74,964.12**
Sewer	2025-0207	186.24	
	2025-0211	443.15	
Account Total			**$ 629.39**
Hamlin Morton Walker	2025-0194	856612.74	
Account Total			**$ 856,612.74**
Hilton Parma Fire Dst	2025-0193	38101.41	
Account Total			**$ 38,101.41**
Wiler Road Bridge	2025-0210	33792.65	
Account Total			**$ 33,792.65**
Paychex	2025-0195	253.88	
	2025-0208	262.03	
	2025-0263	164.73	
Account Total			**$ 680.64**

Employees Trust		2025-0196		4238.54		
Account Total					**$**	**4,238.54**
Visa Charges		Amazon		168.42		
		Dollar Tree		26.25		
		Ebay		115.12		
		Intuit Quickbooks		271.20		
		NYS Assessor's Assoc		185.00		
		Tinsletown		116.75		
		Zoo Factory		169.75		
Account Total:					**$**	**1,052.49**
GRAND TOTAL:					**$**	**1,090,661.37**

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

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS EXEMPTION

Resolution #100 Motion made by Councilperson Voelkl and seconded by Councilperson Wright proposing to amend Chapter 442 Taxation – Article VIII

Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption (§442-21. Qualification for exemption) of the Code of the Town of Hamlin
WHEREAS, the Town of Hamlin desires to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the Citizens of the Town of Hamlin by amending Chapter 442 Taxation – Article VIII Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption (§442-21. Qualification for exemption) of the code of the Town of Hamlin to extend benefits to those volunteers who provides such volunteer services to a contiguous town - whether said town be located in Monroe County or Orleans County; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary to hold and conduct a Public Hearing to consider the enactment of Introductory Law No. 1 – 2025;
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Hamlin, Monroe County, New York as follows:
SECTION I: The Town Board of the Town of Hamlin shall hold and conduct a Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law #1 – 2025, a local law proposing to amend Article VIII Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption (§442-21. Qualification for exemption) the code the Town of Hamlin which Public Hearing shall be held and conducted at the Hamlin Town Hall, 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin, New York on the 10th day of March, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at which hearing all interested persons shall be heard concerning the subject matter thereof. The Local Law proposes to change Chapter 442 Taxation – Article VIII Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption (§442-21. Qualification for

exemption) of the Town of Hamlin Code.
SECTION II: That the complete text of such Local Law is presently on file at the Office of the Town Clerk where it may be examined by all interested persons during normal business hours.
SECTION III: That the Town Clerk shall give due Notice of such Public Hearing as required by law.
Polled votes: Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried.

German – Auctions Direct has a bucket truck. Our truck is not able to be inspected. There is one in North Carolina that was just inspected. I talked with Steve and Phil about this, and the auction ends Monday morning. I looked at a few other websites on what is out there for used from the manufacturer, most of them run $100,000.00. I have been keeping an eye on this knowing that we were going to need this.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A FORD 2015 F550 BUCKET TRUCK

Resolution #101 Motion made by Councilperson Yager and seconded by Councilperson Wright to purchase a Ford 2015 f550 Bucket Truck at auction not to exceed $40,000.00
Polled votes: Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried.

Voelkl – I would like to talk about the Lakeshore Sewer District. I talked with Liz about the figures she worked on.
Yager – (Addressing the attorney) I did some research on zoning and building laws in New York. It states a building lot is considered a building lot once all variances are approved. For the one situation with the property that was discussed at a previous meeting, it is not considered a building lot.
Werner – A building lot is a building lot. It is not an approved building lot until it has site plans. An approved building lot is more valuable. If you need to make changes it needs to be done legally. You would need to have another public hearing. If you are changing the law you have to do it all over again. Years ago attorneys were dividing lots and it became a problem with the county because they were non-conforming lines. That is not allowed anymore.
Baase – If the board wants to proceed we will redo the law and do a public hearing.
Voelkl – I would like to go to a public hearing propose half EDU on vacant lots. I think the whole thing was wrong from the beginning. Just like the new water districts any vacant lot are charged a half EDU.
Yager – What is the right thing to do? I think we should do the right thing. No matter how much time it takes.
Hurlbutt- Having a Public Hearing and addressing those in the district where they can either say we're going to change it or not. That would be the right thing to do.

Werner – Can we do an informational meeting first? This will help them understand where you are coming from.
Voelkl – Can we send a letter with the information on the proposal?
Baase – We will want to wait until the residents are back. Maybe April or May.

Spencer – Some residents are receiving letters from New York State regarding their Basic Star exemption and need to call the number on the letter answering questions to make sure they are eligible and if they're supposed to be getting it.
Hurlbutt – Yes, I received one. You have to go online and make an account. It took about 45 minutes. You have 45 days to respond and if you don't you will lose your exemption.

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:03 PM

Resolution #102 Motion was made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Yager to enter into executive session at 8:03 pm for the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.
Polled votes: Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried

APPROVAL TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20 PM

Resolution #103 Motion was made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Yager to exit executive session at 8:20 pm.
Polled votes: Councilperson Voelkl aye, Councilperson Wright aye, Councilperson Yager aye, Councilperson Hurlbutt aye, Supervisor Baase aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution #104 Motion was made by Councilperson Hurlbutt and seconded by Councilperson Yager, requesting Town Board approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm as all business had been concluded.
Polled votes: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Jo Groenendaal

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Hamlin Town Clerk