

Press Release – 11/20/12

### **Notes From the Hamilton Town Council**

The November 8 Hamilton Town Council meeting had a special focus on the 2013 budget. We opened our meeting with questions and comments from the public. We had thorough discussion on all facets of the budget. Conversation ranged from budget line allocations between village and town residences to our fund balance and planning for the future. We have been working hard to get the town back to a “pay as you go budget.” That effort will continue as we look for ways to keep costs down and still meet the needs of our community. After the public discussion drew to a close the Town Council moved on to official budget business and unanimously approved legislation to adopt the 2013 budget and override the State 2% tax cap.

Our focus has been on the budget but the town’s seasonal needs continue. Our Highway Superintendent and the team down at the Town Garage have been getting the roads and equipment ready for winter. With cold temperatures on the way we have been thinking about ways to save heating costs at the garage with energy efficient doors, windows and insulation. Not only will the staff enjoy a better, warmer environment, but the effort is a good companion to our Solarization project and will ultimately save on energy costs. The Town will be looking for grants to help pay for this work.

Roads were also a topic for the Energy Working Group (EWG), which is looking into Road Protection Plans for the town. The EWG has scheduled a meeting with Delta Engineering to find out more about this process and has invited local municipalities to attend.

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, December 13. We invite and encourage you to join us. For more info visit <http://www.townofhamiltonny.org/>

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