

**Town of Hamilton Minutes for the
2015 Budget and Fire District Public Hearings**
Thursday, OCTOBER 30, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Held at the Hamilton Library, 13 Broad Street, Hamilton, NY

Present: Eve Ann Shwartz, Peter Darby, Chris Rossi, Sue Reymers, Bert Glazier, Carol Dewey, Brynley Wilcox.

Others Present: Margaret Miller-Mayor, Village of Hamilton, Jim Leach, Russell and Sally Lura.

Deputy Supervisor Darby called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARNG – Fire Protection Contracts for the Village of Earlville and the Village of Hamilton

At 7:10 p.m., Mr. Darby opened up the public hearing for the Fire Protection Districts, specifically, the Town's 2015 year Contract with the Village of Earlville, N.Y. for fire protection, and the Town's 2015 year contract with the Village of Hamilton, N.Y. for fire protection.

Mr. Darby asked three times if anyone would like to speak. With all persons desiring to be heard, Mr. Darby closed the hearing at 7:20 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2015 Preliminary Budget

At 7:21 p.m., Mr. Darby opened up the public hearing for the 2015 Preliminary Budget. First, Mr. Darby asked if anyone would like to speak about the budget.

With no comments, Mr. Darby began reviewing the 2015 Budget starting at the summary page, then the tax rate calculator, then the detailed budget pages for all of the funds. Mr. Darby also reviewed the capital equipment purchases planned for 2015.

A question arose from Russell Lura about the sales tax received by the town from Madison County and the amount. Mr. Lura thought that the amount seemed low as compared to the Village. A brief review of the history of sales tax was discussed. Starting in 2013, sales tax was being posted as revenue for the town. Prior to 2013, sales tax was somehow offset during tax collection. The State Comptroller's office told the County that sales tax had to be more visible in town budgets. The town will follow-up with the County to gain more understanding on how sales tax works overall and the amount that the town receives.

Mr. Darby asked two more times if anyone would like to speak. With all persons desiring to be heard, and on a motion of Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Darby, the public hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2014-73: To Accept the 2015 Preliminary Budget as 2015 Proposed Budget

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Resolved that the 2015 Preliminary Budget be accepted as the 2015 Proposed Budget.

RESOLUTION 2014-74: Approval of the Fire Protection Contracts for the Village of Earlville and Village of Hamilton

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Resolved that Fire Contracts for the Village of Earlville and Village of Hamilton be approved.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Town Clerk Suzanne Reymers