

Meeting No. 13  
September 27, 2004  
Public Hearing for Fire Contracts  
S-6100 South Park Avenue  
Hamburg, New York 14075

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

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

Also Present:	Barbara Allen	Deputy Town Clerk
	Richard Boehm	Deputy Town Attorney
	James Spute	Finance Director
	Carmen Kesner	Assistant Police Chief

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Hoak comments that they have a few resolutions to pass before going into the public hearing as follows:

**I.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be authorized to advertise for a public hearing on the 2005 Town of Hamburg Budget. The hearing is to be scheduled for November 1, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. local time.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be authorized to advertise for a public hearing on the Capital Improvements Program. The hearing is to be scheduled for November 1, 2004 at 7:15 p.m. local time.

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

**II.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be scheduled to consider an amendment to Local Law #12, 1968 "Shopping Centers and Other Areas of Assembly." This amendment would provide for the addition of the following new location:

RD Murray Fire Apparatus, Inc.  
4760 Camp Road  
Hamburg, N.Y. 14075

The hearing is scheduled for October 25, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

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





**IX.**

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

VOUCHER #'S

OPERATING FUND:

BATCH #117	\$ 10,000.00	916674
BATCH #118	\$533,717.37	916675 - 916811
BATCH #119	\$183,552.82	UNPROCESSED
PRTRN #P/R 20	\$539,630.98	

TOTAL OPERATING FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$1,266,901.17

TRUST & AGENCY:

BATCH #49	\$264,029.85
BATCH #50	\$301,971.55
BATCH #51	\$ 2,635.43

TOTAL TRUST & AGENCY DISBURSEMENTS: \$ 568,636.83

CAPITAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

BATCH #71	\$ 15,997.69	720417 - 720423
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TOTAL CAPITAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS: \$ 15,997.69

PAYROLL:

PR# P/R 20	\$502,286.34
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TOTAL PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS: \$ 502,286.34

TOTAL PETTY CASH: \$ 0.00

TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS SUBMITTED FOR AUDIT: \$2,353,822.03

Moved: Hoak

Seconded: Cavalcoli

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

Noes: None

Carried

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing to provide for changes in the fire protection contracts.

LEGAL NOTICE/TOWN OF HAMBURG  
NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg will hold a public hearing on September 27, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. (local time) at the Hamburg Town Hall, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York, in accordance with Section 184 of the Town Law, to provide for changes in the fire protection contracts as follows:

<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>REQUESTED 2005 CONTRACT</u>	<u>2004 CONTRACT</u>
Armor Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$206,000	\$198,992
Big Tree Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$383,500	\$372,600
Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$430,300	\$430,300
Lake View Fire District (Town wide fire protection district)	\$50,000	\$40,000
Newton Abbott Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$388,500	\$362,350
Scranton Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$389,800	\$380,800
Village of Hamburg Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. (Town wide fire protection district)	\$135,793	\$133,845
Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$335,368	\$325,600

These contracts provide for fire protection and ambulance service within and/or outside the boundaries of the respective districts. The term of the above contracts shall be for a period of one (1) year with a privilege of renewal for four (4) additional year terms, as provided in and under the conditions stated in each contract. Full opportunity to be heard will be given to all citizens and parties interested.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAMBURG

Dated: July 12, 2004

Catherine Rybczynski  
Town Clerk  
Town of Hamburg

There was no correspondence received.

Supervisor Hoak comments that the Town has been blessed with outstanding fire companies throughout the Town. Their record of submitting budgets over the last ten years is outstanding. They have kept taxes low, below the rate of inflation, and there may be some increases but overall in the last 10 years it has been minimal and the increases have been out of their hands. We have been blessed with very responsible men and women running these departments and they asked them to come in on their own time and share this with the public. He thanks them all, on behalf of the Town Board, and asks that they speak on behalf of their companies.

Armor Volunteer Fire Company - no one is present.

Big Tree Volunteer Fire Co. - last years contract was for \$372,600 and this year they are asking for \$383,500.00. Dan Bozek comments that they have a slight increase in their budget this year due to the fact that they had to close down their Bingo operations. Due to the smoking laws and casino gambling Bingo has not been making money. The raise is due to the fact that they lost one of their biggest fundraisers. The increase is minimal as compared to the loss they experienced. Supervisor Hoak questions how much they made on Bingo. Dan responds between \$25,000 and \$30,000 annually so they are only raising the budget about a third of what they lost. If you look back through the records they have not raised their budget over the last seven years except for a \$300.00 increase one year.

Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company - Supervisor Hoak states that their contract is \$430,300 for 2004 and remains the same at \$430,300 for 2005 - no one is present.

Lake View Fire District - Supervisor Hoak comments that the 2004 contract was for \$40,000 and the 2005 contract is \$50,000.00. John Wicka comments that the overall operating costs for the fire district have gone up over the last couple of years. They are looking at a lot of building improvements in making their main fire station more energy efficient and all the money from that is coming out of the reserve fund. They received a big increase in utilities and gas and they did a study earlier this year with respect to the proportional tax rates and revenues they get from the protection area as opposed to what their tax payers are paying to see if there is a disproportionate amount and find a way to balance that out with this change in the contract.

Newton Abbott Volunteer Fire Co. - Supervisor Hoak comments that last year they had a budget of \$363,350.00 and this year they are asking for \$388,500.00. Paul Uzar comments that the reason for the increase this year is insurance, building maintenance, utilities, fuel and vehicle maintenance. This is the first time they have increased their budget in the past three years and their building is really starting to show its age and they want to put money into that and they have a couple of pieces of equipment that are becoming twenty years old this year. Supervisor Hoak comments that they also lost revenue from the decrease in assessment of McKinley Mall.

Scranton Volunteer Fire Company - Supervisor Hoak comments that they going from \$380,800 to \$389,800. Bill Valtin comments that like everyone else, their utility costs are going up, as well as fuel and gas for the buildings. They also have some ongoing maintenance that they are doing to the older sections of the building such as new roof and repairs, they are looking into upgrading the heating system and they have to have some work done to their parking lot and there was an increase in insurance costs. Supervisor Hoak questions if they are still meeting with the Taxpayer group. Bill responds that they met with them earlier this year and they answered all their questions. Supervisor Hoak comments that they have a great relationship and they also offer them space for their monthly meetings as well.

Village of Hamburg - Supervisor Hoak comments that they are going from a contract of \$133,845 to \$135,793. George Utz comments that they took a look at the assessed values of the Town as compared to the Village and balanced them off and that is the reason for the increase. Supervisor Hoak comments that they appreciate them going outside of the Village into the Town covering some of the Town residents.

Woodlawn Volunteer Fire company - Supervisor Hoak comments that they show an increase from \$325,600 to \$335,368. Pat Mc Ananey comments that this is their first increase in eight years. They apologize to the people in Woodlawn and Hoover Beach, it is not something they wanted to do but with the rise in costs over the last few years, they can't stay the same any longer. They tried doing some fundraisers and their forty week club did very well this year, but the Community Days were down. They are trying to do different fundraisers to raise the money and it's a good thing the one really helped out, this could be worse, it is a 3% increase. Supervisor Hoak comments that there probably isn't a volunteer fire company in the State that has been hit as hard as Woodlawn with assessed valuation with Ford Motor Company going from 45 million down to 15 million and with the loss of Bethlehem Steel. This has devastated their budget process and to not have an increase after going through that, they have done a remarkable job.

**X.**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board close the public hearing at this time.

Moved: Hoak

Seconded: Kesner

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

Noes: None

Carried

**XI.**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the 2005 contracts for all the Volunteer Fire Companies in the Town of Hamburg.

Moved: Hoak

Seconded: Kesner

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

Noes: None

Carried

Supervisor Hoak comments that they will be going into Executive Session and will not field any comments until next week. They are scheduled for a Work Session at 6:00 p.m. on October 4<sup>th</sup> and at 5:30 p.m. they will be meeting with the New York State DOT for some proactive decisions that they hope to accomplish with respect to Route 5. The public is welcome. They have some ideas they have been working on. The DOT will be working with the Route 5 committee and hopefully they are going to see some changes.

Ferd Garcia, Lakeshore Taxpayers questions if there is anything on record regarding the number of households and businesses that each and every fire department services. Supervisor Hoak comments that the Assessor should be able to get that number.

**XII.**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board adjourn to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

Moved: Hoak

Seconded: Cavalcoli

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

Noes: None

Carried

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Catherine Rybczynski, Town Clerk