

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF HAMMOND, DECEMBER 11, 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 11th day of December 2024.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam McDowell; TISUN, Superintendent Hadlock, Assessor Gouge, and Town Clerk Pamela Burton.

Notice of said meeting was duly sent to Watertown Daily Times on December 3, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Motion** by Councilmember Tague and second by Councilmember Brown to approve the November 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. There was no public participation at time of meeting.

BUDGET

1. Supervisor Bertram provided the end of year budget transfers and explained the movements.

RESOLUTION #22- 2024 2024 Budget Transfers

Motion made by Councilmember Brown and second by Councilmember Tague to adopt the resolution. The motion was carried by 3 ayes. (See attached).

2. Supervisor Bertram explained Capital Reserve Funds were used for the Chippewa dock work and there is about 10k is left. There is approximately \$200k excess in Certificates of Deposits in General A. After Board discussion, it was decided to put \$200k into the Capital Building Reserves Fund that may be used for old town hall restoration next year.

RESOLUTION #23- 2024 Transfer of Funds into Capital Building Reserves Fund

Motion made by Councilmember Brown and second by Councilmember Tague to adopt the resolution. The motion was carried by 3 ayes. (See attached).

3. Supervisor Bertram explained there is about a \$120k in excess sales tax. After Board discussion, it was decided to put \$100k on the new building's highest interest loan.

RESOLUTION #24- 2024 Transfer of Unexpended Funds

Motion made by Councilmember Brown and second by Councilmember Tague to adopt the resolution. The motion was carried by 3 ayes. (See attached).

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Superintendent Hadlock reported the truck will be built before end of year.
2. The Board asked Roger to get quotes for storage building upgrades.

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3. The Board asked Superintendent Hadlock to put Hammond's name in for another truck in 2026/2027.

CLERK REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board and included November dog licenses; 18 totaling \$135.50.

ASSESSOR REPORT

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

CODES REPORT

1. A written report was submitted to the Town Board and included November building permits: 1 totaling \$50.00.
2. Supervisor Bertram reported Andrew Bowden has made a complaint on a new porch structure at the same resident's property that he had issue with last year. Codes Officer Thompson will be looking into the matter.

PLANNING BOARD

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

21 S. MAIN ST.

1. Superintendent Hadlock will find out what the flagpole needs to be put up.

17 N. MAIN ST.

1. Tom Norstrom has moved the heat and Neil Nichols will be starting bathroom renovations soon.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Bertram reported that Legislator Gray did not get anywhere with the Dept. of State on the Town being able to sell the Chippewa house. Legislator Gray will try to pass special legislation to help but he cannot promise anything. The Board briefly discussed ideas for the house if it can't be sold. Superintendent Hadlock was asked to mow the area in the spring.
2. Supervisor Bertram asked the Board to think about the wording of a Chippewa Town Property ordinance for vehicle and trailer parking to go to the town attorney. Supervisor Bertram will ask the codes officer asked if she would want to monitor it and then ask the town justice if she would enforce it.
3. The new docks are pulled out. Superintendent Hadlock ordered better dock pins. Rob Company suggested guards for the shore floats and Councilmember Brown will look into the best guard material.
4. The Board discussed the Black Lake Association's request for donation towards their lake testing program.

Motion by Councilmember Tague and Second by Councilmember Brown to give Black Lake Association \$2,000.00. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Beth Lacey received another grant for the Town Youth Program of \$4,400.00. She will report on the program in the New Year.

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SUPERVISOR REPORT

1. **Motion** by Councilmember Tague to approve the Supervisor Report with bank reconciliations.
Second by Councilmember Brown. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

AUDITED BILLS

1. **RESOLUTION #25- 2024 ABSTRACT #12 containing vouchers #2412-533 through #2412-574.**
Motion made by Councilmember Brown and second by Councilmember Tague to adopt the resolution. The motion was carried by 3 ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Bertram adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

Meeting minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by _____, Town Clerk

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**RESOLUTION #22- 2024
BUDGET TRANSFERS**

By the Town of Hammond

December 11, 2024

Resolved, the Town of Hammond authorizes the following transfer to the budget.

Budget Amendments (12/11/2024			
GENERAL A			
Fund	Name	Credit	Debit
a1110.0	Justice PS	0	
A1110.4	Court Cont	1250	
A1220.4	Super Contr	665	
A1230.4	Clerkto Super Cont	1000	
A1355.2	Assessmt Equip	2000	
A1355.4	Assesment Cont	3850	
A1410.4	Clerk CE	0	
A1670.4	Central Print	0	
A3510.4	dog Con CE	0	
A7180.4	Spec Rec	196725	
A7510.4	historian CE	0	
A7620.4	Adult Rec	0	
A8020.4	planning CE	0	
A9010.8	Retirement	1420	
A9730.6	debt service	0	
A9730.7	interest	0	
A4097	Federal Capital	300000	
A1120	NonPropTax		28160
A1520	Police fees		45000
A2401	interest		15000
A3089	ST Aid Grant		1250
A3989	St Aid Home		417500
Totals		506910	506910
GENERAL B			
		Credit	Debit
B7310.4	Youth cont	15000	
B7310.1	Youth Per.		750
B3820	State Aid		14250
Totals		15000	15000

HWY DA		Credit	Debit
DA5140.4	B&W CE		
DA5130.4	Equip Cont		
DA9010.8	State Retirement		
Totals		0	0
HWY DB		Credit	Debit
DB5110.2	Maint St. Per	21000	
DB9010.8	Retirement	1800	
DB9030.8	FICA	1540	
DB9060.8	Hosp	1125	
DB5112.2	Perm improv	285035	
DB5110.4	Maint St Cont		7900
DB3501	CHIPS		247150
DB5114	Approp Reserves		30000
DB1120	Tax Dist		25500
Totals		310500	310550
HWYDB			

Motion made by Councilmember Brown and seconded by Councilmember Tague .
Vote following any discussion is as follows,

Supervisor Bertram Yes
Deputy Supervisor Furgison Absent
Councilmember Tague Yes
Councilmember Elk Absent
Councilmember Furgison Yes

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RESOLUTION NO. 23

TRANSFER OF FUNDS INTO CAPITAL BUILDING RESERVES FUND

By: The Town of Hammond

Whereas, the Hammond Town Board has established a fund for Capital Building Reserves and,

Therefore be it resolved; that the Town Board authorizes the transfer of \$200,000.00 to this account.

The above Resolution was presented at Hammond Town Board Meeting on December 11, 2024 at the Town Office on 21 S Main Street, Hammond, NY.

Motion made by Council member Brown and seconded by Council member Tague. Vote following any discussion is as follows.

Deputy Supervisor Furgison Absent

Councilman Elk Absent

Councilman Brown Yes

Councilman Tague Yes

Supervisor Bertram Yes

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RESOLUTION NO. 24

TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS

By: The Town of Hammond

Whereas, the Hammond Town Board has established a loan for the new building at 21 South Main and,

Whereas, the Town has excess sales tax revenue that was not appropriated in the 2024 budget,

Therefore be it resolved; that the Town Board authorizes the transfer of \$100,000.00 to this account.

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Motion made by Councilmember Brown and seconded by Council member Tague. Vote following any discussion is as follows.

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