

Hamburg Town Board Special Meeting Minutes
Catherine A. Rybczynski, RMC, Town Clerk
January 21, 2020

Members Present:

James M. Shaw Supervisor
Shawn Connolly Councilman
Elizabeth Farrell Councilwoman
Karen Hoak Councilwoman
Michael Petrie Councilman

Also Present: Walter Rooth, III, Town Attorney; Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk; Ted Casey, Highway Superintendent; Police Captain Kevin Trask; Police Captain Peter Dienes; Police Chief Gregory Wickett; Michael Quinn, Engineering Consultant

1.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board open the Town Board Special Meeting at 7:00 P.M. On a motion of Supervisor Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Petrie, the following resolution was ADOPTED 5 - 0

Supervisor Shaw	(Aye)
Councilmember Connolly	(Aye)
Councilmember Farrell	(Aye)
Councilmember Hoak	(Aye)
Councilmember Petrie	(Aye)

2.

A Proclamation in Honor of Police Chief Gregory Wickett

WHEREAS, the Hamburg Police Department has historically been recognized as one of the finest municipal departments of its kind in New York State; and

WHEREAS, during the tenure of Greg Wickett as Chief of the Hamburg Police Department, our Police Department has made numerous strides to enhance community policing, upgrade equipment and training and thereby deliver to our Community a safe environment for all who reside here; and

WHEREAS, Chief Wickett has demonstrated not only strong leadership but wisdom in dealing with the many issues that confront modern day policing; and

WHEREAS, Chief Wickett has extended the Police Department's help to the other Departments of Town Government, the Town Board, and other governmental entities within our community; and

WHEREAS, he has set an example for exemplary dedication and respectful behavior that serves as a model for all of the Officers who have been privileged to serve under his leadership; now

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Hamburg Town Board extends its heartfelt thanks to Chief Wickett on behalf of the entire Hamburg Community for his dedicated leadership and many sacrifices for the wellbeing of our Community; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that we wish him and his family a long, healthy and happy retirement.

On a motion of Supervisor Shaw, seconded unanimously by all members, the resolution was ADOPTED 5 – 0

Supervisor Shaw	(Aye)
Councilmember Connolly	(Aye)
Councilmember Farrell	(Aye)
Councilmember Hoak	(Aye)
Councilmember Petrie	(Aye)

3.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the application for travel, thereby granting permission for the Town Justice Carl W. Morgan to attend the Associations of Towns training in New York City on February 16th to February 19th.

Lodging	3 nights	\$897.00
Registration	1 @ \$150.00	\$150.00
Meals – Conference	3 day @ \$40.00	\$120.00
Airfare	1 ticket	\$242.79
Uber/Taxi	Airport/Hotel	<u>\$150.00</u>
	Total:	\$1559.79

Funds are available in Account A1110.0492

On a motion of Councilmember Hoak, seconded by Supervisor Shaw, the resolution was ADOPTED 5 – 0

Supervisor Shaw	(Aye)
Councilmember Connolly	(Aye)
Councilmember Farrell	(Aye)

Councilmember Hoak (Aye)
Councilmember Petrie (Aye)

Supervisor Shaw recognized Walter Rooth, III to discuss the Blasdell Library and 353 Pleasant Avenue sale. Demo work on 353 Pleasant Ave must be done to remove the attached train. An RFP will be issued for the work. Previous bid was \$43K to do the demolition and \$10K to take away the train. Work needs to be done prior to sale.

4.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board enters into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:15 PM.

On a motion of Supervisor Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, the following resolution was

ADOPTED 5 – 0

Supervisor Shaw (Aye)
Councilmember Connolly (Aye)
Councilmember Farrell (Aye)
Councilmember Hoak (Aye)
Councilmember Petrie (Aye)

***Minutes of Executive Session provided at the conclusion of Special Session Minutes**

5.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board adjourn the Executive Session to resume the Special Session at 7:45 PM.

On a motion of Supervisor Shaw, seconded by Councilman Petrie, the following resolution was

ADOPTED 5 – 0

Supervisor Shaw (Aye)
Councilmember Connolly (Aye)
Councilmember Farrell (Aye)
Councilmember Hoak (Aye)
Councilmember Petrie (Aye)

6.

RESOLVED, that the Hamburg Town Board does hereby appoint Kevin Trask to the position of Hamburg Police Chief.

On a motion of Councilmember Petrie, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, the following resolution was

ADOPTED 5 - 0

Supervisor Shaw (Aye)

Councilmember Connolly (Aye)
Councilmember Farrell (Aye)
Councilmember Hoak (Aye)
Councilmember Petrie (Aye)

Supervisor Shaw stated that both candidates for Chief were well-qualified and either would have done a wonderful job. He commended both for their time and effort in applying and for their continued service to the department and town.

Catherine Rybczynski, Town Clerk, asked the Supervisor what the effective date for the New Chief would be. Supervisor Shaw responded that it would be effective immediately upon the resignation/retirement of Chief Wickett on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

L. E. D. Presentation by Wendell

Michael Quinn, Engineering Consultant, introduced Mr. Keith Krug from Wendell to make the presentation along with providing a brief synopsis and explanation of the process, how it began, etc. He added that from this point the Town Board will have to make a decision on how the project will look, what will be included moving forward, and how to do so.

Representatives from Wendell included Kate Eckham, Zachary Jacobs, and George Barberi.

The representatives from Wendell explained the details of the Comprehensive Energy Audit and answered questions from the members of the Town Board.

The Town Board decided to set a Special Meeting for the purpose of addressing Energy Issues on February 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

7.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adjourn the Special Session at 9:39 PM.

On a motion of Councilmember Petrie, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, the following resolution was

ADOPTED 5 - 0

Supervisor Shaw (Aye)
Councilmember Connolly (Aye)
Councilmember Farrell (Aye)
Councilmember Hoak (Aye)
Councilmember Petrie (Aye)

Meeting Adjourned at 9:39 PM

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Also Present: Police Captain Kevin Trask, Police Captain Peter Dienes, Police Chief Gregory Wickett, Town Attorney Walter Rooth, III

1.

RESOLVED, that the Hamburg Town Board does hereby enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the personnel matter of interviewing and discussing the matter of the hiring the next Chief of Police at 7:15 PM.

On a motion of Supervisor Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, the following resolution was ADOPTED 5 - 0

Supervisor Shaw	(Aye)
Councilmember Connolly	(Aye)
Councilmember Farrell	(Aye)
Councilmember Hoak	(Aye)
Councilmember Petrie	(Aye)

The Town Board spoke with each of the Police Chief candidates and discussed their qualifications.

2.

RESOLVED, that the Hamburg Town Board does hereby close the Executive Session and resume the Special Session at 7:45 PM.

On a motion of Supervisor Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Petrie, the following resolution was ADOPTED 5 - 0

Supervisor Shaw	(Aye)
Councilmember Connolly	(Aye)
Councilmember Farrell	(Aye)
Councilmember Hoak	(Aye)
Councilmember Petrie	(Aye)

Executive Session closed at 7:45 PM