

FOURTH EMERGENCY SESSION
November 25, 2024
Board of Supervisors – County of Hamilton
Lake Pleasant, New York

Mrs. Laura A. Abrams, Clerk
Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County
Lake Pleasant, New York 12108

Dear Clerk:

WHEREAS, the undersigned, we the majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County, do hereby request you to call an Emergency Session pursuant to Section 152 of the County Law, to be held at the Chambers of the Board, in the Town of Lake Pleasant, in said County on Monday, November 25, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of re-scheduling the Tentative Budget Public Hearing and for any other business that may come before said Board.

Arietta _____	Chris D. Rhodes
Benson _____	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope _____	ABSENT
Indian Lake _____	Steven M. Tomlinson
Inlet _____	Brian E. Wells
Lake Pleasant _____	John Frey
Long Lake _____	Betsy A. Bain
Morehouse _____	Clay J. Arsenault
Wells _____	Anthony Fernandez
	Beth Hunt

Also present: Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that they received the third NIPA (Notice of Incomplete Permit Application) for the Hope and Arietta towers. Jerry Delaney reached out to him shortly thereafter and they had a good conversation. He is trying to help them through the permitting. He had a meeting with the Sheriff, Timothy O'Neill – Emergency Management Manager, Jacqueline Murray-Hamilton County contracted APA Attorney and himself with a few key people from APA staff. They had a good conversation. They went over both projects. The Chairman stated that he was on that meeting also. They did take a canned statement that was used by the Chairman of Hamilton County about the small cell award they got from Elise Stefanik and they kind of used that as another reason to stall. Mr. Rhodes stated that it really wasn't a viable option for what they are trying to do here. They have a narrative put together between the Sheriff and himself. They are going to send it to Attorney Murray, and she will put it together in response to the NIPAs. The Chairman thanked Mr. Rhodes. He stated that he has done a tremendous job with this, and it's been a tremendous amount of work.

Mr. Arsenault: Stated that Christy Wilt, Economic Development/Tourism Director, has been attending North Country Safety Action Plan meetings. The four corners in Speculator have been identified as the largest accident area in the County. She had also attended the Northern Forest Center meeting on long term housing. Some of the towns are offering \$2,000 stipends for owners to rent to long term for 4 years making \$500 annual payments. ROOST has been putting up some 5-10 second videos of all over the County. They are doing very well. Right now, they are trying to get everything converted to the new logo, which looks great. She also attended the Common Ground Alliance in North Hudson. He thanked the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for coming right up last week to help with a serious E911 problem they had in Long Lake. They have it fixed, temporarily, and are working on a permanent solution.

Mr. Arsenault asked if the Budget Officer wanted to give a quick update on the budget. The Budget Officer stated that they had settled everything in with all the changes that were made at the last sessions. They are looking at using Fund Balance of \$1,604,000. The chargebacks are down from \$230,000 to \$224,172. He does have those final numbers in, and they are ready to adopt. They are at a little under 2.5%, which is just under the tax cap. The Clerk of the Board stated that we did not reschedule the public hearing for the local law to override because the Budget Officer was confident that we wouldn't need it.

Mr. Fernandez: Stated that they had a Health Committee meeting that morning and he thought Junie Delizo, Public Health Director, was working out well.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 359-24

RE-SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE BUDGET

DATED: NOVEMBER 25, 2024

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 353-24 adopted November 7, 2024 authorized the public hearing on the Tentative Budget to be held on November 22, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing scheduled for November 22, 2024 was canceled due to a lack of quorum, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized to advertise a public hearing on the Tentative Budget to be held December 5, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, and the Clerk of the Board shall have notice of hearing published in the Hamilton County Express on November 27, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Rhodes and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 360-24

RESOLUTION TO SET DATE OF ORGANIZATION MEETING

DATED: NOVEMBER 25, 2024

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

RESOLVED, that the Organization Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Snyder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY

Other Reports:

Mr. Arsenault: Thanked the Sheriff and his office again. They really helped Long Lake out of a bind.

Mr. Fernandez: Stated that Mr. Arsenault and the Budget Officer did a great job on the budget.

Chairman: Thanked everyone for their patience and understanding to his situation. There has been a lot going on. He stated that he appreciated all the effort that the Clerk of the Board has made to make sure he has the information.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by all. Carried.