

A regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Hamburg, County of Erie and State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York on the 23rd day of March 2015.

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On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	2	Walters, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

RESOLVED, that the Town Board adjourn Executive Session at 7:11 pm and move into the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:	Steven J. Walters	Supervisor
	Cheryl Potter-Juda	Councilwoman

Absent:	Michael Quinn, Jr.	Councilman
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ALSO PRESENT: Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk
Walter Rooth III, Town Attorney; Mary Dosch, Sr. Account Clerk; Gerard Kapsiak, Town Attorney; Greg Wickett, Police Chief; Marty Denecke, Director of Youth, Recreation and Senior Services; Tom Best Sr., Highway Superintendent; Kurt Allen, Supervising Code Enforcement Officer; Christopher Hull, Director of Community Development; Sean Crotty, Coordinator of Emergency Management Team; Thom Taylor, Sr. Public Safety Dispatcher; Amy Ziegler, Deputy Supervisor

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Information on location of Fire exits was provided.

Catherine Rybczynski, Town Clerk, reads the following legal notice as published in the Hamburg Sun and the Front Page:

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg,
in the County of Erie, New York.

March 23, 2015

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There were present: Honorable Steven J. Walters, Supervisor, and
Councilpersons: Cheryl Potter-Juda, Councilwoman

There were absent: Michael Quinn, Councilman

Also present: Catherine Rybczynski, Town Clerk, and Walter L.
Rooth, III, Esq., Town Attorney

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The Town Clerk stated that a public hearing had been called for this meeting at the Town Hall, in the Town of Hamburg, in the County of Erie, New York, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) to consider the proposed construction of a sewer improvement in the area formerly known as the Mount Vernon Sewer District, which area has been determined to be the

benefited area (herein referred to as the “Mount Vernon Sewer Improvement Area”), pursuant to Article 12-C of the Town Law. The Town Clerk presented affidavits showing that certified copies of the Order Calling said public hearing had been duly published and posted pursuant to the provisions of Article 12-C of the Town Law.

Gerard Kapsiak, Town Engineer, reviews the following hand out for the public hearing:

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE FORMER MOUNT VERNON SEWER DISTRICT
TOWN OF HAMBURG, NEW YORK
MARCH 23, 2015**

The Mount Vernon Sewer District (see attached maps) dissolved as a Commissioner District on March 31, 2013. Upon the dissolution of the sewer district, ownership of the sewer system and responsibility for operation and maintenance were transferred to the Town of Hamburg, under the authority and oversight of the Hamburg Town Board. Sewer system operation and maintenance services are provided by Erie County Sewer District No. 3, under an agreement with the Town of Hamburg.

In November 2001, the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) issued an Order on Consent to the Mount Vernon Sewer District. This Order on Consent required the district to undertake various sewer system improvement, assessment, flow monitoring, and maintenance activities for the purpose of reducing sanitary sewer overflows from the district's sewer system during wet weather events.

While approximately \$2,000,000 in sewer system improvements were previously completed by the Commissioner District under the requirements of the Order on Consent, there is an estimated \$800,000 in work that still needs to be performed in order to satisfy the remaining requirements. This work includes the following:

- 1,763 feet of sewer replacement (along portions of Lake Shore Road and Mount Vernon Blvd.)
- 4,152 feet of cured-in-place pipe lining (along portions of Clifton Pkwy., Kennison Pkwy., and Mount Vernon Blvd.)
- 8 manhole replacements (within the sewer replacement reaches)
- 39 manhole repairs (various locations within the sewer system)

The cost of the above improvements is planned to be financed through the issuance of serial bonds of the Town of Hamburg. The bond debt service charges associated with this proceeding are to be assessed upon all real properties within the former Mount Vernon Sewer District as part of their annual Town tax bill, in the following manner:

- Average Annual Debt Service = \$58,865
(based on \$800,000 bonded for 20 years at 4% interest)
- The formula previously utilized by the Mount Vernon Sewer District for recovering debt service charges is 50% through property frontage and 50% through land area, which results in a current rate of \$0.4345 per foot of property frontage and \$0.0032 per square foot of land area.
- Based on a typical home in the sewer district having a frontage of 65 feet and area of 8500 square feet:

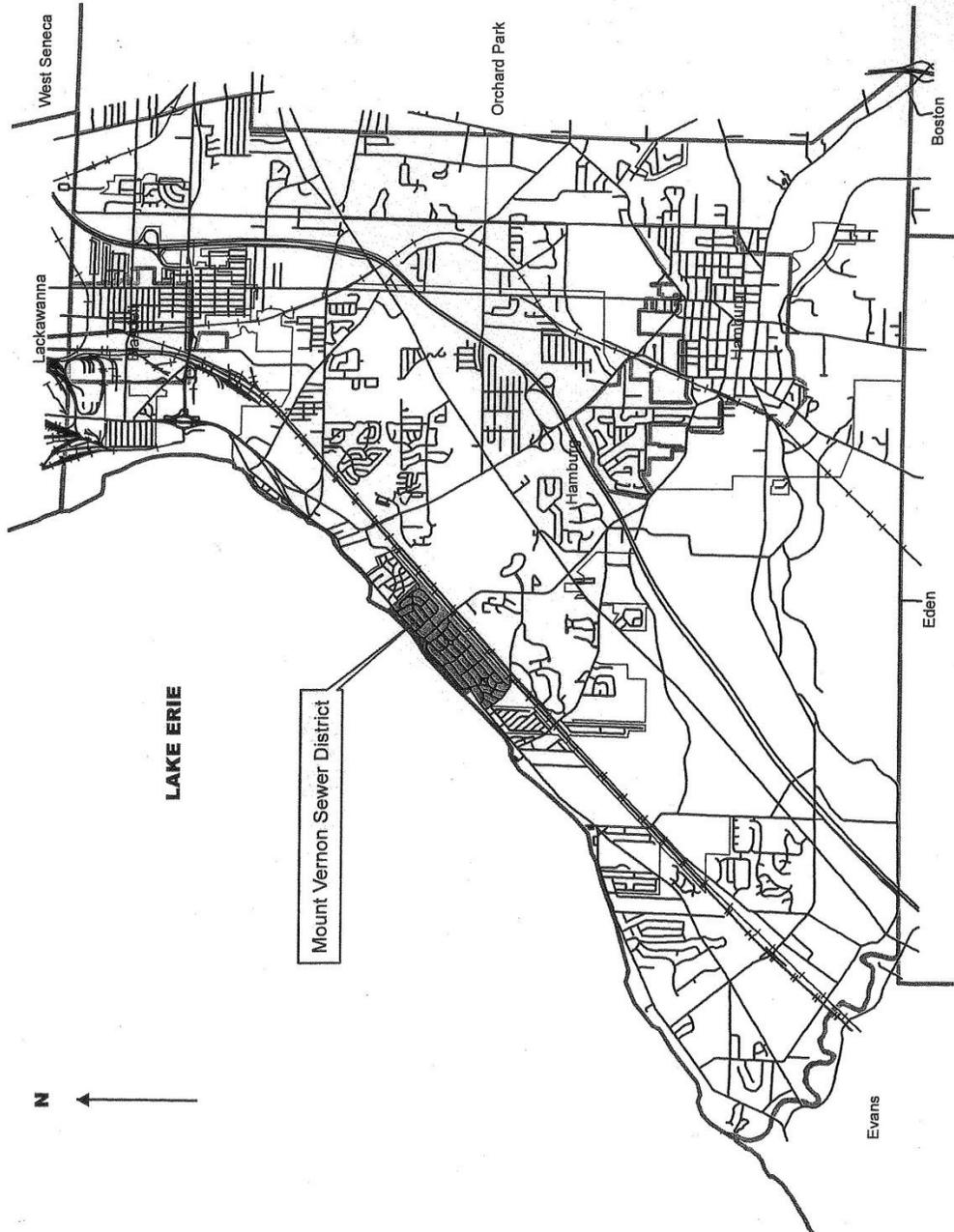
Average Annual Charge for Typical Home = \$55.62

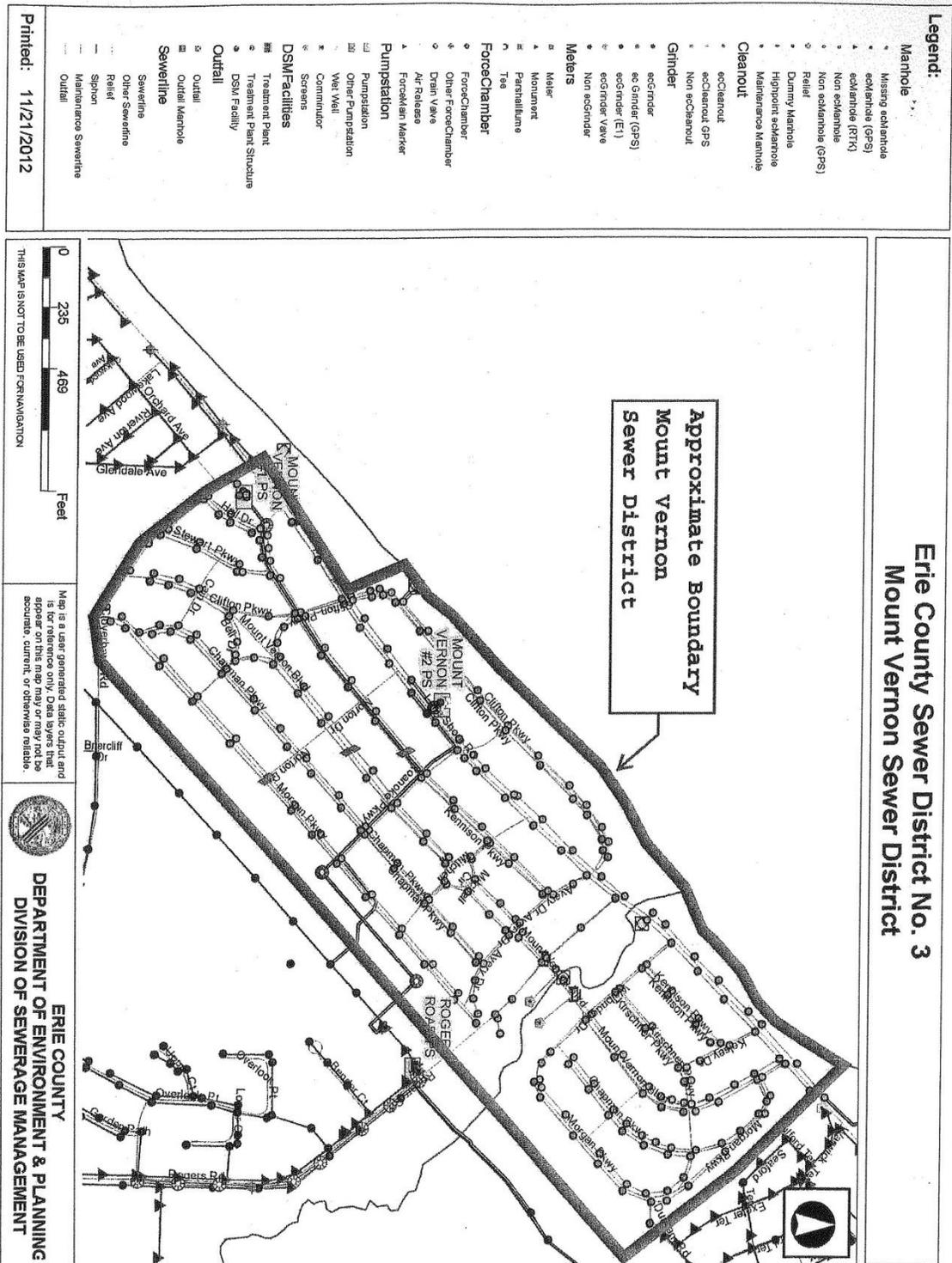
In that this project involves the replacement and rehabilitation of existing sewer system facilities within the same location, it has been determined to be a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and therefore not subject to further environmental review. Design of the project is currently underway and planned to be completed during 2015, with construction expected to be undertaken during 2016.

If there are any questions, comments, or further information needs in this regard, please write or contact the following:

Town of Hamburg
Engineering Department
6100 South Park Avenue
Hamburg, New York 14075
Phone: 649-6111, ext. 2350
Email: engineering@townofhamburgny.com

Prepared by: Gerard M. Kapsiak, P.E., Town Engineer
Date: March 23, 2015





Printed: 11/21/2012

The Supervisor stated that said public hearing on said matter was now open and asked if there was any interested person who desired to be heard.

The following persons appeared in favor of said proposed sewer improvement:

No one appeared

The following persons appeared in opposition to said proposed sewer improvement:

No one appeared

The Supervisor inquired as to whether there were any other persons present who wished to be heard. No one appeared, whereupon the Supervisor declared the public hearing closed.

3.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	2	Walters, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

RESOLVED, that the Town Board close the public hearing.

CERTIFICATE

I, CATHERINE RYBCZYNSKI, Town Clerk of the Town of Hamburg, in the County of Erie, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of said Town, duly called and held on March 23, 2015, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said Town Board and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original minutes so far as the same relate to the subject matters referred to in said extract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Town this 23rd day of March, 2015

(SEAL)

Town Clerk

4.
On a motion of Councilwoman Potter-Juda, seconded by Supervisor Walters, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

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in the County of Erie, New York.

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There were present: Honorable Steven J. Walters, Supervisor, and

Councilpersons: Cheryl Potter-Juda, Councilwoman

There were absent: Michael Quinn, Councilman

Also present: Catherine Rybczynski, Town Clerk, and Walter L.
Rooth, III, Esq. Town Attorney

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Councilwoman Potter-Juda offered the following resolution and moved its
adoption:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMBURG, NEW YORK,
ADOPTED MARCH 23, 2015, APPROVING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER IMPROVEMENT WITHIN
THE MOUNT VERNON SEWER IMPROVEMENT AREA, IN
AN AREA OF THE TOWN OUTSIDE OF ANY VILLAGES,
WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THE BENEFITED
AREA, AND MAKING OTHER DETERMINATIONS IN
CONNECTION THEREWITH

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg, in the County of Erie, New York (herein called the “Town”), proposes to a construct sewer improvement in the area formerly known as the Mount Vernon Sewer District, consisting of 1,763 feet of sewer replacement (along portions of Lake Shore Road and Mount Vernon Boulevard, 4,152 feet of cured-in-place pipe lining (along portions of Clifton Parkway, Kennison Parkway and Mount Vernon Boulevard), 8 manhole replacements and 39 manhole repairs, including any original furnishings, equipment, machinery, and apparatus required (the “Sewer Improvement”), all within an unincorporated area of the Town outside of any villages, which area has been determined to be the benefited area (herein referred to as the “Mount Vernon Sewer Improvement Area”), pursuant to Article 12-C of the Town Law, in accordance with the map, plan and report prepared therefor by the Town Engineer, a competent engineer duly licensed by the State of New York, heretofore filed in the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection; and

WHEREAS the Town Board, as lead agency, has given due consideration to the impact that the project described herein may have on the environment and has determined that such project constitutes a Type II action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), constituting Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, and 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Regulations Part 617.5(c), and therefore no further environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the construction of such Sewer Improvement is \$800,000, which is planned to be financed by the issuance of bonds of the Town and the levy and collection of assessments upon the several lots and parcels of land within the Mount Vernon Sewer Improvement Area which the Town Board shall determine to be especially benefited by the Sewer Improvement, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit which the Sewer Improvement shall confer upon the same, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determined to proceed with the construction of such Sewer Improvement and adopted an order on February 23, 2015, reciting a description of the improvements proposed, a description of the proposed benefited area, the proposed method of financing to be employed, the fact that a map, plan and report describing the same are on file in the Town Clerk's Office for public inspection and specifying March 23, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) as the time when, and the Town Hall, in the Town, as the place where, the Town Board would meet to consider the construction of such Sewer Improvement and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same, and for such other action on the part of the Town in relation thereto as may be required by law; and

WHEREAS, certified copies of such order were duly published and posted pursuant to the provisions of Article 12-C of the Town Law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing in the matter of the construction of the proposed Sewer Improvement was duly held by the Town Board on the 23rd day of March, 2015, commencing at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Town Hall, in the Town, at which all interested persons desiring to be heard were heard, including those in favor of, and those opposed to, the construction of said Sewer Improvement;

Now, therefore, upon the evidence adduced at such public hearing, be it

RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAMBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is hereby determined that:

(a) the notice of public hearing was published and posted as required by law, and is otherwise sufficient, and

(b) it is in the public interest to construct the Sewer Improvement, described in the recitals hereof, within the Mount Vernon Sewer Improvement Area, at the estimated maximum cost of \$800,000.

(c) all the property in the proposed Mount Vernon Sewer Improvement Area is benefited by the Sewer Improvement and all the property benefited by the Sewer Improvement is included in the proposed Mount Vernon Sewer Improvement Area.

Section 2. The construction of the Sewer Improvement within the Sewer Improvement Area is hereby approved, as hereinabove described, and such improvement is hereby authorized to be constructed, as set forth in said Order Calling Public Hearing, within the

Mount Vernon Sewer Improvement Area, in the Town, situate wholly outside of any incorporated village, and said Mount Vernon Sewer Improvement Area is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate, laying and being in the Town of Hamburg, County of Erie and State of New York; being parts of Lots 30 and 35, Township 9, Range 8 of the Holland Land Company's survey; and including Mount Vernon Subdivision, as laid out on map filed in the Erie County Clerk's Office under cover 1234, 1158, 1165, 1152 and being further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center line of the Lake Shore Highway, as now laid out and constituted, where the same is intersected by the center line of Cloverbank Road, as now laid out and constituted; running thence southeasterly along the said center line of Cloverbank Road to a point where said center line is intersected by the southeasterly line of Mt. Vernon subdivision; thence northeasterly along the southeasterly line of Mt. Vernon Subdivision to a point, said point being the northeasterly corner of Mt. Vernon Subdivision, as shown on above filed map; thence northwesterly along the dividing line between Mount Vernon and Locksley Park Subdivisions to a point in the center line of the Lake Shore Highway; thence northeasterly along the said center line of the Lake Shore Highway to a point where said center line would be intersected by the most northeasterly boundary of Mount Vernon Subdivision; thence northwesterly along the said most northeasterly boundary to a point in the shore line of Lake Erie; thence southwesterly along the shore line of Lake Erie to a point where the said shore line would be intersected by the production of a southwesterly boundary of Mount Vernon Subdivision, said Boundary being the rear line of Lots 459 to 464 as shown on above filed map; thence southeasterly along said southwesterly boundary and its production to a point in the center line of the Lake Shore Highway; thence southwesterly along the center line of the Lake Shore Highway to the place of beginning, containing 310 acres, be the same more or less.

Section 3. The maximum amount proposed to be expended for said Sewer Improvement is \$800,000, which is planned to be financed by the issuance of bonds of the Town and the levy and collection of assessments upon the several lots and parcels of land within the Mount Vernon Sewer Improvement Area which the Town Board shall determine to be especially benefited by the Sewer Improvement, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit which the Sewer Improvement shall confer upon the same, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 4. The said \$800,000 estimated cost of such improvement, as stated in said Order Calling Public Hearing, does not exceed one-tenth of one per centum of the full valuation of the taxable real property in the area of the Town outside of any villages, and the permission of the Comptroller of the State of New York is therefore not required in order to finance the cost of said Sewer Improvement, in the Town, as herein described, pursuant to the provisions of said Town Law.

Section 5. The Town Clerk of the Town is hereby authorized and directed to record a certified copy of this resolution, within ten (10) days of its adoption, in the office of the County Clerk of Erie County.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Supervisor Walters and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Walters, Councilwoman Potter-Juda

NOES:

The resolution was declared adopted.

CERTIFICATE

I, CATHERINE RYBCZYNSKI, Town Clerk of the Town of Hamburg, in the County of Erie, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of said Town, duly called and held on March 23, 2015, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said Town Board and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original minutes so far as the same relate to the subject matters referred to in said extract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Town this 23rd day of March, 2015

(SEAL)

Town Clerk

5.

On a motion of Councilman Potter-Juda, seconded by Supervisor Walters, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

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There were absent: Michael Quinn, Councilman

Also present: Catherine Rybczynski, Town Clerk, and Walter L. Rooth, III, Esq.,
Town Attorney

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Councilwoman Potter-Juda offered the following resolution and moved its
adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMBURG, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 23, 2015, APPROPRIATING \$800,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE MOUNT VERNON SEWER IMPROVEMENT AREA, IN SAID TOWN, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg, in the County of Erie, New York (herein called the “Town Board” and “Town” respectively), proposes to construct sewer improvements in the area formerly known as the Mount Vernon Sewer District, consisting of 1,763 feet of sewer replacement (along portions of Lake Shore Road and Mount Vernon Boulevard, 4,152 feet of cured-in-place pipe lining (along portions of Clifton Parkway, Kennison Parkway and Mount Vernon Boulevard), 8 manhole replacements and 39 manhole repairs, including any original furnishings, equipment, machinery, and apparatus required therefor (the “Sewer Improvement”), at the estimated maximum cost of \$800,000, all within an unincorporated area of the Town outside of any villages, which area has been determined to be the benefited area (herein referred to as the “Mount Vernon Sewer Improvement Area”), pursuant to Article 12-C of the Town Law, in accordance with the map, plan and report prepared therefor by the Town Engineer, a competent engineer duly licensed by the State of New York, heretofore filed in the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing duly called and held, the Town Board of the Town determined that it is in the public interest to construct said Sewer Improvement, and ordered that such Sewer Improvement be constructed at the estimated maximum cost of \$800,000;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAMBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK (by favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Town Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town of Hamburg hereby appropriates the amount of \$800,000 for the construction of the Sewer Improvement within an unincorporated area of the Town outside of any villages, which area has been determined to be the benefited area (herein referred to as the "Mount Vernon Sewer Improvement Area"), in accordance with the map, plan and report prepared therefor by the Town Engineer, a competent engineer duly licensed by the State of New York, on file in the office of the Town Clerk and heretofore approved by the Town Board of the Town. The estimated maximum cost of construction of said Sewer Improvement, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$800,000 which is planned to be financed by the issuance of bonds of the Town in the principal amount of \$800,000 and the levy and collection of assessments upon the several lots and parcels of land within the Mount Vernon Sewer Improvement Area which the Town Board shall determine to be especially benefited by said Sewer Improvement, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit which the Sewer Improvement shall confer upon the same, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Bonds of the Town in the principal amount of \$800,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 4. of the Law, is forty (40) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Town, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of

and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Town by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and of Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of the Town.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a summary thereof in "The Sun" and "Front Page,"

newspapers having a general circulation in the Town of Hamburg, and hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Town for such publication, together with the Town Clerk's statutory notice in substantially the form as prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Supervisor Walters and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Walters, Councilman Potter-Juda

NOES:

This resolution was declared adopted.

CERTIFICATE

I, CATHERINE RYBCZYNSKI, Town Clerk of the Town of Hamburg, in the County of Erie, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of said Town, duly called and held on March 23, 2015, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said Town Board and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original minutes so far as the same relate to the subject matters referred to in said extract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Town this 23rd day of March, 2015

(SEAL)

Town Clerk

6.

On a motion of Councilwoman Potter-Juda, seconded by Supervisor Walters, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the minutes of the following meeting:

03/09/2015 Work Session
03/09/2015 Town Board Meeting

7.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Recreation Department to issue alcohol waivers for the following April Taylor Road rentals:

04/04/15 04/11/15 04/18/15 04/25/15

8.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

STATE OF NEW YORK
Town of Hamburg
County of Erie



In the Matter of the Renewal of the Cable Television Franchise Held by
TIME WARNER CABLE NORTHEAST LLC in the Town of Hamburg, Erie County,

RESOLUTION



An application has been duly made to the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg, County of Erie, New York, by **TIME WARNER CABLE NORTHEAST LLC (“Time Warner”)**, a partnership organized under the laws of the State of New York doing business at 2604 Seneca Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305, and holder of a cable television franchise in the Town of Hamburg for the approval of an agreement to renew Time Warner’s cable television franchise for an additional ten (10) years. The Franchise Renewal Agreement would bring the franchise into conformity with certain provisions of the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended, and certain court rulings.

A public hearing was held in the Town of Hamburg on March 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. and notice of the hearing was published in the Front Page on February 25, 2015 and March 4, 2015 and also published in the Hamburg Sun on February 26, 2015 and March 5, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Town of Hamburg finds that:

1. Time Warner has substantially complied with the material terms and conditions of its existing franchise and with applicable law; and
2. The quality of the Time Warner service, including signal quality, response to customer complaints and billing practices has been in light of community needs; and
3. Time Warner has the financial, legal and technical ability to provide these services, facilities and equipment as set forth in its proposal attached; and
4. Time Warner can reasonably meet the future cable-related community needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs and interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg hereby renews the cable television franchise of Time Warner in the Town of Hamburg for ten (10) years commencing on the date of approval by the Public Service Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg hereby confirms that this Franchise Renewal Agreement replaces the original franchise last amended on April 6, 2004.

The foregoing having received a yea/nay vote was thereby declared adopted.

Dated: March 23, 2015

Catherine A. Rybczynski
Town Clerk, Town of Hamburg

9.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the contract with Potter Road Career Center and Hamburg Senior High School, for Larry Speiser to work as a computer intern in the Information Technology Dept. This 30 hour term will be fulfilled between May 4th and May 22nd, 2015. There will be NO cost to the Town.

10.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the promotion of Gregory Wickett to the vacant full time permanent position of Chief of Police effective March 20, 2015. Mr. Wickett is currently on the Police Chief civil service list #71-759.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the personal service contract between the Town of Hamburg and Police Chief Greg Wickett for a three year term with an option for a second three year term and that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Town.

Supervisor Walters asks Chief Wickett to come forward for an official badge presentation.

11.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize Captain Kevin Trask to sign paperwork, etc. in the absence of the Chief of Police.

12.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Highway Department to Piggyback on the Town of Lancaster bid award resolution for a 2016 Freightliner M2-106 Truck Cab & Chassis as follows:

Town of Lancaster Freightliner M2-106 Cab & Chassis.....	\$72,968.00
Town of Hamburg Specification Required Option Adjustment.....	\$ 1,911.00
Complete Delivered Price.....	\$74,879.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Highway Department to Piggyback on the Town of Cheektowaga bid award resolution for Brush Hawg G-2224C Grapple Loader as follows:

Town of Cheektowaga Knuckle Boom Brush Loader & Dump Body.....	\$69,972.00
Town of Hamburg Specification Required Option Adjustment... ..	\$ 1,925.00

Complete Delivered Price.....\$71,897.00

Monies are available in account H26.5130.0201 – Machinery and Equipment.

13.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes 2	Walters, Potter-Juda
	Noes 0	

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorize Police Officer/K-9 Officer Nicholas Borowski and ENDY, to attend the 2015 Annual K-9 Seminar, to be held in Penn Yan, New York, May 3 – May 7, 2015.

Cost of Seminar:	\$625.00
(includes: materials, lodging and meals)	
Tolls (approximately)	\$ 50.00
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$675.00</u>

Use of Police K-9 Vehicle for transportation is requested; Money is available in account B3120.492.

14.

On a motion of Councilwoman Potter-Juda, seconded by Supervisor Walters, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 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 State College and University Builders Association (SCUBA) is sponsoring a State certified educational training conference, to be held though the SUNY Fredonia program, which is attributed toward the State mandated in-service training.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorized the travel requests for Code Enforcement Officials, Kurt Allen, Joseph Boncore, and Lon Robinson to attend the SCUBA Training Conference to be held March 25, 26 and 27th 2015 at the Erie County Emergency Services Facility, Cheektowaga, New York. The Department of State Codes Division will apply the required credit toward each of the attendees continuing educational needs. The registration fee for this conference is \$175.00 per person, total cost \$525.00 (Funds are available in account A1970.492 (seminars). Use of a Town vehicle will be required.

12.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the termination and rehiring of personnel for the Youth, Recreation and Senior services Department as follows:

#	Emp #	Employee Name	N or R	Position	Start date	Full time hourly rate	PT/Sea/tem hourly rate	Termination Date
	4314	Sedor, Joseph	R	Rec Attd- ER7251-Seas	4/19/15		\$8.75	
	3808	Steger, Amy	R	Rec Attd-ER7251- P/T	3/24/15		\$10.18	
	4540	Voye, James		Rec Attd-A7310- P/T				3/23/2015
	4540	Voye, James	R	Rec Attd-ER7251- P/T	3/24/15		\$8.75	

13.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the membership of the following into the Big Tree Volunteer Firemen’s Company, Inc.:

Brennan Hughes (Member with Restrictions)
4059 Big Tree Road
Hamburg, New York 14075

Brian Laskowski
3890 Brian Court
Hamburg, New York 14075

Diana Tomasik
4301 Victorian Drive
Hamburg, New York 14075

17.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamburg continues to recognize the need for affordable housing within its jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Development has always been proactive with affordable housing projects and programs, and

WHEREAS, each program year (April 1st – March 31st) the Department of Community Development requests that the towns Building Inspection department continue to waive any and all fees for its departments housing programs and projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any and all fees associated with the housing programs administered by the Department of Community Development be waived by the Town of Hamburg for a one year period starting April 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- A) A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Building Inspection Department.
- B) This waiver of fees shall include any and all building permit fees, recreation fees, sewer and plumbing permit fees as well as any other applicable fees or charges due through normal business of the town.
- C) The total amount of fees waived shall be utilized as a match credit for the Town of Hamburg’s HOME Investment Partnership Program.

18.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamburg is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement community receiving federal funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Development has jurisdiction and oversight over the Community Development Block Grant funds and is responsible for ensuring that said funds are utilized in accordance with all federal laws and requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Hamburg Town Board has directed that a portion of the CDBG funds shall be utilized for economic development purposes and specifically for job creation/job retention activities per the current regulations of the CDBG program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the laws and regulations of the federal CDBG program, the Town of Hamburg Supervisor be authorized to sign a new one year agreement by and between the Town of Hamburg and the Hamburg Development Corporation for the use of Town of Hamburg's CDBG program income funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the towns Department of Community Development continues its oversight and management role for this new one year agreement.

19.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, with a unanimous second, the following Proclamation was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

TOWN OF HAMBURG PROCLAMATION



March 23, 2015

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamburg recognizes that April, 2015 is the forty-seventh anniversary of the national Fair Housing Act, known as "Title VIII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1968", and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Fair Housing Month is "Fair Housing is not an option, it's the law", and

WHEREAS, this theme is especially true for the Town of Hamburg due to Hamburg having its own Fair Housing Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamburg in conjunction with Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc. (HOME) continues to lead within New York State with the issue of fair housing, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamburg continues to recognize that every person has:

- * the right to fair housing
- * the right to live where they choose
- * the right to raise a family where they want
- * and the right to own a home with dignity, without fear of discrimination.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for all of the reasons listed above, that the month of April, 2015 shall be known as "Fair Housing Month" within the Town of Hamburg.

20.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	2	Walters, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 23, 2015, for discussion and public comment concerning the adoption of proposed local law #2, 2015, and

WHEREAS, proposed local law #2, 2015, calls for adoption of an amendment to Chapter 235 of the Hamburg Town Code, entitled "Taxation", and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and considered comments from the general public concerning the adoption of the proposed amendment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg adopt the proposed local law to add a new section to the local law changing the date established for Grievance Day for Real Property Assessment Review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Legal Department to file this local law with the New York State Secretary of State within ten days following its adoption.

21.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	2	Walters, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town accept the proposal of Mary Nosky for the 18 Mile Creek Golf Course Food & Beverage concession for 2015, 2016, 2017 golf seasons with an option for 2018. The amounts would be \$15,000 for 2015, \$15,500 for 2016, \$16,500 for 2017 and \$16,500 (option year) for 2018.

22.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	2	Walters, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the termination and rehiring of personnel for the Assessing Department as follows:

#	Emp #	Emp Name	N or R	Position	Start date	Full time	PT/Sea/temp	Term date
						hrly rate	hrly rate	
1	4239	Debbie Ginnetti		Seasonal Full Time		\$11.25		3/21/2015
2	4239	Debbie Ginnetti	R	Part Time	3/22/2015		\$11.25	

23.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the membership of the following into the Woodlawn Volunteer Fire company, Inc.:

Luke Caggiano
 4264 North Street
 Blasdell, N.Y. 14219

24.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 2 Walters, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the termination, rehiring and hiring of personnel for the Buildings and Grounds Department as follows:

#	Emp #	Emp Name	N or R	Position	Start date	Full time	PT/Sea/temp	Term date
						hrly rate	hrly rate	
1	3134	GRYS, JOHN	R	SEA. LAB/ER7250.0100	4/5/2015		\$10.54	
2	3712	GERKEN, JOHN	R	SEA. LAB/ER7250.0100	4/5/2015		\$10.54	
3	4156	GERKEN, TOM	R	SEA. LAB/ER7250.0100	4/5/2015		\$9.75	
4	3904	SCOTT, JOE	R	SEA. LAB/ER7250.0100	4/5/2015		\$10.34	
5	3925	CONNOLLY, TOM	R	SEA. LAB/ER7250.0100	4/5/2015		\$10.54	
6	4064	MAZUR, WALTER	R	SEA. LAB/ER7250.0100	4/5/2015		\$9.75	
7	4530	MAC NEIL, RON	R	SEA. LAB/ER7250.0100	4/5/2015		\$8.75	
8	4531	DESING, JOSHUA	R	SEA. LAB/ER7250.0100	4/5/2015		\$8.75	
9	3085	KALES, GEORGE	R	SEA. LAB/ER7250.0100	4/5/2015		\$10.54	
10	4541	FORD, JOHN	R	SEA. LAB/ER7250.0100	4/5/2015		\$8.75	
11	863	NELSON, GARRY		GREENS/ER7250.0100		\$30.41		4/25/2015
12	863	NELSON, GARRY	R	P/T GREENS/ER7250.0100	4/26/2015		\$15.00	
13	4336	BRAND/JAMES		LAB/DB5110.0100		\$24.94		4/25/2015
14	4336	BRAND/JAMES	R	GREENS/ER7250.0100	4/26/2015	\$30.41		
15	4355	STONE, NICHOLAS		LAB/TEMP/DB5110.0100		\$24.94		4/25/2015
16	4355	STONE, NICHOLAS	R	LAB FT/A7140.0100	4/26/2015	\$24.94		
17	4158	JEWETT, JOHN		LAB/TEMP/DB5110.0100		\$24.94		4/25/2015
18	4158	JEWETT, JOHN	R	LAB FT/A7140.0100	4/26/2015	\$24.94		
19	4147	OBAD, LOUIS		LEO/EI7250.0100		\$28.42		4/4/2015
20	4147	OBAD, LOUIS	R	LEO/A7140.0100	4/5/2015	\$28.42		
21	4415	MC CORMICK, JOHN		LEO/EI7250.0100		\$28.42		4/4/2015
22	4415	MC CORMICK, JOHN	R	LEO/A7140.0100	4/5/2015	\$28.42		
23		FARRELL, JOSHUA	N	LAB/TEMP/FT/A7140.0100	3/29/2015	\$24.94		

Tom Best Sr., Highway Superintendent, comments that one of the new hires came to the Town through the wounded warrior project. His name is Nicholas Stone and he has been a resident of the Town of Hamburg his entire life. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in September of 2007. He was deployed to Afghanistan in August of 2009 and in May of 2010, while on patrol, he was ambushed by the Taliban and was severely injured losing his left leg above his knee. After spending 2 years in Walter Reed Hospital he was released. While on deployment in Afghanistan his unit received a Valorous Unit Award for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. Also individually he received the Purple Heart, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, German Parachutist Badge and received an Honorable Discharge from the Army. He introduces Nicholas Stone, a real hero and his Fiancé Gabby.

Mr. Stone thanks the Town Board members and everyone present. He will continue to do his job, to the best of his abilities and he will not let the Town down.

Supervisor Walters responds welcome aboard and thank you for your service. He also welcomes the other folks that are present, John Jewett and Josh Farrell, and he wants to recognize Garry Nelson, who is retiring, for all his years of service with the Town.

25.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	2	Walters, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the Audit of Cash Disbursements as follows:

TOWN BOARD
AUDIT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS March 23, 2015

OPERATING FUND:		VOUCHER #'S
BATCH #44	\$20,610.36	74631
BATCH #45	\$51,599.94	74632-74668
BATCH #46	\$36,241.25	74669-74708
BATCH #47	\$1,524.58	74709
BATCH #48	\$5,627.75	74710-74735
BATCH #49	\$55,041.72	74739-74788
BATCH #50	\$89,762.92	74789-74790
BATCH #51	\$38,179.23	74791-74819
BATCH #52	\$33,436.59	74820-74877
BATCH #53	\$346.60	74878-74883
BATCH #54	\$27,119.97	74884-74928
BATCH #55	\$250,000.00	74929

BATCH #56	\$4,940.97	74930-74953
BATCH #57	\$21,713.35	74954
BATCH #58	\$523,583.32	74960-75035

TOTAL OPERATING FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$1,159,728.55

TRUST & AGENCY:

TOTAL TRUST & AGENCY DISBURSEMENTS: \$0.00

CAPITAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

BATCH #10	\$3,545.11	74736-74737
BATCH #11	\$4,717.04	74955-74957
BATCH #12	\$31,783.10	74958-74959

TOTAL CAPITAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$40,045.25

PAYROLL:

PR #P/R #6	\$647,697.09
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TOTAL PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS: \$647,697.09

PETTY CASH \$0.00

TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS SUBMITTED FOR AUDIT: \$1,847,470.89

Reports from the Town Board and Department Heads

Councilwoman Potter-Juda – No report

Supervisor Walters – No report

Gerard Kapsiak reports that they did have a meeting scheduled last Thursday with Erie County Highway to discuss the Lakeview Road and Pleasant Ave. Quiet Zone locations and what their requirements would be for the Town to make the installations there. On Wednesday the County notified them that they had a late breaking matter come up that they had to attend to and therefore had to postpone the meeting. The meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 25th. Also, the Engineering Consultants, Erdman Anthony had their survey crew at all three sites last week and they are planning to come back later this week, after further snowmelt, and get into the mapping and design for those locations.

On a separate issue, Joe Kilian had brought up at the last meeting about National Grid clearing the right-of-way adjacent to properties on Ontario Ave. He did contact National Grid about that and they responded that their right-of-ways need to be cleared and maintained in accordance with their operating standards and in order to insure that adequate clearance is maintained to the high voltage lines that go through that area. There is no requirement for any vegetative buffer to be preserved within the right-of-way nor is there any requirement that the Town is aware of in that regard. National Grid said that he would have their Chief Forester contact the person that was concerned about it to discuss it with him.

Marty Denecke, Director of Youth, Recreation and Senior Services, reminds everyone that the Youth Bureau Award Banquet is on May 7th and nominations for the adult categories are due on March 31st. Over the Easter Break they have developed some programs for the kids on break. They will have an introduction to fitness for Middle School kids at the fitness center at Town Park, they have an open gym scheduled at St. Bernadette's gym and they have an ecology camp at Taylor Road cabin. The ice is being melted and the Sport Court will be open on the 13th of April and they expect the golf course to open sometime in mid-April. The new Senior Center is appreciated by all and they see the membership numbers going up as well as participation numbers. He urges anyone who hasn't been over there to come and take a look it is a spectacular facility and has been very well received.

Chief Wickett reports that the American Legion had their Police and Fire recognition dinner last week and they recognized Detective Angelo Butera as the Officer of the Year for 2014.

Thom Taylor reports that the Dispatcher of the Year was Patti Bissonette.

Tom Best Sr., Highway Superintendent, reports that the Highway Department is out daily working on the potholes. Please report potholes that haven't been taken care of to the Highway Department. The salt supply is low so hopefully we will have an easy winter in November and December.

New Business from the Floor

Jim Morgan questions that with the meeting cancelled with the County are they still going to proceed with all three Quiet Zones or will they do Bayview Road alone because it is a Town Road?

Supervisor Walters responds that once the Engineering reports are done then they will make the decision on whether it is better to split them off or keep them together. Once the Engineering is complete then they will take a look and see where they are with the County and at that point determine whether they should split it off. If they are a couple of weeks away from getting an agreement with the County there is no point in doing it. However if they are no further with the County then they can look into doing that.

Mr. Morgan questions if it is cheaper to do all three at once.

Mr. Kapsiak responds that it is cheaper and if they split it up they might not have enough money to finish all three.

Supervisor Walters responds that he understands Mr. Morgan's position of it being State or Federal money but it is still taxpayer money and it is the Town's responsibility to spend it wisely.

Vic Tomasulo questions what the stumbling blocks are with the County for the upcoming meeting on the Quiet Zones.

Supervisor Walters responds that the County is trying to force the Town to take over significant amounts of county road in order for them to give the Town their blessing and that is not fair to the Hamburg taxpayer. They have tried to work out alternative solutions but the Town should not have to take over large sections of county roads simply to allow them to put up some barriers by the railroad tracks.

Mr. Tomasulo questions what portion of roads that Town has agreed to take over.

Supervisor Walters responds that the Town has not agreed to anything. The County initially stated that they need to transfer the roads to the Town for liability purposes and that was the County's justification. The Town pointed out that was just one option to address the liability, there are other options and they would be willing to discuss the other options. The County then said that it was that the plows wouldn't make it through the barriers. That is when the Town agreed to wait until the snow fell. Unfortunately there was so much snow that the meeting had to be put off until the season ended because the people that needed to attend the meeting were too busy plowing snow. The meeting is rescheduled for this week and hopefully they will have some answers after that.

Vic Tomasulo comments that as far as the Town is concerned the snowplow issue is a moot point.

Supervisor Walters responds that the Town did prove their point. We had 200 inches of snow and the barriers are still there.

Mr. Tomasulo questions if the Town has an issue with the stretch of Lakeview Road from Versailles to Route 5.

Supervisor Walters responds that he would like to wait until after the meeting to discuss further details.

Joe O'Brien comments that at the last meeting it was brought up that they would be discussing changing the Town Board back to 5 members. Was this discussed in the Work Session?

Supervisor Walters responds yes.

Mr. O'Brien asks the Town Board to state their position on the subject and whether they would be willing to pass a resolution to make that happen.

Supervisor Walters comments that in 2009 he did not think a 3 member Board was a good idea for the Town and his position today is the same and has strengthened after working with a 3 member Board for the last several years. He believes that it should be a citizen movement and should not be a Town Board movement. Barbara Rogers spoke at the Work Session and it was his understanding that the movement is already taking place. If there are people present that want to assist they should talk to Ms. Rogers after the meeting.

Councilwoman Potter-Juda responds that she is all for it.

Joe Kilian questions if Jersey Barriers are an option for the Quiet Zones or do they have to have the Rubber Placards.

Mr. Kapsiak responds that Jersey Barriers are three feet wide at the base which would cut down on the width that would be available so it would involve more widening of the road and moving the signals back and they are larger which could cause safety issues for drivers.

Councilwoman Potter-Juda comments that she feels they are beyond the issue of snowplowing. She is hoping that something will happen at the Wednesday meeting. She asks that someone call her after the meeting to let her know what happened.

Tom Brown, President of the Hamburg P.B.A., congratulates Chief Wickett and comments that he looks forward to working with him moving forward. The men and women of the Police Department have full faith in Chief Wickett's ability. He will be an outstanding Chief. He addresses the Town Board stating that when they were running for election they looked for the endorsement of the P.B.A. and they all stated that public safety and fully staffing the Police Department were a main priority. Back in July his Union wrote a letter to each Board member advising them that there would be no less than five retirements by the very beginning of 2016 and asking that they be proactive in hiring Police Officers so that they could complete probation and be ready to go to replace the retirees. Since then they have lost two of the five and they have hired no Police Officers. That is why he is at this meeting. In the past couple of years they have gone from nine detectives to the six that they have today. That is a 33% reduction in staffing. He doesn't know how anyone expects the men and women of this Police Department to keep up with the services that the residents deserve when they keep cutting the staffing. This needs to be addressed. Since the Town Board unanimously selected Chief Wickett to lead them they are hoping they give him the manpower and the tools he needs to make sure the Town has a topnotch Police Department. The citizens deserve it. He congratulates the Chief on his appointment.

Supervisor Walters responds that they did put three transitional positions in the budget for this year that they are expecting to hire individuals to get them trained and through the academy this year so that they will be ready to hit the road when the officers retired. They have looked at a few transfers and one of those individuals they offered the job to decided not to transfer, one of the individuals, they ran into some issues with and decided not to make an offer and a third individual they are just wrapping up the background information and that takes quite a while to

complete. The hope is that this individual will be hired at the next meeting. If things had gone as planned they would have had three people to hire at the next meeting. Secondly he wants to point out that in discussions with PBA the Town and Union did work together for the Officers to do a twelve hour shift. This gave the equivalent of three additional men to the department with the additional work hours that were given. That has helped to alleviate some of the stresses of the manpower issues he spoke about.

Chief Wickett comments that they have been extremely selective in the hiring process and if you look at the last Officers that were hired, they are extremely topnotch and the reason for that is that they looked so closely at them. Because their background check process is so extensive, they found out things they may not have if it wasn't so thorough. That is the reason why they had people lined up, but only have one officer to hire. They received permission to hire three officers ahead of time and it isn't that they weren't working on it, it is the fact that they are very selective as to who they hire. He did have a discussion with the Supervisor and he does agree they are down people and they are actively working on hiring.

Councilwoman Potter-Juda responds that she has been on the Board for fifteen months and she thanks Detective Brown for his persistence and thoroughness. They have talked about hiring more officers since she started as a Town Board member. She agrees that they do need more officers but he knows firsthand how long it takes to do the background checks because he is the one that works on it. She thanks him for making sure they have the best of the best here on our Police Force.

26.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Potter-Juda, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	2	Walters, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

RESOLVED, that the Town Board adjourn at 8:21 pm.

Catherine A. Rybczynski, R.M.C.
Town Clerk