

Press Release – 1/3/13

### **Notes from the Hamilton Town Council**

The December 13th town council meeting opened with news of seasonal festivities in Earlville, including the Earlville Opera House holiday sale.

Our Highway Superintendent reported on sanding and plowing in addition to the usual maintenance work and winterizing. We have sold and acquired a new truck following our vehicle replacement schedule. As part of the continuing effort to save money and create energy efficiencies, lighting at the town garage was reviewed with recommendations for a change to LED lights. The next focus will be on better insulating the building.

Terms are expiring for some of our zoning board and planning board members. Are you interested in helping to shape Hamilton's future and serve the community as a member of either board? If so, the Town Council would like to hear from you.

The Energy Working Group (EWG) reported on our meeting with Delta Engineering to find out more about their road protection plan. Along with Hamilton Town Council and EWG members, supervisors from adjoining towns of Lebanon, Brookfield and Sherburne attended with the intention of finding ways to share work and costs on a joint protection plan. In January, EWG, along with the Town Council, will be turning its attention to a review of the Town of Hamilton's Comprehensive plan with a focus on how that plan might set the tone for energy development in Hamilton.

The Town Council reviewed a Colgate student report on the Southern Madison Ambulance Corp (SOMAC) and the financial and logistical challenges it faces. The report outlined the current situation and detailed actions that could ease some of the difficulties. The Town Council is supportive of SOMAC and the vital role it plays in the community. We will work with the group, area residents and surrounding communities to seek cost effective solutions to preserve these critical services.

Madison County recently passed its budget. Thanks to the efforts of many of our citizens, and with leadership from Supervisor Shwartz, funding was restored to many of the non-profits that were slated for cuts. However, funding for the County Transit System will cease in late spring, eliminating a source of transportation that many citizens depend on. Work is being done to either restore the funding or find an alternate source of bus transportation for the county.

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, January 10, 2013. We invite and encourage you to join us. For more info visit <http://www.townofhamiltonny.org/>

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