

Hamburg Town Board Work Session

Catherine A. Rybczynski, Clerk

09-28-2020

James Shaw, Supervisor	(Present)
Shawn Connolly, Councilmember	(Present)
Elizabeth Farrell, Councilmember	(Present)
Karen Hoak, Councilmember	(Present)
Michael Petrie, Councilmember	(Present)

ALSO PRESENT: Catherine Rybczynski, Town Clerk; Samantha Tarczynski, Director of Finance; Alissa Straus, Sr. Personnel Clerk; Chuck Naughton, Human Resources Consultant, Hamburg Police Department; Ted Casey, Highway Superintendent; Walter Rooth, Town Attorney

1.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board opens the Work Session at 5:30 P.M.

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Shaw, Connolly, Farrell, Hoak, Petrie
	Noes	0	
	Abstained	0	

Supervisor Shaw stated that the Board would entertain presentations from three (3) of the companies chosen by committee as finalists for the role of Health Insurance Broker for the town.

Prior to the presentations Mr. Shaw recognized the work of the "Ad Hoc Committee on Retail Vacancies" for their work, specifically Town Planner Drew Reily, Councilwoman Elizabeth Farrell, Highway Superintendent Ted Casey, Grant Writer Mark Malewski, Planning Consultant Sarah DesJardins, Deputy Town Attorney Mark Walling, and the late Mr. Paul Becker.

4535 Southwestern Blvd – Rezoning request for Car Wash has been withdrawn.

The Board will honor two employees for their service, Kim Mercer and Kathy Clark. Neither is able to attend the meeting. Ms. Mercer has a prior commitment. Ms. Clark is unable to attend due to the passing of her twin sister recently. Mr. Shaw expressed condolences on behalf of the Board and town for her loss. The two will be presented the proclamation at a later date.

Agenda Items

Item #7 “Advertise – New Vehicles” - New Police vehicle for Police Department contingent upon the passage of 2021 Budget

Item #8 “AMEND RESOLUTION” - Necessary due to additional miles on Police care being traded in. First offer rescinded (\$6K). West Herr has offered \$5K.

Item #11 “PAF – Yth., Red., Sr. Services” - Supervisor Shaw stated he has proposed a wage freeze for all Elected Officials, Managerial Confidential employees, Department Heads, Part-time employees, and Temporary employees because of the Covid Pandemic caused financial hardships facing the town. He further stated that the town did not furlough, lay off or release employees at any point.

Item #14 “Approve Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law Re: The Business Improvement Exemption Law” - Offers tax exemption for businesses. Sets the public hearing date.

Item #15 “JCAP Grant” – Court applies for the grant yearly and typically gets it every other year. They did not receive it last year.

Item #16 “4535 Southwestern Blvd. Rezoning Request” WITHDRAWN

2.

RESOLVED, that the Hamburg Town Board does hereby enter into Executive Session in order to preserve the confidentiality of liability and financial issues of a proprietary nature including matters specific to ongoing litigation, collective bargaining negotiations as well as to preserve the integrity of the presentations and to prevent reactionary alterations to subsequent presentations.

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Shaw, Connolly, Farrell, Hoak, Petrie
	Noes	0	
	Abstained	0	

The Board moved directly from the work session into the Town Board meeting at 7:04 PM.

Open Meetings Law, Public Officers Law, Article 7, §106. Minutes.

Minutes shall be taken at all open meetings of a public body which shall consist of a record or summary of all motions, proposals, resolutions and any other matter formally voted upon and the vote thereon.

These minutes are an unofficial copy unless the original signature of the Town Clerk is affixed below. The original official paper minutes are stored in the Town’s vault.

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