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## Notes from the Hamilton Town Council

The April Hamilton Town Council meeting started with news from Earlville. Elections have recently been held, with Margaret Corey and Daniel Piliero elected as Village Trustees. Mayor Miller gave an update on the Village of Hamilton news with gas line construction just waiting for PSC approval to begin. The Hamilton Farmers Market starts in May, and the Village is looking for a market monitor. Please contact the Hamilton Village Office if you are interested.

Spring is in the air and the snow is melting, leaving some messy roads in its wake. Our Town highway crew is back on summer hours, and has been repairing culverts, sweeping and cleaning roads in town, and providing assistance to other municipalities. Superintendent Glazer continues with our vehicle sale and rotation schedule, selling and replacing vehicles with a significant cost savings for the Town.

The Town of Hamilton continues to discuss shared service opportunities with our Villages and local institutions. Options such as a shared garage facility with Birnie Bus, Colgate University, the Village and Town of Hamilton, and the potential for the Village and Town to share office space are being explored.

Comprehensive Plan Focus groups were held on March 29, with close to 40 invited community members sharing their thoughts on Agriculture, Recreation, Economic Development, Housing and Energy Development in the Town of Hamilton. The results from the Focus Groups are being analyzed by our consultants, Community Planning and Environmental Associates, and combined with data from the Survey and Visioning Workshop for use in the new comprehensive plan.

Councilor Darby reported that the Partnership for Community Development (PCD) awarded its Micro-Assistance Grants (MAG) to local small businesses. These grants are intended to encourage small businesses to expand current enterprises and invest in new opportunities. The group is continuing its work on senior housing possibilities for Hamilton as well.

On a county level, Supervisor Shwartz gave an update on the Oneida Land Claim. Eleven million dollars have been paid to the County, with 3 1/2 million dollar annual payments expected in subsequent years.

The Hamilton Town Council meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Town of Hamilton office in the Village of Hamilton at 7pm. Our next regular meeting is Thursday, May 8. We invite and encourage you to join us. For more info visit <http://www.townofhamiltonny.org/>

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