

Special Meeting  
May 5, 1997  
S-6100 South Park Avenue  
Hamburg, New York 14075

Supervisor Hoak calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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| Roll Call: | Patrick H. Hoak       | Supervisor   |
|            | D. Mark Cavalcoli     | Councilman   |
|            | Kathleen C. Hochul    | Councilwoman |
|            | Joan A. Kesner        | Councilwoman |
|            | Thomas Quatroche, Jr. | Councilman   |

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| Also Present: | George Danyluk | Town Clerk             |
|               | Richard Boehm  | Deputy Town Attorney   |
|               | James Spute    | Director of Finance    |
|               | Richard Tripp  | Director of Recreation |
|               | James Connolly | Highway Superintendent |

7:00 p.m. Public Meeting authorizing the partial reconstruction of and construction of improvements to the Town Ice Rink building, stating the estimated cost thereof is \$1,184,000, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$1,184,000 Serial Bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation.

**I.**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board come out of Executive Session for the Public Meeting.

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| Moved: Hoak | Seconded: Cavalcoli                              |
| Roll Call:  | Ayes: Hoak, Cavalcoli, Hochul, Kesner, Quatroche |
|             | Noes: None                                       |
|             | Carried  |

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Information on Fire Exits was provided.

Supervisor Hoak states that the purpose of this meeting is to consider action taken for bonding for the Hamburg Recreational Facility out on Lakeview Road. The Ice Arena had to shut down in February, and at that time a committee was formed to consider what action should be taken. They had some private interests, a Canadian Company that they met with. They met with the HMHA, Kenny Machelski, Russ Deveso, Dick Tripp, Kurt Allen, Joan Kesner, Tom Quatroche, himself, James Connolly and Donny Nelson from the RAV. They thought that a State of the Art Facility was coming into our Town. There was competition from Virginia and Minneapolis and the Company backed out. They did have a plan B, they hired Ron Hoskins, who was a consultant on this. They not only want to replace what they had but also improve on it. The good news is that by staying public, and establishing this facility, they will be able to be reasonable in costs to the public.

Councilman Cavalcoli states that it was difficult to make the decision to close down the rink in February. They were elated at the prospects of having privatization come in and bring a multi pad facility. Knowing that this did not come to us, they were ready to move ahead and make the necessary repairs. So many residents use this facility that they have to be ready to go ahead with this project and he is fully ready to support it.

Councilwoman Kesner comments that our children deserve to have these recreation programs. If we do not support this as a community we will lose this forever. She is pleased to be a part of this and is confident it is the right thing to do.

Councilwoman Hochul states that it is a blessing that the Town has had this facility for something to do in the winter on weekends. People have asked her how much this will cost. She wants to put this into understandable terms. The cost to each family is about the cost of one pepperoni pizza per year. This is very important for our community and is proud to cast a yes for this bond resolution.

Councilman Quatroche states that for the last four years he has been liaison for the Recreation Department and also for the Youth Board. He has been able to see firsthand the challenges this Community faces with regard to Youth issues and all the great recreational programs we offer. Obviously this is a highly utilized program. He is very happy to be supporting this project.

Supervisor Hoak explains that with this renovation the hockey rink will be expanded by eight feet.

Richard Tripp, Director of Recreation, comments that he appreciates the support of all the Hockey parents. However, this ice arena and recreational facility is more than just a hockey rink. It is used in the summer for day camp, at night for indoor roller hockey, indoor floor hockey, indoor Lacrosse and some indoor soccer. Thanks the Community for their support, the Town Board for their support and his Staff for their support. We have to take care of things that keep our kids busy.

Ken Machelski thanks everyone for their support, over the past 24 years of existence of HMHA the hundreds of volunteers put their time in to help kids. It is a great thing the Town is doing, they will support this rink and help keep some of the indebtedness down.

Russ Deveso states that there are some children out there that cannot walk or run but for some reason can skate. This is a miracle. The second miracle was 23 years ago when the Town decided to provide an ice arena for its residents. From this day forward hopefully it will continue.

Supervisor Hoak states that the total cost of this project will be \$1,184,000. The cost to the taxpayer or average homeowner with an \$80,000 house will be \$6.57 which will decline annually for fifteen years, with a cost of \$3.69 for the last year. They have a figure for borrowing at 5.28%, the timing is right.

Barbara Oscadal, Winding Woods Lane, questions what the time line will be for getting the rink up and running.

Supervisor Hoak states that the goal is October 15th. The bond is subject to a permissive referendum. If no referendum is petitioned, then within 45 days they can borrow the money. They are hoping for a three month construction period.

Bonnie Chichuniec, Ockler Ave., questions if any thought has been put into the long-term cost of upkeep on the rink.

Supervisor Hoak responds that this is built into the budget.

Councilman Cavalcoli comments that the deterioration of the ice rink was not due to improper maintenance, but because of the type of system that was installed 23 years ago. All the rinks that were installed then are going through the same thing now.

Bonnie comments she was talking about the maintenance on the building itself.

Richard Tripp responds that when the facility was built 23 years ago it was an outdoor facility, no outside walls. Slowly over the years the facility was closed in. Now they are addressing the problem by insulating the roof, walls and the sides so that the chipping paint and dripping will stop. They will also address the locker room and lobby situation.

**VI.**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board adjourn to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a legal and personnel matter.

Moved: Hoak

Seconded: Hochul

Roll Call: Ayes: Hoak, Cavalcoli, Hochul, Kesner, Quatroche

Noes: None

Carried

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George Danyluk, Town Clerk