

The Hamilton Town Board held a Special Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Office, 16 Broad Street. Present were: Supervisor Eve Ann Shwartz, P. Darby, Deputy Supervisor; D. Holcomb, C. Todd and C. Rossi, Town Council.

A Motion was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Todd and carried to go into Executive Session. (personnel).

A Motion was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Todd and carried to come out of Executive Session.

A Motion was made by C. Rossi, seconded by D. Holcomb and carried to hire Assessor Rochelle Harris to fulfill the remainder of the six year term vacated by Assessor David Roach for \$30,000 working 16 hours per week . Vote taken was unanimous.

Informational: David Roach's Term expires: 09/30/2013.

Eve Ann then said Geoff Worden, Codes Officer, notified her he would be resigning as of February 3, 2012. She said she will talk to the Village of Hamilton's Mayor Miller and ask if their Codes Officer, Paul McGinnis, could help the Town. C. Todd said Geoff was very helpful with documents for the website, and the Town Clerk said Geoff did all his own paperwork.

P. Darby, Budget Officer, then handed out 2011 Year Bookkeeping Adjustments as follows:

Town of Hamilton - Balance Sheet- as of December 31, 2011 (2 pages).

Budget Modifications Sheet.

Town of Hamilton Profit & Loss/ January – December 2011 year (3 pages).

P. Darby said you can move surplus funds into deficit funds; so no account is in deficit.

P. Darby went over his hand-outs, and they will be attached to these minutes – Exh. A.

A Motion to Accept the final 2011 Year Budget, with modifications as Peter Darby presented was made by C. Todd, seconded by C. Rossi and carried.

Eve Ann then talked about the PCD-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Hubbardsville area. An Auditor came on January 12, 2012 and spoke with PCD, C. Todd, and the Town Clerk. Some points made: Checks were accountable, however the Grant money never went through our Bookkeeper's books (Tackabury). Two Town Board members okayed the writing of the checks to PCD for expenses, but adjustments need to be made with the Town's Bookkeeper. The Town did not do a good oversight of PCD – in keeping track of the Grant money. Also the Town is not handicap accessible. Eve Ann said these matters will need to be addressed, as the Town may wish to apply for Grants in the future.

C. Todd and C. Rossi talked about the website, with North Shore Solutions. There is a March 15 launch date. They need photos. They said Harvey Kliman, Kim, and C. Rossi will help. There will be training needed for maintaining it. Suggested that as many as possible learn.

Eve Ann said she is scheduling two meetings each month for a while, because there is a lot to discuss and she does not want the meetings to last too long.

Monday, February 27, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. – will be her second meeting in February – to talk about fund balance allocation, reserve funds, comptroller, etc.

Eve Ann handed out information from the Village of Hamilton regarding creation of Municipal Natural Gas Public Utility. She said there is a hearing February 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. She asked the Town Board to read the information, and any comments from the Town to refer them to the Natural Resources Committee of Rossi and Darby.

The Plan is to come down Route 12B – the road will be dug up-to get natural gas to Colgate, the Hospital, etc. Jim Leach is in charge of publicity.

Eve Ann said the Town of Madison is adding 30 more wind farms, and any comments from the Town to refer them to the Natural Resources Committee of Rossi and Darby.

Eve Ann informed: John Becker (County Chair) will speak at Rotary January 26th.
Shades of Green in Madison County at Morrisville State College-Friday,
February 24.

C. Rossi said there will be an energy symposium April 27 in Cazenovia - \$40 charge.

No additional Business.

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by P. Darby, seconded by C. Todd and carried at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine S. Hotaling
Town Clerk

