

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF HAMMOND, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hammond, County of St. Lawrence and the State of New York was held at the Town Office Building, 21 South Main Street, Hammond, NY on the 13th day of November 2024.

PRESENT: Ronald Bertram - Town Supervisor
James Tague - Councilmember
Theodore Elk - Councilmember
James Furgison - Deputy Supervisor
Jadd Brown - Councilmember

OTHERS PRESENT: Town residents, Superintendent Hadlock, Assessor Gouge, and Town Clerk Pamela Burton.

Notice of said meeting was duly sent to Watertown Daily Times on November 5, 2024 and posted at www.townofhammondny.com.

Supervisor Bertram called the Regular Meeting of the Town Board to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

APPOINTMENT

1. The Board congratulated Jadd Brown on his election to the Town Councilmember position starting January 1, 2025.
Motion by Councilmember Tague and second by Councilmember Elk to appoint Jadd Brown to the Hammond Town Board until December 31, 2024. The motion was carried by 4 ayes.
2. The town clerk gave the Oath of Office to Councilmember Jadd Brown and his signature completed the appointment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Motion** by Councilmember Furgison and second by Councilmember Tague to approve the October 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was carried by 3 ayes and 2 abstain- Councilmember Elk and Councilmember Brown.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Steve Roof, representing the Black Lake Association, asked the Town Board for a monetary donation to continue their Black Lake program that includes water testing. He described where large pollutants have been found on the lake and the importance of continuing testing to provide data to the DEC. Supervisor Bertram said it is budgeted and the Board just needs a Letter of Request from the Black Lake Association.
2. Tom Nichols, St. Lawrence County Election Commissioner, spoke on the ballot box incident on Election Day, Nov. 5, 2024. He thoroughly described the time line of replacement of the broken box, the official procedure for that occurrence, and the safe guards applied. He said every vote was counted. The Board thanked him for coming and the work he does.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **RESOLUTION #20- 2024** The Board approves Supervisor Bertram for Voting Delegate at the AOT Meeting on February 2025.

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Motion made by Councilmember Tague and second by Councilmember Furgison to adopt the resolution. The motion was carried by 5 ayes.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

1. Supervisor Bertram asked Hiedi Ames to add town-wide support for Hammond Central School in the new Comprehensive Plan.

2025 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

1. Supervisor Bertram opened the Public Hearing on the 2025 Budget at 7:00pm, which was duly advertised in the WDT on October 30, 2024.

a. There were no comments made on the budget at this time.

Motion made by Councilmember Elk and second by Councilmember Brown to pass the 2025 Budget as written at 7:01pm. The motion carried 5 ayes.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Superintendent Hadlock reported the CHIPS paperwork is turned in.
2. Neil Nichols has all the windows out of the garage and will be reinstalling the new ones soon.
3. The building of the new truck has been pushed out until the end of November.
4. Superintendent Hadlock reported getting calls that the Chippewa dock was sitting on the cement ramp. Supervisor Bertram said the chains are loose from the water dropping. They should be coming to take the docks out soon and will find out more about the procedure then.

CLERK REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board and included October dog licenses; 12 totaling \$84.00.

ASSESSOR REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board.
2. Assessor Gouge reported wrapping up field reviews and in exemption renewal mode.

CODES REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board and included October building permits: 5 totaling \$1666.96.

PLANNING BOARD

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board.

21 S. MAIN ST.

1. The fence is done and hole for the flagpole is ready. Supervisor Bertram said to ask the phone company for help putting flag pole in.

17 N. MAIN ST.

1. Neil Nichols is waiting for the heat to be moved by Tom Norstrom before starting bathroom renovations.

OLD BUSINESS

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1. Supervisor Bertram said that the Board's decision to put the Chippewa house up for sale is on hold because the State communicated that since it was bought with grant money, it cannot be sold, and if it was sold, the whole grant would have to be paid back. He explained to the officials that selling the house would expand the parking lot and be more beneficial to the community. Supervisor Bertram is sending this information to Legislator Gray for assistance.
2. REDI Oak Point project is cleaned up and ramps are pinned. Still waiting for the Fourth Coast meeting to finalize project.
3. Deputy Supervisor Furgison discussed with the Board the vacant Court Security Officer position. **Motion** by Councilmember Tague and Second by Councilmember Elk to hire Harold Cazziol to the Justice Court Security Officer position. The motion was carried by 4 ayes and 1 recusal- Supervisor Bertram.
4. Councilmember Elk explained the progress of the museum's Veterans Banner project. He said the banners will cost \$225 a piece and they hope to have some up by Memorial Day. He said NiMo is requiring insurance for the banners. He discussed with St. Lawrence Agency who said they need support from the Town Board. The Board supports Councilmember Elk getting the requirements from NiMo, discussing with St. Lawrence Agency, and then bringing the information to the December board meeting.
5. Councilmember Elk wants to further investigate getting a new plow truck in the loop. The Board discussed the possibilities saying the trucks now are from 2018 and 2020. Superintendent Hadlock will investigate and bring back information to the December board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilmember Elk said the Oak Point dock ladder needs replacement and he will get a price for next spring.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

1. **Motion** by Councilmember Tague to approve the Supervisor Report with bank reconciliations. Second by Councilmember Furgison. The motion was carried by 5 ayes.

AUDITED BILLS

1. **RESOLUTION #21- 2024 ABSTRACT #11 containing vouchers #2411-481 through #2411-532.** **Motion** made by Councilmember Tague and second by Councilmember Furgison to adopt the resolution. The motion was carried by 5 ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Bertram adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

Meeting minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by _____, Town Clerk

HAMMOND TOWN BUDGET 2025

TOWN OF	HAMMOND	GENERAL FUND A				
Entity	Code	Actual 2023	Adopt 2024	Ten 2025	Prelim 2025	Adopted 2025
Town Board						
P/S	A1010.1	8572	8744	9006	9006	9006
C/Exp	A1010.4	376	800	800	800	800
Total		8948	9544	9806	9806	9806
Municipal Court						
P/S	A1110.1	30670	30600	31518	31518	31518
Court Officer P/S	A1110.12		1800	2400	2400	2400
Equip.	A1110.2					
C/Exp	A1110.4	3046	4000	4000	4000	4000
Total		33716	36400	37918	37918	37918
Supervisor						
P/S	A1220.1	16640	16972	17480	17480	17480
Secrt P/S	A1220.1	2080	2122	2185	2185	2185
Equip	A1220.2	0	1000	1000	1000	1000
C/Exp	A1220.4	3274	4000	5500	5500	5500
Total		21994	24094	26165	26165	26165
Accounting						
P/S	A1230.1	10700	10000	11000	11000	11000
Equip	A1230.2		0	1000	1000	1000
C/Exp	A1230.4	3591	4500	5500	5500	5500
Total		14291	14500	17500	17500	17500
Tax Collection						
	A1330.1	2000	2040	2125	2125	2125
Budget						
C/Exp	A1340.1	3744	3818	3932	3932	3932
Total		3744	3818	3932	3932	3932
Assessor						
P/S	A1355.1	24978	25478	26242	26242	26242
Equip	A1355.2					
C/Exp	A1355.4	2093	2000	2500	2500	2500

TOTAL		27071	27478	28742	28742	28742
Town Clerk						
P/S	A1410.1	30000	30600	31825	31825	31825
Dep. Clerk P/S	A1410.1	1288	1700	1700	1700	1700
Equip	A1410.2	0	1000	1000	1000	1000
C/Exp	A1410.4	4060	4000	4000	4000	4000
Total		35348	37300	38525	38525	38525
Attorney						
C/Exp	A1420.4	11411	10000	10000	10000	10000
Total		11411	10000	10000	10000	10000
Elections						
C/Exp	A1450.4	96	250	250	250	250
Total		96	250	250	250	250
Town Hall						
Equip	A1620.2	6132	10000	10000	10000	10000
C/Exp	A1620.4	20540	24000	24000	24000	24000
Total		26672	34000	34000	34000	34000
Central Print & Mail						
C/Exp	A1670.4	2076	2500	2500	2500	2500
Total		2076	2500	2500	2500	2500
Special Items						
Unall/Ins	A1910.4	22710	25000	25000	25000	25000
Dues	A1920.4	800	800	900	900	900
Contingency	A1990.4	0	59200	65000	65000	65000
Total		23510	85000	90900	90900	90900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT						
Total		210877	286924	302363	302363	302363
PUBLIC SAFETY						

Control of Animals						
P/S	A3510.1					
C/Exp	A3510.4	5597	5200	6000	6000	6000
Total		5597	5200	6000	6000	6000
Code Enforcement						
P/S	A3620.1	15600	15912	16390	16390	16390
Equip	A3620.2	0	0	1000	1000	1000
C/Exp	A3620.4	957	2000	2000	2000	2000
Total		16557	17912	19390	19390	19390
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		22154	23112	25390	25390	25390
HEALTH						
Registrar Vital Stats						
C/Exp	A4020.4	432	500	500	500	500
TOTAL HEALTH		432	500	500	500	500
TRANSPORTATION						
Hwy. Supt.						
P/S	A5010.1	20000	20400	20400	20400	20400
Equip	A5010.2	0	500	500	500	500
C/Exp	A5010.4	490		500	500	500
Total		20490	20900	21400	21400	21400
Garage						
Per Services	A5132.1	1280	2000	2000	2000	2000
Equip	A5132.2	2118	5000	10000	10000	10000
C/Exp	A5132.4	10621	16000	16000	16000	16000
Total		14019	23000	28000	28000	28000
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION		34509	43900	49400	49400	49400

CULTURE/ RECREATION						
Economic Opty & Y Devl						
C/Exp	A6989.0	325	2500	2500	2500	2500
Special Rec. Facilities						
Equip	A7180.2					
C/Exp	A7180.4	123206	600000	2500	2500	2500
Total		123206	600000	2500	2500	2500
Historian						
P/S	A7510.1	2704	2758	2800	2800	2800
Equip	A7510.2					
C/Exp	A7510.4	1461	1400	2230	2230	2230
Total		4165	4158	5030	5030	5030
Adult Recreation						
C/Exp	A7620.4	27744	3000	3000	3000	3000
Total		27744	3000	3000	3000	3000
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION						
		155440	609658	13030	13030	13030
HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES						
Planning Board						
P/S	A8020.1	2774	3500	3500	3500	3500
Equip	A8020.2	0	1000	500	500	500
C/Exp	A8020.4	456	1000	1000	1000	1000
Total		3230	5500	5000	5000	5000
Environmental Control						
C/Exp	A8090.4					
Total		0	0	0	0	0
Cemeteries						

C/Exp	A8820.4	300	300	300	300	300
Total		300	300	300	300	300
TOTAL HOME & COMMUNITY SERVICE		3530	5800	5300	5300	5300
Undistributed/Employee Benefits						
Retirement	A9010.8	16185	16500	17500	17500	17500
FICA	A9030.8	13236	15000	15500	15500	15500
Unemp.	A9050.8	693	1000	1000	1000	1000
Disability	A9055.8	427	700	700	700	700
Hospital.	A9060.8	0				
Total		30541	33200	34700	34700	34700
TOTAL Public Services		246606	716170	128320	128320	128320
Debt ServicePrinc	A9730.6	171000	36000	20000	20000	20000
Interest	A9730.7	33726	28000	28519	28519	28519
TOTAL GENERAL A APPROPRIATIONS		662209	1067094	479202	479202	479202
GENERAL A REVENUES						
Tax items						
Property	A1001	94812	0	0	0	0
Total		94812	0	0	0	0
Int & Pen.	A1090	4773	5000	4500	4500	4500
Sales Tax	A1120	399500	240000	240000	240000	240000
Total		404273	245000	244500	244500	244500
Departmental Income						
Clerk	A1255	480	500	500	500	500
Police Fees	A1520	41747	25000	30000	30000	30000
Econ Assis	A1989					
Interest	A2401	16120	5000	10000	10000	10000
Dog	A2544	1268	1000	1000	1000	1000
Bld permit	A2590	6452	7000	6500	6500	6500
Total		66067	38500	48000	48000	48000

Intregov. Income						
Other Income						
Misc.	A2710					
Total		0	0	0	0	0
State Aid						
Rev/Sharing	A3001	4773	4770	4773	4773	4773
Mort. Tax	A3005	19377	20000	18000	18000	18000
Records Man	A3040					
ORPTS	A3060					
Approp reserves	A511					
Federal Capital Aid	A4097	125669	300000	0	0	0
Bond Antic	A5730					
Total		149819	324770	22773	22773	22773
TOTAL REVENUES		620159	608270	315273	315273	315273
not including property tax						
GENERAL B						
Governmental Support	B1990.4					
Contg.		0	22000	22000	22000	22000
		0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	22000	22000	22000	22000
Health	B4010.4			0	0	0
C/Exp		0	500	500	500	500
Total		0	500	500	500	500
YOUTH						
P/S	B7310.1	500	750	1000	1000	1000
C/Exp	B7310.4	5454	4500	6000	12000	12000
Home/com Srvs	B8020.4					
Total		5954	5250	7000	13000	13000
Culture/ Recreation						
Library	B7410.4	650	650	650	650	650
Total		650	650	650	650	650

Undist Employee Benefits						
Retire	B9010.8	0	0	0	0	0
FICA	B9030.8	0	50	50	50	50
Unemploy	B9050.8	0	50	50	50	50
Disability	B9055.8	0	50	50	50	50
Total		0	150	150	150	150
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		6604	28550	30300	36300	36300
REVENUES GENERAL B						
Sales Tax	B1120	5600	5130	7030	7030	7030
Inter/Gov.	B2350	500	500	500	500	500
Interest	B2401	157	150	150	150	150
Gifts/Donations	B2705	0	150	0	0	0
State Aid Youth	B3820	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Approp. Resv	B511				6000	6000
Total		6930	6930	8680	14680	14680
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES B		7257	6930	8680	14680	14680
HIGHWAY DA						
Machinery						
Equip	DA5130.2	0	180000			
C/Exp	DA5130.4	21200	18000	25000	25000	25000
Total		21200	198000	25000	25000	25000
Brush & Weeds						
P/S	DA5140.1	14157	18700	18700	18700	18700
C/Exp	DA5140.4	2050	1000	2500	2500	2500

Total		16207	19700	21200	21200	21200
Snow Removal Town						
P/S	DA5142.1	24404	52000	50000	50000	50000
C/Exp	DA5142.4	33049	35000	35000	35000	35000
Total		57453	87000	85000	85000	85000
Services/Other Gov						
P/S	DA5148.1	35678	52000	50000	50000	50000
C/Exp	DA5148.4	33049	35000	35000	35000	35000
Total		68727	87000	85000	85000	85000
Undistributed/employee benefits						
Retirement	DA9010.8	9152	15000	15000	15000	15000
FICA	DA9030.8	6084	9500	7500	7500	7500
Unemployment	DA9050.8	512	1200	750	750	750
Disability	DA9055.8	3.3				
Hosp.	DA9060.8	26756	32000	32000	32000	32000
Total		42507.3	57700	55250	55250	55250
Equip Reserves	DA962	10000	40000	40000	44000	44000
Debt Service						
Principle	DA9730.6	0	0	0	0	0
Interest	DA9730.7	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL HIGHWAY APPROPRIATIONS		216094.3	489400	311450	315450	315450
REVENUE DA						
Local Sources						
Prop. Tax	DA1001	47700				
Sales Tax	DA1120	120000	125000	125000	125000	125000
Other Gov	DA2302	95783	95000	99000	99000	99000
Interest	DA2401	3834	1500	2500	2500	2500
Misc. income	DA2701	1585	250	250	250	250
Bond Anticp Note	DA5730					
Approp. Reserves	DA511	0	180000			
Total		221202	401750	226750	226750	226750

not including property tax						
HIGHWAY TOWN DB OUTSIDE APPROPRIATIONS						
Appropriations DB						
Maint-Strs.						
P/S	DB5110.1	65921	42025	65000	65000	65000
C/Exp	DB5110.4	19837	18000	21045	21045	21045
Total		85758	60025	86045	86045	86045
Capitol improvements						
Equip & Cap.	DB5112.2	204875	102000	102000	102000	102000
Total		204875	102000	102000	102000	102000
Undistributed/Employee Benefits						
Retirement	DB9010.8	4715	6000	5200	5200	5200
FICA	DB9030.8	4637	3200	5000	5000	5000
Unempl.	DB9050.8	0	250	250	250	250
Disability	DB9055.8	0	0	0	0	0
Hosptl	DB9060.8	28915	23000	30000	30000	30000
Total		38267	32450	40450	40450	40450
TOTAL HIGHWAY DB APPROPRIATIONS		328900	194475	228495	228495	228495
Revenue DB						
Local Sources						
Sales Tax	DB1120	139475	58000	95000	95000	95000
Interest	DB2401	39		20	20	20
Total		139514	58000	95020	95020	95020
State Aid						
Chips	DB3501	178357	105000	102000	102000	102000
Total		178357	105000	102000	102000	102000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		317871	163000	197020	197020	197020

APPROPRIATIONS						
Fire Contract	SF3410.4					
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS						
			0	0	0	0
REVENUES						
Prop Tax	SF3410	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues		0	0	0	0	0
SUMMARY OF TOWN OF HAMMOND BUDGET						
Code	FUND	Est Approp	Est Revenue	Unexp. Balance		Tax Levy
A	General	479202	315273	80000		83929
B	General	36300	14680	21620		0
DA	Highway	315450	226750	21000		67700
DB	Highway	228495	197020	31475		0
TOTALS		1059447	753723	154095		151629

Equalized Total Assessed Value 301,329,492

Exemption Code	Exemption Name	Statutory Authority	Number of Exemptions	Total Equalized Value of Exemptions	Percent of Value Exempted
12100	NYS - GENERALLY	RPTL 404(1)	12	1,564,416	0.52
13100	CO - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	1	155,844	0.05
13600	TOWN - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	8	1,543,896	0.51
13610	TOWN - CEMETERY LAND	RPTL 446	1	32,468	0.01
13650	VG - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	10	507,013	0.17
13740	VG O/S LIMITS - SEWER OR WATER	RPTL 406(3)	1	14,545	0.00
13800	SCHOOL DISTRICT	RPTL 408	5	1,760,519	0.58
14100	USA - GENERALLY	RPTL 400(1)	1	171,888	0.06
21600	RES OF CLERGY - RELIG CORP OWN	RPTL 462	1	96,234	0.03
25110	NONPROF CORP - RELIG(CONST PRK	RPTL 420-a	3	692,208	0.23
25300	NONPROF CORP - SPECIFIED USES	RPTL 420-b	26	2,212,987	0.73
26050	AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY	RPTL 450	2	168,571	0.06
26250	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	RPTL 444	1	285,714	0.09
26400	INC VOLUNTEER FIRE CO OR DEPT	RPTL 464(2)	2	332,987	0.11
27350	PRIVATELY OWNED CEMETERY LANE	RPTL 446	5	58,571	0.02
28110	NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOUSING COMPAN	RPTL 422	1	870,130	0.29
41121	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-NON-COME	RPTL 458-a	25	337,500	0.11
41131	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-COMBAT	RPTL 458-a	24	588,312	0.20
41133	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-COMBAT	RPTL 458-a	1	25,974	0.01
41141	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-DISABILI	RPTL 458-a	15	666,039	0.22
41143	ALT VET EX-WAR PERIOD-DISABILI	RPTL 458-a	1	51,948	0.02
41163	COLD WAR VETERANS (15%)	RPTL 458-b	4	49,870	0.02
41171	COLD WAR VETERANS (DISABLED)	RPTL 458-b	1	26,298	0.01
41700	AGRICULTURAL BUILDING	RPTL 483	7	202,597	0.07
41720	AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT	AG-IMKTS L 305	106	1,121,773	0.37
41800	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	2	188,052	0.06
41806	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	1	109,740	0.04

NYS - Real Property System
 County of St Lawrence
 Town of Hammond - 4042

Assessor's Report - 2024 - Prior Year File
 S495 Exemption Impact Report
 Town Summary

RP5221\04\001
 Date/Time - 9/10/2024 10:16:58
 Total Assessed Value 232,023,709
 Uniform Percentage 77.00

Equalized Total Assessed Value 301,329,492

Exemption Code	Exemption Name	Statutory Authority	Number of Exemptions	Total Equalized Value of Exemptions	Percent of Value Exempted	
42100	SILOS, MANURE STORAGE TANKS,	RP/TL 483-a	27	674,691	0.22	
44211	HOME IMPROVEMENTS	RP/TL 421-f	2	45,049	0.01	
47100	Mass Telecomm Ceiling	RP/TL S499-qqqq	5	11,342	0.00	
47610	BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROPERTY	RP/TL 485-b	3	15,519	0.01	
49500	SOLAR OR WIND ENERGY SYSTEM	RP/TL 487	22	341,888	0.11	
Total Exemptions Exclusive of System Exemptions:				326	14,924,186	4.95
Total System Exemptions:				0	0	0.00
Totals:				326	14,924,186	4.95

Values have been equalized using the Uniform Percentage of Value. The Exempt amounts do not take into consideration, payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services.

Amount, if any, attributable to payments in lieu of taxes: _____