

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 8th day of December 2014.

ROLL CALL: Steven J. Walters Supervisor
 Michael Quinn, Jr. Councilman
 Cheryl Potter-Juda Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT: Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk;
Walter Rooth III, Town Attorney; Michael Williams, Chief of Police; Thomas Taylor, Sr. Public Safety Dispatcher, Tom Best, Sr., Highway Superintendent; Marty Denecke, Director of Youth, Recreation & Senior Services; Robert Hutchison, Town Assessor; Gerard Kapsiak, Town Engineer; Sean Crotty, Coordinator of Hamburg Emergency Management Team; Ted Casey, Traffic Safety Coordinator; Amy Ziegler, Deputy Supervisor

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Information on location of Fire exits was provided.

Supervisor Walters comments that he would like to take a moment to recognize a community member that we lost recently. Skip Klimas was a longtime member of the Scranton Taxpayers Association. He was a wealth of knowledge for the community and he certainly will be missed. He asks for a moment of silence in his memory.

1.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

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

11/20/2014 Special Meeting
11/24/2014 Work Session
11/24/2014 Executive Session
11/24/2014 Town Board Meeting

2.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

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

Timothy Tomaka
4255 Loran Ave.
Hamburg, N.Y. 14075

3.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Recreation Department to issue alcohol waivers for the following January 2015 Taylor Road rentals:

01/09/15 01/10/15 01/11/15 01/17/15
01/18/15

4.

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	3	Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamburg, and the Town of Orchard Park wish to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement relative to Assessor services to the Town of Hamburg, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Orchard Park presently has a single appointed Assessor in accordance with the provisions of Town Law, Section 20, of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Orchard Park agrees to contract with the Town of Hamburg to have their Assessor, Milton Bradshaw, provide Assessor services to the Town of Hamburg,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Milton Bradshaw is hereby designated to act as Assessor for the Town of Hamburg, *upon* the official retirement date of current the Assessor, commencing *on* January, 17, 2015 and continuing to December 31,2015 in accordance with the terms of the intermunicipal agreement between the Town of Orchard Park and the Town of Hamburg, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this agreement shall be deemed renewed on the same basis each year thereafter, for a further term of one (1) full calendar year, unless one of the contracting parties shall notify the other, in writing, sixty (60) days prior to the date it elects to terminate the agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution amends resolution number 2 of the Special Meeting held on November 20, 2014

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to sign this agreement on behalf of the Town of Hamburg.

5.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

BE IT RESOLVED, the following Highway and Buildings and Grounds Employees be allowed to carry over vacation to the 2015 fiscal year due to the recent winter storm and difficulty in using the time in the current fiscal year, 2014 as follows:

Raymond Pawlowski 10 days
 Charles Zahm 4 days
 Larry Bednarz 10 days

6.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Quinn, 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
1	4433	Benningfield, Nicholas		Rec Attd- EI7265				12/8/2014
2	4560	Booth, Abigail		Rec Attd- A7310				12/8/2014
3	3854	Boswell, James		Van Driver-P/T-A6772				11/30/2014
	3854	Boswell, James	R	Van Driver-Seas-A6772	12/1/14		\$10.72	
4	4466	Chilcott, Joshua		Rec Attd-P/T-A7310				11/29/2014
	4466	Chilcott, Joshua	R	Rec Attd-P/T-EI7265	11/30/14		\$8.00	
5	2926	DiOrio, Christine		Rec Attd- ER7251				12/8/2014
6	4328	Gallardo, Jennifer		Rec Attd- A7310				12/8/2014
7	4000	Galus, Emily		Rec Attd-Seas-A7310				11/24/2014
	4000	Galus, Emily	R	Rec Attd-P/T-A7310	11/25/14		\$9.50	
8	3440	Greenauer, Joshua		RecAttd-Seas-EI7265				11/24/2014
	3440	Greenauer, Joshua	R	Rec Attd- P/T- EI7265	11/25/14		\$10.44	
9	3943	Kassem, Ramsey		Rec Attd- A7310				12/8/2014
10	4586	Kaznowski, Lyndsey		Rec Attd- A7310				12/8/2014
11	3905	Lease, Warren		Rec Attd-Seas-EI7265				11/21/2014
	3905	Lease, Warren	R	Rec Attd-P/T-EI7265	11/22/14		\$11.25	
12	4567	Leaskey, Merin		Rec Attd- A7310				12/8/2014
13	4106	McGahey, Lindsay		Rec Attd- EI7265				12/8/2014
14	4387	Morris, Mark		Rec Attd- A7310				12/8/2014

15	4167	Mencer, Andrew			Lifeguard-P/T-A7310				11/29/2014
	4167	Mencer, Andrew		R	Lifeguard-P/T-EI7265	11/30/14		\$12.50	
16	655	Nelson, Gay Lynn			Rec Attd-Seas-A7310				11/24/2014
	655	Nelson, Gay Lynn		R	Rec Attd-P/T-A7310	11/25/14		\$12.50	
17	4473	Redanz, Katherine			Rec Attd-A7310				12/8/2014
18	3704	Reid, Gregory			Rec Attd-Seas-EI7265				11/21/2014
	3704	Reid, Gregory		R	Rec Attd-P/T-EI7265	11/22/14		\$10.20	
19	4296	Ringo, Megan			Rec Attd-A7310				12/8/2014
20	4410	Rostin, Janice			Rec Attd- EI7265				12/8/2014
21	3492	Silverman, Scott			Rec Attd- A7310				12/8/2014
22	4568	Sortisio, Zachary			Rec Attd- A7310				12/8/2014
23	3794	Steger, Amy			Rec Attd-Seas-A7310				11/29/2014
	3794	Steger, Amy		R	Rec Attd-P/T-A7310	11/30/14		\$9.50	
24	3062	Steger, Andrew			Rec Attd-Seas-ET7180				11/29/2014
	3062	Steger, Andrew		R	Rec Attd-P/T-ET7180	11/30/14		\$11.10	

7.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

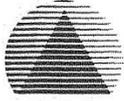
BE IT RESOLVED that Martin Denecke, Director of Youth, Recreation, & Senior Services be permitted to carry over 7 days vacation to 2015. Mr. Denecke had a trip planned in November but was unable to leave due to the storm. Due to end of fiscal year tasks and responsibilities related to the opening of the Hamburg Community Center, it would be difficult for Mr. Denecke to take the time in December.

8.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the hiring of GAR Associates Inc., to provide consulting services to the Assessing Department on a month to month basis. Services will include reviewing building permits, preparing property sketches, property inspections, updating RPS data and other services per the attached proposal and fee schedule.



GAR ASSOCIATES, INC.
Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants

December 5, 2014

Mr. Robert E. Hutchinson, Jr
Assessor
Town of Hamburg
6100 South Park Avenue
Hamburg, New York 14075

RE: Proposal Assessment Support Services

Dear Bob:

Thank you for considering GAR Associates, Inc. for a quotation for services associated with building permit processing. As per your letter dated November 17, 2014 for assistance with 500-600 building permits, GAR provides the following proposal:

Residential:	Additions:	\$25/per parcel
	Sheds, Decks, Pools, Small garages & barns,	\$10-\$15/per parcel
	Finished Basements, 3-4 Season Rooms	
	New Construction	\$50-\$75/per parcel*
	Depends on the complexity of the structure	
Commercial:	Additions and Demolitions:	\$55/per parcel
	New Construction	\$100-\$150/per parcel*
	*depends on complexity of the structure	

Services for both parcel types include:

- Review of building permit plans
- Prepare property sketch from plans (digital sketch)
- Update Property Record Card
- Create a New Property Card (if one does not exist)
- Determine grade of construction per Town standards
- On-site field inspection of all new construction only
- Digital Photographs – new construction only
- Update RPSV4 with inventory changes
- Preliminary valuation recommendation

RECEIVED

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**TOWN OF HAMBURG
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

CORPORATE OFFICE:

2399 SWEET HOME ROAD AMHERST, NEW YORK 14228 TEL.716-691-7100 FAX.716-691-7770 TOLL FREE: 1-800-836-0382

ALBANY OFFICE:

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GAR will provide a copy of all digital sketches created and all photographs taken. This proposal assumes the Town will be responsible for attaching images to RPSV4.

GAR requires remote access to the Town's RPSV4 live file to update inventory.

GAR assumes valuation will be completed utilizing existing Town valuation models or schedules.

Options:

1. Create a new automated property record card for each permit processed including a new digital sketch (APEX) and a new photograph.
 - a. Residential Parcels: \$10/per parcel (in addition to prices indicated)
 - b. Commercial Parcels: \$20/per parcel (in addition to prices indicated)
2. APRC (Automated Property Record Card Program): Standard Program
 - a. \$799/first license
 - b. \$299/each additional license
 - c. \$350/annual license agreement
 - d. Customized APRC available – pricing to be determine
3. APEX Licenses:
 - a. \$425/per license (\$595 retail value)
 - b. Annual License fee – beginning 2016 – to be billed directly from APEX (\$235 currently)
4. RPSV4 Residential Valuation Modeling:
 - a. GAR can offer to create Residential Valuation Factor file(s) for processing building permits.
 - b. Depending on the number of models required and the extent of sales cleansing required, pricing can vary. More information would be required for a price estimate.
5. RPSV4 Commercial Valuation Factor File Creation:
 - a. GAR can offer to create a commercial valuation factor file or VFF using the RPSV4 system.
 - b. Depending on the extent of the models required and the work effort in providing reliable sales and income data, pricing can vary. More information would be required for a price estimate.

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If you have any questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

GAR Associates, Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. Cindy Baire".

F. Cindy Baire
Vice President/Partner

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9.

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	3	Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

RESOLVED, that the Town Board grant permission for Ciara Williams, a student at Medaille college, to do an Internship in the Police Department at no cost to the Town.

10.

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	3	Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

WHEREAS, Special Olympics New York desires to enter into an agreement with the Town of Hamburg , for use of Woodlawn Beach State Park for Special Olympics New York to conduct its “Polar Plunge” event on December 6, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hamburg grants Special Olympics New York the limited right to use the property identified as Woodlawn Beach State Park for the sole purpose of conducting the event, and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics New York agrees that the use of the property is subject to the conditions and restrictions outlined in the agreement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hamburg enter into an agreement with Special Olympics New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Supervisor Steven Walters is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town of Hamburg.

This resolution is being adopted nunc pro tunc.

Supervisor Walters states that means “after the fact.”

11.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize Supervisor Walters and Mary Dosch to review and release checks during the remainder of the month of December, due to only one more meeting scheduled, Year End Meeting on December 30th.

12.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
 Noes 0

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

TOWN BOARD
 AUDIT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS December 8, 2014

	VOUCHER #'S
OPERATING FUND:	
BATCH #225	\$1,240.00 72613
BATCH #226	\$9,817.83 72578-72615
BATCH #227	\$89,913.84 72616
BATCH #228	\$15,685.78 72632-42663
BATCH #229	\$470,331.47 72664-72782
BATCH #230	\$97,711.70 72783-72880
BATCH #231	\$92,262.38 72884-72882
BATCH #232	\$55,525.80 72884-72940
TOTAL OPERATING FUND DISBURSEMENTS:	\$832,488.80
TRUST & AGENCY:	
TOTAL TRUST & AGENCY DISBURSEMENTS:	\$0.00
CAPITAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:	
BATCH #57	\$8,895.55 72618-72631
BATCH #58	\$320.00 72883
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:	\$9,215.55

PAYROLL:

PR #P/R 24	\$872,837.32
PR #P/R 25	\$1,022,435.70
TOTAL PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$1,895,273.02
PETTY CASH	\$0.00
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS SUBMITTED FOR AUDIT:	\$2,736,977.37

Reports from Town Board Members and Department Heads

Councilwoman Potter-Juda reports that this Saturday the Hamburg Rejuvenation Committee held the Christmas at the Cabin. There were many volunteers and the Y.E.S. Program helped out as well. It was a huge success. Families were treated to Christmas Carols, crafts, face painting, live reindeer, Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and the all the families in attendance appreciated the event. On behalf of the Town Board she thanks the Rejuvenation Committee. The Town is lucky to have a group like this.

Councilman Quinn reports that he met briefly with the County Executive to discuss what happened during the snow storm. Although not everything went perfect the County Executive did offer training on the DLAN program to Emergency Service personnel. He hopes that training will be forthcoming and they can all work together to make sure that anything that was a problem would not be a problem next time.

Supervisor Walters reports that he received two letters. The first was from the Erie County Comptroller commending the Town for its response to the storm. The second letter came from Assemblyman Sean Ryan also commending the Town for its response to the storm. He then reports that there is DLAN training scheduled for December 18th and 19th. This is not just for the Town of Hamburg it is for anyone throughout Erie County, but it is taking place here. For those of you who don't know the DLAN system is a product of Buffalo Computer Graphics which is a company right here in the Town of Hamburg, located at Bayview and Jeffrey Boulevard.

Catherine A. Rybczybnski, Town Clerk, reports that at the Christmas at the Cabin on Saturday, the Rejuvenation asked for donations of non-perishable food items and those items will go to the Veterans One Stop Center in Downtown Buffalo.

Gerard Kapsiak reports on the Railroad Quiet Zones. They are going through the process that is required to be followed in order to obtain the approvals that are necessary to proceed with the preliminary engineering design work on establishing the additional Railroad Quiet zones at Bayview Rd., Pleasant Ave. and Lakeview Road. This is assuming that the Town will be able to reach a mutually acceptable agreement with the County for the installations on Pleasant and Lakeview which are County highways. They submitted an initial project proposal form that is required to the NYSDOT on October 9th and that then had to go to the Metropolitan Planning Organization which is the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council which they submitted to them on October 21st then they had to issue a public notice and provide for a public comment period, and have it reviewed by three different committees. The last of which is scheduled to meet next Monday, December 15th and at that time it will be added to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and the NYSDOT will be able to issue the Federal Funding Agreement that will allow the Town to proceed with the design and expend funds for the work. They are not allowed to expend any funds until they have that agreement in place. That should be by late December, early January that it will be in place. In order to be ready to proceed they have been working with Erdman Anthony Engineers, who are the Consulting Engineers who did the previous work on Rogers Road and Cloverbank Road. They are getting the scope of work set up and the associated fees so that they will be ready to award the contract to them as soon as they get the go ahead from the NYSDOT.

Marty Denecke reports that the Youth Bureau is participating in the Toys for Tots program and they are collecting toys to be distributed to needy families later this month. There are drop off locations at Town Hall, Recreational sites and at their new building on Southwestern Blvd. The Adult Day Care Center is selling F.I.R.S.T. Certificates good for \$10.00 at local restaurants with \$3.00 of the \$10.00 going to the entertainment fund for the participants in the Adult Day Care Program. They are available at the Recreation Department on Southwestern Blvd at the Adult Day Care on Pleasant Ave and at the Senior Center on Sowles Road.

Highway Superintendent Best reports that the Highway Department, Buildings and Grounds Department and the Quiet Zones came through the storm with very little damage.

Chief Williams comments that this past Saturday was the Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics. Through the efforts of all involved they were able to raise over \$140,000 for the Special Olympics. He thanks the Board for allowing them to use Woodlawn Beach, Supervisor Walters for coming to address the crowd that day, the Officers from the State Police, Hamburg Police and Customs, National Guard, Town Fire Companies, Water Rescue Unit, Cindy Conlon and Walt Rooth for completing the contract so quickly and Tom Best, Ray Pawlowski and B & G employees for the job they did in getting Woodlawn Beach State Park ready.

Sean Crotty, Emergency Management Coordinator, reports that they are continuing to work with F.E.M.A. to obtain reimbursement for all the expenses and damages from the storm. They have slowly been getting information for all the municipal buildings which were damaged, fire departments, and town department heads which incurred expenses. They are working on vetting through that process. They received a letter from Legislator Lynn Dixon expressing her thanks to the Town for their efforts during the storm. To further add to Councilman Quinn's remarks regarding his meeting with County Executive Poloncarz, Sean reports he has been using the

DLAN system for eight years and during the storm, he submitted 45 tickets requesting assets and services. The Town of Hamburg has been a user of the DLAN system. Emergency Services is trained in the use of the system, and it was utilized during the storm. The training which is being held in Hamburg, is not specifically because it was believed Hamburg Emergency Management did not use the system, rather it is because the company who created the software; Buffalo Computer Graphics, is located in Hamburg.

The after action review meeting for Erie County is on December 17th and they plan on attending. The DLAN training is scheduled for the 18th in the evening, and 19th in the morning. They will have some of the volunteers in attendance, Paul Wilson and the fire coordinators that have already had the training but want to get brushed up on it. They will have an after action report, which will begin this month, however they are working on getting through all the immediate actions now.

Ted Casey, Traffic Safety Coordinator, reports that the next meeting is Thursday, December 11th at 7:30 pm

Supervisor Walters recognizes the Boy Scouts that are in attendance. He asks if anyone has a question.

One young man questions what is happening with BJ's Wholesale building?

Councilman Quinn responds that they have highly trained construction workers working on that right now, taking their time, doing it right and hopefully the BJ's will be open shortly.

Supervisor Walters explains that the iron beam that actually holds the roof up was twisted from the snow storm. That is why it might be several months before it opens.

Business from the Floor

John McKendry comments that there was a Bill proposed by a person named Miller down in Nassau County citing trains. The Bill needed a co-sponsor and he could never get one. He just met with Senator Kennedy's office and the glitch was that in the Bill it stated that trains couldn't idle for more than ten minutes. He told Senator Kennedy that it didn't matter how long the train idled they just had to get the Bill passed. There are four issues they are dealing with. There is the noise issue, the idling trains, garbage trains and the oil trains. The traffic on Sunday is the worst. The oil trains are dangerous and if they ever came off the tracks they would explode. Volunteer Fire Departments need to be made aware of it.

Sean Crotty responds that training was offered in July to the Fire Departments in the Town of Hamburg concerning the oil trains. They do actually have trailers in the Town. One in the Village of Hamburg and one at Scranton Fire Company that are specifically designed for the crude oil response.

Al Kaczmarczyk comments that he still has a problem with the lighting at Gullo's. He provides pictures of the light shining in the inside of his house. He reads sections of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Lake Erie Commerce Center pertaining to lighting and reducing potential impacts. Also reads Section 155-3 Restrictions on artificial lighting and illumination from the Hamburg Town Code Chapter 155 Lighting Nuisances. He has retinol issues and is susceptible to glare and bright lights. This is a health issue for him.

Supervisor Walters comments that it was his understanding that Gullo's put up a light shield on the fixtures.

Mr. Kaczmarczyk responds that there is nothing there.

Supervisor Walters responds that he will make sure the Building Inspection Department contacts him this week.

Mr. Kaczmarczyk responds that the area was rezoned about three years ago and he was supposed to have gotten a berm but Gullo's stated that they couldn't put the berm up because it would kill the trees. Now Gullo's ran a bulldozer through there and all the trees are gone. He reads the conditions of the rezoning pertaining to his property.

Supervisor Walters responds that he will have someone take a look at that as well.

Zula Lamastra comments that the snowstorm hit on Monday night and her street was not plowed until the following Sunday; that is unacceptable.

Supervisor Walters responds that on Monday night through Tuesday most of the plows were pulled off the road because of visibility issues. On Wednesday morning when they could get the plows on the road they realized that there were 100's of tractor trailers and vehicles that were struck in our main roads. They had to divert a great deal of our assets into helping remove those vehicles so they could start moving resources throughout the Town. They also had to divert some of their resources to help emergency responders get to emergencies. At the end of the day on Thursday they had eight feet of snow. That amount of snow cannot be pushed by a plow. They had to use front loaders to move that amount of snow. The Town owns two front loaders in the Highway Department and 1 in the B & G Department. Through the efforts of the Highway Superintendent he was able to procure another 6 front loaders. Then on Friday evening they started receiving resources from the State of New York. It took 3 front loaders and about five dump trucks 3 ½ hours to clear a street that was one mile long. This was not a usual storm. Typically it takes about 8 hours to run all the plows through all the routes to get the streets cleared. You can't plan for an 8 foot snowfall over that short of a period of time.

Ms. Lamastra comments that she understands that, however she called on Tuesday to report they didn't have any heat or hot water and the person she spoke with said that they couldn't go anywhere even if the road was plowed. She said she understood that but needed someone to come in and fix her furnace. She found out that it was actually a gas problem. They came in to her house by snowshoes. She was told that they would be put on a priority list because they had no heat.

Councilman Quinn comments that he lives near where she does and he suffered the same problems she did and he didn't get plowed out either. Everyone in the Town worked very hard and a lot of people are frustrated but that is just what happened. Everyone worked hard, accumulated a lot of overtime and got very little sleep. As Mr. Crotty stated, they will be doing after action reviews and if there is any room for improvement he assures her that this Town will do whatever they can to improve services.

Ms. Lamastra comments that they should have at least had a one car path down her street. She feels they were forgotten.

Supervisor Walters assures her that no one was forgotten. The unfortunate reality is that someone had to be first and someone had to be last. It took about 60 hours to clear the entire Town. Hamburg did better time wise than some other communities and we got the most snow of any community in Erie County. They did what they could do with the resources that they had.

James Woods comments that he lives in Waterfalls Mobile Home Park and they were never plowed. They have several Veterans that are amputees. This was an emergency situation.

Supervisor Walters responds that they cannot plow private roads as per State law. There have been Supervisors and Highway Superintendents across the State who have gone to jail for plowing private roads. New York State takes this issue very seriously. They did send in some track vehicles to check on some people, but there are some things they can do and some they cannot do.

Mr. Woods comments that once management cleaned out their parking area the Town snowplow driver came down Howard Road and blocked their road in.

Superintendent Best comments that the snowplows did block thousands of driveways there is no way to prevent it. They did bring highlifts back to open up some spots. Unfortunately they may not have gotten back there. The plow blocked in his driveway as well and he had to bring in an outside contractor to clear it. This happened all over the Town.

Mr. Woods comments that this is a community of 200 people not just one.

Susan Miller, resident of Waterfalls Village, comments that she called on Tuesday and was told that they were not the responsibility of the Town of Hamburg. She then got a phone call from Code Red stating that they tried to go into Brook Gardens unsuccessfully.

Supervisor Walters responds that was with the emergency track vehicles not snowplows .

Ms. Miller states that she heard on the news that the Town of Elma evacuated residents from mobile home parks because there were roofs caving in. The Town of Hamburg did not offer that. There were homes that were out of propane, there was an older gentleman that was stuck outside and she was out of medication for 5 days. A Fire Department from outside Syracuse finally came on Saturday night.

Supervisor Walters questions what time the manager of the park got in with some equipment. Ms. Miller responds Friday about 6:00 pm.

Supervisor Walters comments that they did try to gain access to Brook Gardens and move into Waterfalls Village and they could not get in there. They were in contact with the general managers of those facilities and they actually helped them get equipment and he knows they sent a message through the Code Red System informing residents that they were making efforts to try and get in and they were asking the residents that if they knew of any issues with neighbors or had issues themselves that they should let the Town know.

Sean Crotty responds that Code Red messages were sent out, as well as put on facebook and twitter. Waterfalls Village has a community page that it was posted on as well. Emergency management kept in contact with the general manager for Brook Gardens throughout the storm. They had arrangements for people that needed prescriptions filled. The Town of Hamburg EMS medical director for the fire companies was in place and prioritized the importance of the medications, making sure life threatening ailments got the priority. Decisions were based on medical urgency. Dialysis patients were the highest of priorities, and efforts were made to ensure they were able to get their treatments. They never said they couldn't get to them. They said that they had equipment that was specifically designed to get into their community. While the park's equipment wasn't making it to them, they had specialized equipment and plans to get people out if needed. They had four track vehicles for urgent medical conditions.

Ms. Miller comments that her issue is that not all people in the park received Code Red messages.

Sean Crotty comments that you had to be subscribed into the program which was very well advertised over the last two years. It was on the News, published in the Buffalo News, the Hamburg Sun and the Front Page and is on the homepage of Town of Hamburg website.

Ms. Woods comments that her husband is an amputee and he was outside four hours every day and only one neighbor helped.

Mr. Crotty comments that it was stated in the Code Red messages that neighbors should check on each other. The Emergency Management Team met every night and they were limited in their abilities to send physical assets into her community by virtue of State Law. There were requests for teams of people to shovel snow, however they were granted a fraction of what was requested. In a disaster, you have more needs than the system can provide. Some assets we could get enough of while others were not fulfilled as much as they needed.

Ms. Woods comments that they had equipment coming in from Pennsylvania and because the roads were closed they knew that they couldn't get up here.

Mr. Crotty comments that they provided a police escort from Tonawanda for snowclearing equipment. They were in communication with her park management as well and they did

provide a police escort. They couldn't go in with a highlift, but everything they could do for Waterfalls Village they did as far as getting assets to them. It was up to the park to pay for that. If they had reached out to the Town, through management, that would have been taken care of. They knew some of the needs of their community the Town could not provide assistance in, but every other aspect that assistance could be offered, they went above and beyond to try and make those items happen.

Ms. Woods questions if he could please write Mr. Wendel a letter.

Mr. Crotty comments that he would rather speak with him.

Ms. Woods comments that she was personally told that there was a driving ban and they couldn't get through.

Mr. Crotty comments that all calls received were taped. He could personally go through and find out what was said to see if there was a misunderstanding.

Councilman Quinn comments that there will be an after action review and from that they will learn to see where they can improve. That's all they can promise right now. He believes everyone has worked very hard and did the best they could do. If there are problems that they did not foresee they will look into them now and they appreciate all their input and will take it into consideration. They will try to do better the next time.

Ms. Miller comments that she believes everyone did an awesome job. It was a very difficult storm. She comments that she heard that last year the Town used a fracking bi-product called brine on the roads.

Supervisor Walters responds that the Town never used that. It was reported by a resident that had read it on a blog that the Town used it; however the Highway Superintendent stated that they never used that substance.

Supervisor Walters comments that the next regular Town Board Meeting, the re-organizational meeting, is scheduled for January 12, 2015.

13.

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	3	Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

RESOLVED, that the Town Board move into Executive Session at 8:15 pm.

14.

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	3	Walters, Quinn, Potter-Juda
	Noes	0	

RESOLVED, that the Town Board adjourn at 8:50pm.

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