

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg, County of Erie and State of New York was held at the Town Hall, S-6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York on the 12th day of January, 2009.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Steven J. Walters	Supervisor
Thomas M. Best, Sr	Councilman
Joan M. Kesner	Councilwoman
Thomas Quatroche, Jr.	Councilman
Kevin Smardz	Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk;
Mary Dosch, Sr. Account Clerk; Robert E. Hutchison, Jr., Town Assessor; Martin Denecke,
Director of Recreation; Tim Ellis, Traffic Safety Coordinator; Gerard Kapsiak, Town Engineer;
Carmen Kesner, Chief of Police; Kurt Allen, Supervising Code Enforcement Officer

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Information on fire exits was provided.

1.

On a motion of Councilman Smardz, seconded by Councilman Best, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Walters, Best, Kesner, Quatroche, Smardz
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the hiring and terminations in the Senior Services Department as follows:

1. Lewis, Kathleen	Rec. Att'd, P/T Seas.	1/12/09	Terminate
2. Lewis, Kathleen	Rec Att'd, P/T	1/12/09	\$10.44
3. Wyler, Cheryl	Clerk Typist P/T	1/26/09	Terminate
4. Wyler, Cheryl	Clerk Typist, P/T Seas	1/26/09	\$11.09
5. Mangle, Judith	Prog. Assist. P/T	1/13/09	\$7.50
6. Polanowski, Teresa	Prog. Assist. P/T	1/13/09	\$7.50

6.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilman Best, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Walters, Best, Kesner, Quatroche, Smardz
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, the Town Board grant permission for Jessica Nuwer and Daniel Fitzpatrick, students at Hilbert College, to do Internship in the Police Department in the Spring of 2009, at no cost to the Town.

7.

On a motion of Councilman Quatroche, seconded by Councilwoman Kesner, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Walters, Best, Kesner, Quatroche, Smardz
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the hiring of three and termination of one in the Town Clerk's Department as follows:

1. Allen, Jacqueline	Tax Clerk, P/T Seas.	1/12/09	\$9.59
2. Catanzaro, Beverly	Tax Clerk, P/T Seas.	1/12/09	\$9.59
3. Kellerman, Sharon	Tax Clerk, P/T Seas.	1/12/09	\$11.54
4. Roche, Barbara	Clerk, P/T	1/13/09	Terminate

8.

On a motion of Councilman Smardz, seconded by Councilman Best, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Walters, Best, Kesner, Quatroche, Smardz
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve that David Franklin, appointed to president of the Armor Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., shall be the official liaison between the fire company and the Town of Hamburg:

David Franklin
65 Shadow Lane Apt#6
Orchard Park, New York 14127

9.

On a motion of Councilman Best, seconded by Supervisor Walters, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Walters, Best, Kesner, Quatroche, Smardz
 Noes 0

WHEREAS, Under Title 19 NYCRR, Part 434 The Department of the State Codes Division requires each Code Enforcement personnel to receive a minimum of 24 hours of in service training on an annual basis and,

WHEREAS, the Niagara Frontier Building Officials Association periodically sponsors education training conferences, which can be attributed toward the State mandated in-service training and,

WHEREAS, in order that the seven Town employed Code Enforcement Officials, namely, Jeffrey Adrian, Kurt Allen, Walter Bratek, James Eberhardt, Roger Gibson, Don Sickau and Tim Willard be eligible to attend such training seminars, they must be active members of Niagara Frontier Building Officials Association.

NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that Town Board approve the annual membership renewal for the Town’s seven Building Inspectors at an annual cost of \$30.00 per each Inspector with the total cost to the Town being \$ 280.00. Money is available in account A 3620.492 seminars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorized travel requests for Building Inspectors Jeffrey Adrian, Kurt Allen, Walter Bratek, James Eberhardt, Roger Gibson, Don Sickau and Tim Willard to attend the Niagara Building Officials Association sponsored Annual Educational Conference on Monday, January 26, 2009 through Wednesday, January 28, 2009.

This program is to be held at the Millennium Airport Hotel, Walden Avenue, Buffalo, New York. The New York State Department of State Codes Division will apply 18 hours of in-service credit toward each of the attendees continuing educational needs.

The total cost to the Town for the three-day seminar will be \$ 1960.00. Use of a Town vehicle will be required. Money is also available in account A 3620.492 seminars.

10.

On a motion of Councilwoman Kesner, seconded by Councilman Smardz, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Walters, Best, Kesner, Quatroche, Smardz
 Noes 0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board grant permission for Jennifer Kosmowski, Director of Domestic Advisory Office, to attend a January 16th Public Safety Training facility as a guest speaker in Rochester, New York. She is allowed Town travel expenses.

11.

On a motion of Councilman Quatroche, seconded by Councilman Best, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Walters, Best, Kesner, Quatroche, Smardz
 Noes 0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize alcohol waivers for the following January/February 2009 Taylor Road rentals:

01/23/09	02/06/09	02/13/09
01/25/09	02/07/09	02/14/09
01/31/09	02/08/09	

12.

On a motion of Councilman Best, seconded by Councilman Quatroche, the following resolution was

BATCH #	1	\$536.77	UNPROCESSED
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TOTAL CAPITAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:			\$536.77
PAYROLL:			
PR #	1	\$622,888.37	
PR #			
TOTAL PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS:			\$622,888.37
PETTY CASH			\$0.00
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS SUBMITTED FOR AUDIT:			\$1,008,706.05

Reports from the Town Board

Councilman Quatroche congratulates the Recreation Department with the unofficial numbers showing \$1,177,000.00 in revenues which is about \$40,000 better than last year. The golf course and arena is probably most responsible for the increase. This also represents \$50,000 surplus over the budgeted amount last year. While they are always diligent with looking for grants and scholarships this year they brought in \$35,000.

Supervisor Walters congratulates Police Chief, Carmen Kesner, for an excellent article in the paper this morning.

Reports from Departments

Catherine Rybczynski, Town Clerk reports that tax bill situation has been resolved. The bills are in the process of being reprinted so hopefully within the next week we will have them and then they will be mailed shortly thereafter.

Gerard Kapsiak, Town Engineer, reports that the Erie County Solid Waste Management Board announced that there is a computer/electronic and textile recycling day this Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Buffalo State College. There is information on the County and Town's website.

Carmen Kesner, Chief of Police, thanks the Board and Fred at the Buffalo News regarding the news article.

George Lee reports that Blasdell is starting a program where people can drop their scrap meat in a container on Lake Ave. This pilot program is where the scraps will be put into fertilizer

Reports from the floor

Ferd Garcia notes he was looking over the budget for 08-09 and noticed in the Personnel Department that there was a savings of \$155,000. He questions what that was about.

Supervisor Walters responds that it was from the two retirements and partly contracting out with the independent contractor instead of rehiring. Sometime this year there needs to be an estimate of what the liability is to the Town for all the legacy benefits. He offers to go over the items with Mr. Garcia if he stops by.

Steve Strnad questions that since the Highway Superintendent is retired now, what action does the Board intend to take.

Supervisor Walters responds that right now they asked the auditors to go in and do an audited inventory of the department which was started today. Once the preliminary reports are back, the Board will take a look at what they need to do for this year to staff the department. Right now the two deputies, Rick Krautsack, Highway and Sean Fanning, Buildings & Grounds, are serving on an interim basis.

Mr. Strnad responds that if the two deputies are running the department why is a Superintendent needed.

Supervisor Walters responds that the Superintendent is a position prescribed by law. The only way to eliminate that position is to go to a mandatory referendum.

Mr. Strnad asks if the Board will consider that.

Supervisor Walters responds that it probably will be on the table. They need to get the reports from the auditors before anything can be done.

Mr. Strnad notes that lastly he is pleased to see that the budget was brought down and saving the taxpayers some money. He is disappointed to see that the Board gave themselves a raise and he doesn't agree with that.

Len Kowalski notes that he thinks the Highway Superintendent is an important position and echoes Councilman Best's position on that. When there is a manager that leaves a department that leaves a void and work normally suffers. He believes the vacancy needs to be filled as soon as possible.

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