

Hamburg Town Board Work Session

Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk

5.17.2021

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

ALSO PRESENT: Catherine Rybczynski, Town Clerk; Walter Rooth III, Town Attorney; Tom Lardo, Engineering; Jenny Robertson, IT Director; Kevin Trask, Chief, HPD; Patrick Ryan, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Samantha Tarczynski, Budget Director; Paul McQuillan, Safety Director; Martin C. Deneck, Director, Youth, Recreation and Senior Services; Cami Jarrell, Town Engineer

Supervisor Shaw opened the meeting with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by all those in attendance.

1.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board opens the Work Session at 5:31 P.M.

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	

Supervisor Shaw reviewed the Agenda for the Town Board Meeting

He stated that an item would be taken out of order prior to the Public Hearings for a presentation to People Inc. at the request of Councilwoman Hoak (Item #7).

Item #3 Public Hearing for rezoning of the former Pizza Hut on Milestrip and McKinley.

Item #10 – Will make a motion to amend with an entirely new resolution. Item #12 – The town does not own the camera needed for this work.

Councilman Connolly stated that an Account number is absent from the resolution. Supervisor Shaw asked Finance Director for one and Ms. Tarczynski replied she would let him know when she had one for the Board. (Account #A1970.418)

Item #13 – Amend to remove Grand Island

Item #14 – Choice is not the lowest bid, but after examining the proposals the choice was Urban Engineers which was the middle bid. They had the greatest amount of experience in this work.

Item #16 – there are matching funds from a NYS DOT grant and the town share is 20%.

Item #17 – Mr. Petrie stated that the scope of the CPL proposal was too narrow and he believed they would come back for additional funds to cover more details. Tom Lardo rationalized that the cost was great enough that a savings would be realized regardless and Mr. Shaw stated that

they came highly recommended from the Town of Evans. He also stated that he was a bit concerned that GHD and Wendel, already employed by the town, had an inside edge on the bid. Item #18 – Need for an amendment to establish the time and location.

Item #19 – Councilman Connolly informed the Board of the rationale and decision making process behind the choice of Dubois & King.

2.

RESOLVED, that the Hamburg Town Board does hereby enter an Executive Session at 6:30 PM to discuss the LED Contract and details that if divulged could potentially jeopardize the bargaining position of the Town.

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

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

3.

RESOLVED, that the Hamburg Town Board does hereby adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Work session at 6:40 PM.

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

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

Jason Kulaszewski, Clean Energy Coordinator, from the University at Buffalo Regional Institute, was introduced to discuss the availability of grant money tied to clean energy, green energy and greenhouse gas reducing measures taken by municipalities. Additionally, Mr. Kulaszewski stated that support was available from his office to the town if needed. Please see the presentation hand out attached.

The Work Session was brought to a close at 7:00 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.

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

HIGH IMPACT ACTIONS

short-term actions



BENCHMARKING - UP TO 1,100 POINTS

Track and report the energy use of municipal buildings or large private buildings.

- Municipal Buildings - 100 points
- Advanced Reporting - 200 points
- Large Private Buildings - 800 points (large communities only)



UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT - 200 POINTS

Adopt the NYS Unified Solar Permit to streamline the approvals process for solar electric system installations.



NYSTRETCH ENERGY CODE - 1,200 POINTS

Adopt an energy code that is more stringent than the base energy code.

This action is eligible for an action grant (\$5,000 for small communities and \$50,000 for large communities).



ENERGY CODE ENFORCEMENT TRAINING - 200 POINTS

Train at least one code enforcement official on best practices in energy code enforcement.



PACE FINANCING - UP TO 500 POINTS

Offer unique financing options to encourage property owners to complete clean energy upgrades to commercial and mixed-use buildings.

- Authorization of Open C-PACE Financing - 200 points
- Completion of an Open C-PACE Project - 300 points

medium-term actions



CLEAN FLEETS - UP TO 900 POINTS

Deploy electric vehicles in the municipal fleet and install electric vehicle charging stations for use by employees, residents, and visitors.

- Electric Vehicle Charging Station - 200 points
- Light/Medium Duty Electric Vehicle - 300 points
- Heavy Duty (Class 7 or 8) Electric Vehicle - 400 points



LED STREET LIGHTS - UP TO 900 POINTS

Convert at least half of municipal decorative or cobra-head street lights to LED technology.

- Decorative Street Lights - 200 points
- Cobra-Head Street Lights - 700 points



CLEAN ENERGY UPGRADES - 500 POINTS

Achieve a 10% reduction in the greenhouse gas emissions from municipal buildings.



CLEAN HEATING AND COOLING DEMO - 500 POINTS

Install a ground- or air-source heat pump as a municipal facility's primary heating, cooling, and water-heating systems.

long-term actions



COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA) - UP TO 2,000 POINTS

Enroll residential and small business accounts within the municipality in a CCA on an opt-out basis.

- Opt-Out Community Distributed Generation - 500 points
- 100% Renewable Default Supply Mix - 1,500 points



COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS - 200 POINTS EACH (UP TO 800 POINTS)

Encourage adoption of new, innovative technologies to generate value and savings for consumers while advancing New York's clean energy goals.

- Community Solar
- Electric Vehicles
- Clean Heating & Cooling and Energy Efficiency
- Demand Response

This action is eligible for an action grant (up to \$20,000 for small communities, and up to \$60,000 for large communities).



CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION - UP TO 800 POINTS

Use a robust framework to guide local climate action planning and gain recognition for climate leadership.

- Bronze Certification - 200 points
- Silver Certification - 600 points



100% RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY - 500 POINTS

Buy renewable energy certificates to provide for all of the electricity supply needs of municipal government.

POINTS-BASED GRANTS

Points	Large Communities		Small/Medium Communities	
	Grant Amount	Number of Awards	Grant Amount	Number of Awards
3,000+	\$30,000	50 <small>statewide</small>	\$10,000	40 <small>per region</small>
4,000+	\$70,000	20 <small>statewide</small>	\$20,000	10 <small>per region</small>
5,000+	\$150,000	10 <small>statewide</small>	\$70,000	4 <small>per region</small>
Total Award Eligibility	\$250,000		\$100,000	

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