

Hamburg Town Board Work Session

Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk

8.23.2021

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

ALSO PRESENT: Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk; Walter Rooth III, Town Attorney; Jennifer Robertson, IT Director; Tom Lardo, Engineering Inspector; Pat Ryan, Director Buildings & Grounds; Samantha Tarczynski, Finance Director; Paul McQuillen, Health & Safety Coordinator; Chuck Naughton, HR Consultant; Martin C. Denecke, Director, Rec., Youth, and Senior Services; Jeffrey LaVelle, Captain, Hamburg Police Department

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board opens the Work Session at 5:30 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 Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the opening of the meeting.

Supervisor Shaw introduced Tom Hardy of Community Choice Aggregation. Run community programs in conjunction with New York State Energy and Development (NYSERDA) that places every business and residence into the program that will provide cost savings and renewable energy for their business or home. Mr. Hardy and company act as an administrator to run the program. The town will need a municipal law to begin the program. Locks in supply rate for two (2) years. No cost to the town. Residents are placed in, but may opt out.

Supervisor Shaw recognized Councilwoman Farrell to give a summary of Items #7, 8, & 9 each pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant application and CARES Act

funding. Action will need to be taken at this meeting in order to meet the deadline occurring prior to the end of the month.

LED Lighting

Councilman Petrie asked if the Nike Base outdoor lighting (softball fields). No, streetlights only.

Councilman Connolly asked for a review of the numbers from the two proposals.

Supervisor Shaw pointed out that if the Board does not choose Tanko the town will owe \$93K.

Cami Jarrell, Town Engineer, answered questions from the Board regarding the proposals and projects.

Each Town Board member discussed the pros and cons of the Tanko and NYPA proposals and expressed their opinions on which would serve the town best.

Supervisor Shaw pointed out that Tanko was late getting the streetlight audit finished, are late getting the building audit done, have not completed a job in New York (working on a few small towns), and left out a number of costs. NYPA has completed many cities and currently working with Buffalo, propose to finish the job months earlier than Tanko, etc.

Supervisor Shaw and the Board reviewed the agenda for the Town Board meeting.

Item # 5 Appointment of Court Clerk – Item will need to be amended to change the start date to 8/28/2021 for new hire.

Item # 18 White Collar Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement – changes to the grievance procedure, personal days. Retro pay of 1% and 1.5% for 2020 and 2% each subsequent year until 2025. The death benefit was narrowed.

Samantha Tarczynski, Finance Director, asked what date would be used to calculate the back pay for employees. Mr. Shaw stated 1/1/2020. Ms. Tarczynski continued that she believed they should wait until a new Personnel Director was in place to address the calculations for pay increases and back pay. Chuck Naughton, Human Resources Consultant, stated that the calculations have already been tabulated and the transition already prepared for prior to Amanda Lyle, past Personnel Director, leaving the town. Mr. Naughton declared that moving along with the changes should not be a problem. The work was done in anticipation of board approval.

Upon completion of the review of the agenda Supervisor Shaw brought up the topic of traffic issues in the town. First, Lake Ave crosswalk between McKinley and South Park Ave. needs more substantial signage to alert drivers of the crosswalk. Also, the request for a light at Howard Road and Camp Road. He also brought up the area around FedEx and Amazon and Jeffrey Blvd.

Councilwoman Farrell stated that a traffic study was conducted in conjunction with the Amazon location. It will be looked at and determined if it is sufficient or needs to be expanded upon.

Paul McQuillen, Traffic Safety Director stated he spoke with Both Assemblyman Rivera and Senator Ryan about the light on Camp and Howard.

Councilman Petrie stated that the crosswalk on Lake is not enough. You are unable to see the lines and it needs more signage and visibility. Ms. Jarrell responded that signage is due to be put in.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Shaw at 7:00 PM and immediately commenced with the Town Board Regular Session.

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

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