

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 3rd day of November 2008.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk;
Mary Dosch, Sr. Account Clerk; Kenneth Farrell, Town Attorney; James Connolly, Highway Superintendent; Wayne Drescher, Town Financial Consultant; Gerard Kapsiak, Town Engineer; Carmen Kesner, Chief of Police

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Information on fire exits was provided.

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

7:00 p.m. - Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF HAMBURG
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary budget of the Town of Hamburg for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested person, at reasonable hours. Additionally, an exemption report is also available for inspection.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg pursuant to Section 121(b)(1) of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972, as amended, and all other applicable statutes, will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon at Hamburg Town Hall, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York at 7:00 p.m. (local time) on the 3rd day of November, 2008, and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against the preliminary budget as compiled and for or against any items therein contained.

PURSUANT to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	\$82,123
Councilman (4) each	\$19,210
Town Clerk	\$71,870
Highway Superintendent	\$81,584

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAMBURG

Dated: September 22, 2008

**CATHERINE RYBCZYNSKI
Town Clerk
Town of Hamburg**

Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk, notes there was no correspondence received.

Supervisor Walters notes that there will be a presentation from the Finance Department regarding the budget.

Wayne Drescher briefly explains the process of the budget.

Supervisor Walters asks the Town Board if they have any questions for Mr. Drescher regarding the budget before opening the public hearing to the public.

Joe Killian, United Council, questions the money from the video terminal machines and if it is going to the debt service.

Supervisor Walters responds that it is projected and it's to build up the fund balance so when the 2010 bond comes due, we can call it and pay it off and save the interest.

Ray Murray notes that consumers are made to cut corners and are made to adapt to things going on in this country. He questions the increase in the Highway Department and why we don't combine with other communities when purchasing to lower costs.

Supervisor Walters responds that they are doing different things particularly the Finance Dept. to become more lean and run more efficiently.

Jim Connolly, Highway Superintendent, agrees with the resident and notes they are working very hard to do exactly what he's saying and maybe the achievements aren't promoted as much as they should be to make the taxpayers aware of it. Some of the most recent ones are reducing staff by four full time people, reducing the use of gas and diesel fuel. He asks for any and all recommendations.

Supervisor Walters asks Mr. Connolly how they get the salt, whether it's trucked in.

Jim Connolly responds that the salt is trucked in.

Supervisor Walters asks if they ever looked into getting together with other towns and getting it by rail.

Mr. Connolly responds that he's not aware of any rail shipments leaving the Livingston facility. The salt is either through a State bid or County bid but once you sign up you're committed to get a certain amount of salt.

Councilwoman Kesner notes that in the past twelve years four major offices were merged and implemented a single health carrier which as saved us a projected \$800,000 all of the departments are working with less people. Mr. Connolly didn't take credit for and he should, he implemented the energy program that saved us on the utility bills.

Ray Murray applauds all the departments especially Mr. Connolly to try to make ends meet with doing the same or more with less. Things need to be looked at differently to be able to give the taxpayers some relief.

Mark Lorquet applauds Mr. Connolly and notes he's doing a great job. Some things to possibly look into is making sure the trucks are regulated, possibly in the summer working four, ten hour days.

1.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Kesner, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Walters, Best, Kesner, Quatroche, Smardz

Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board close the public hearing.

7:00 p.m.- Public Hearing for the Capital Improvements Program

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

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF HAMBURG
NOTICE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Hamburg will hold a public informational hearing on Capital Improvements Program on November 3, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. (local time), at the Hamburg Town Hall, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York 14075. The Town is seeking public input as to project priorities, means of funding projects on the various Capital Improvements Program, to be established over the next six (6) years.

Additional information is available in the Finance Office, Hamburg Town Hall, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York 14075

Dated: September 22, 2008

Catherine Rybczynski
Town Clerk
Town of Hamburg

Catherine Rybczynski, Town Clerk, notes there is no correspondence received.

2.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilwoman Kesner, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Walters, Best, Kesner, Quatroche, Smardz

Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board close the public hearing.

Scranton Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. \$418,506

Village of Hamburg Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. \$148,991
(Town wide fire protection district)

Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. \$342,075

Councilman Smardz requests from the Town Board that the fire companies submit their audit from 2007, this has not been received yet except for Lake Shore. These need to be submitted by the end of November. For future reference, the Town Board will be asking that fire companies notify the Board prior to large scale purchases, such as land, apparatus and or buildings.

Pat McAnaney asks if a request for the audit was sent out to the fire companies on this.

Councilwoman Kesner responds that it was asked at the State Legislature last year that all of the fire companies had to submit the audit to the Town Board.

Ken Farrell notes part of the contractual agreement signed by the fire company provides for supplying the Town with a number of documents including the certificate of insurance also financial reports for the previous year.

5.

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 minutes of the following meetings:

10/27/08 Town Board Meeting

6.

On a motion of Councilman Quatroche, 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 of one in the Recreation Department as follows:

- 1. Roward, Patrick Rec. Att'd P/T 11/04/08 \$10.00

7.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, 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 and termination of one in the Police Department as follows:

- 1. Piwowar, Michelle Clerk, P/T 04/01/08 Terminate
2. Piwowar, Michelle Clerk, P/T Seas 11/10/08 \$9.25

8.

On a motion of Councilman Quatroche, seconded by Councilman Best, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Walters, Best, Kesner, Quatroche, Smardz Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board grant Tim Jerome, Certified Youth Sports Administrator, permission to travel and attend the International Sports Congress in San Antonio, TX. The congress is scheduled from December 3rd, to 6th, 2008. In recognition for his service on the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) Advisory Board, Tim's registration and room will be complimentary. Expenses will include air fare(\$260.00), meals (\$160.00) and incidentals (\$50.00) for a total of \$470. Funds are available in account #A7020.492.

9.

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, that the Town Board approve the audit of cash disbursements as follows:

OPERATING FUND:		VOUCHER #S
BATCH # 124	\$2,500,000.00	29971
BATCH # 125	\$ 98,528.95	29972-30058
BATCH # 126	\$ 120,798.85	UNPROCESSED
TOTAL OPERATING FUND DISBURSEMENTS:		\$2,719,327.80
TRUST & AGENCY		
BATCH #		
TOTAL TRUST & AGENCY DISBURSEMENTS:		\$0.00
CAPITAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:		
BATCH # 64	\$ 8,272.50	29969
BATCH # 65	\$1,000,000.00	29970
BATCH # 66	\$ 74,277.53	30059-30065
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:		\$1,082,550.03
PAYROLL:		
PR # 22	\$ 571,579.85	
TOTAL PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS:		\$ 571,579.85
PETTY CASH		\$0.00
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS SUBMITTED FOR AUDIT:		\$4,373,457.68

Supervisor Walters notes that there are some people there to present a petition to the Town Board.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk