

# Hamburg Town Board Work Session

Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk

12-7-2020

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brad Rybczynski, Deputy Town Clerk; Samantha Tarczynski, Director of Finance; Walter Rooth III, Town Attorney; Jen Robertson, IT Director; Christopher Hull, Director, CDBG; Sean Crotty, Emergency Manager; Dan Stanford, Town Assessor

NOTE: The Hamburg Town Board conducted the Work Session of 12.7.2020 in accordance with New York State Executive Order 202.79 re-issued on December 2, 2020 and titled “Continuing Temporary Suspension of Laws relating to the Disaster Emergency.” \*See excerpt below

Supervisor Shaw opened the meeting by leading the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Shaw then explained that the meeting was being conducted via WebEx and also being Livestreamed via Facebook.

A discussion of the agenda for the Town Board Meeting took place among the membership and appropriate department heads.

Item #3 – Public Hearing on Proposed Special Events Ordinance

Items #9 – #11 Supervisor Shaw stated that he would ask Pat Ryan, Director of Buildings and Grounds for clarification on each of the items.

Item #14 – The area on Amsdell Road in front of Frontier Middle School has been recommended for a decrease in speed limit to 25 MPH and designation as a “School Zone.” Following Town Board approval the request will go to Erie County for a study and possible approval.

Item #16 – Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Committee – Captain Kevin Trask is mentoring a graduate student from Hilbert College who has taken an interest in the topic and has decided to conduct their research on it. This has helped get the effort started.

Item #19 – Glen Wetzel – Resolution to send to the Planning Board with any concerns.

Item #21 – Marina Feasibility Study is largely grant funded and will help with a myriad of issues along the lakefront including the question of whether or not a marina would work in the Hoover Beach area.

Item #23 – KVS Software Upgrade – Samantha Tarczynski spoke glowingly about the opportunity to upgrade the current software being used. She apologized for not having enough time to reach out to everyone as she would have liked and despite the appearance of the item being rushed she stated that she has done a great deal of research on the software and negotiated a “great” price. The last upgrade was in 2004. She stated that the upgrade will result in cost savings in terms of time, with IT, and other efficiencies.

Councilman Petrie asked what the cost savings would be to the departments.

Ms. Tarczynski replied that any department that submits vouchers will benefit, but it is impossible to place a precise number on the total savings at this time.

Councilman Connolly stated that he spoke with Ms. Tarczynski earlier in the day and had the opportunity to address his concerns with her and she was able to respond to his satisfaction.

Jennie Robertson, IT Director, asked how the change would save money in the IT department. Ms. Tarczynski replied that because this is a cloud based system the need would no longer exist to have it on the server alleviating the cost of rental.

Ms. Robertson replied that the space on the server is bought and paid for so it would not effect a cost savings in that manner.

### **Additional Items**

Councilman Petrie asked for clarification on the use of the Ice Arena as a result of a resident calling him to inquire about it. Supervisor Shaw replied that the plan is to stay the course as stated in the town-wide memo which stated that if the situation remains “Orange” the rink will open, but if it turns to “Red” the rink will remain closed.

Councilwoman Farrell reported that the CGI Banners were completed and ready to be put up along South Park.

Councilwoman Farrell informed the Board that the committee met with the Consultant hired to perform the Comprehensive Plan Review. Many members were present on Zoom and the meeting was recorded. Sub-committees were formed and progress made. She added that everyone is looking forward to working on the project.

\*Excerpt of Executive Order

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- Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed;”

**2.**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board adjourns the Work Session at 6:06 P.M.

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

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

The meeting was closed at 6:06 PM.

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

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Brad M. Rybczynski  
Deputy Town Clerk