

Town of Hamilton Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
Held at the Court House, 60 Montgomery Street, Hamilton, NY

Present: Mary Lee Dinski, Chris Rossi, Eve Ann Shwartz, Peter Darby. Absent: David Holcomb. Others Present: Sue Reymers, Brynley Wilcox, Jason Florenz. Public: Jody Palmer, Kathleen Palmer, Alan Zogg (6:43 pm).

Call to order & Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Public Comments:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Proposed Law 3-2018 "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-C in the Town of Hamilton."

RESOLUTION 2018-103: Open Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #3-2018

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Dinski, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the public hearing be opened at 6:35 pm on proposed local law 3-2018 "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-C in the Town of Hamilton."

No comments.

RESOLUTION 2018-104: Close Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #3-2018

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Dinski, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the public hearing be closed at 6:36 pm on proposed local law 3-2018 "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-C in the Town of Hamilton."

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent - Jason Florenz

GARAGE:

- Moved all records from the Court House to the new records room in the garage
 - Installed new lighting in the room (see pictures)

GENERAL REPAIRS:

- Patched sections of Borden, Wilkinson and parts of the Earlville run
- Ditching on Harris, Excell, Williams, Wilkinson and parts of Hill Road
- Cut shoulders on Wilkinson, Williams, Excell, and Harris (see pictures)
- Finished mowing everything a third time and put tractor away for the season
- Borrowed Town of Lebanon's brush mower for Preston Hill Road (see pictures)

EQUIPMENT:

- Five-Star came to look at the backhoe. Plan to put it on auction in the spring.

ROAD SIGNS:

- Hung Right-to-Farm signs on the busier town roads (see pictures)
 - County will hang the rest on County roads
- Installed all of Preston Hill 30 mph signs (see pictures)

TREE REMOVAL:

- Cut trees on Spring Street, Chappel Road, and Humphrey Road due to small storms (see pictures)

SNOW REMOVAL:

- Installed the plow frames and spinners on #15 and #17

OTHER:

- Closed off Borden, Willey and Tackabury roads for the Camp Fiver 5K Run
- Moved the depot beams to Borden Road with personal trailer

Mr. Florenz handed quotes to the board, who then reviewed the prices for the salt brine tanks. Mr. Florenz finally found a tank that will work.

Mr. Alan Zogg of Preston Hill Road had a question for Jason. He was thrilled that the speed signs were installed on Preston Hill Road. He felt that the problem was that it stopped at Horton Road. He lives further down and people drive by at incredible speeds. He wondered what could be done to extend that. Mr. Florenz and Supervisor Shwartz expressed that the town did have concern that this would happen. Mr. Florenz continued to say that there are other roads with the same concerns, such as Wickwire and Borden. The lack of enforcement is part of the problem. He continued that the justification for the Preston Hill section was the number of houses and how close they are to the road and the curves. The rest of the road is a typical country road. The country roads are 55 mph everywhere else. We can't just go around posting 30 mph in certain sections. Mr. Zogg said that he is asking for a mile extension. Mr. Florenz expressed concern about complaints from further down the road as well. The question is, where do we stop. Ms. Shwartz stated that we should wait to see if the other signs have an impact. While it feels like it was a good thing to post them, will it really slow people down. At this point, we need to see the impact. Mr. Zogg stated that he can tell you who it will impact. Mr. Zogg described a loud truck in particular that was similar to one that the other residents complained about. Mr. Florenz stated that there are guidelines from Cornell on the signage and described costs. Ms. Palmer asked if the town has to show just cause for doing this. Mr. Florenz stated that we have the right in the town to make the decision.

Supervisor Shwartz described what prompted the decision at the September meeting which was due to a petition from residents and discussion on whether or not it would be effective or not. There was a discussion about the Sheriff's monitoring the roads and

other residents on other roads that have similar concerns and the speeding problem in general. Ms. Shwartz again said to let's see how effective it is and recommended that Mr. Zogg call the sheriff's department when he sees speeding on his road. Mr. Zogg asked if this was because of cost? Mr. Florenz stated that it's about where this stops and its effectiveness. Mr. Zogg asked how long will it take to see if its effective? Ms. Shwartz felt that we should wait until the spring to see how it works. Mr. Zogg asked who has authority on that road? Ms. Shwartz answered State Troopers can go anywhere in the state and the town does not have police, nor plans on hiring police. She asked the board for their thoughts. Ms. Rossi stated that she thinks we should see if it works and if it doesn't think about other strategies. In the meantime, you (Mr. Zogg) are doing the right thing by calling the County or Troopers and let us know how it goes too. Mr. Zogg asked if he got a petition with other residents would it mean anything? Ms. Shwartz said that yes, it means something but for now, the board knew they were biting off something we were not quite happy digesting. We did it as somewhat of an experiment and we want to see how it works. There was additional discussion on the matter. Supervisor Shwartz welcomed Mr. Zogg to contact the board after the meeting.

Supervisor/Bookkeeper - Brynley Wilcox

FRANCHISE FEES:

- \$2,951.16 was received from Charter Communications (Q2-2018)
 - 2017: \$ 7,646.32
 - 2018 YTD: \$ 8,676.85 (~13.5% higher than 2017)
 - BUDGET: \$ 10,000.00

ANNUAL AIM PAYMENT:

- AIM = Aid & Incentives to Municipalities (per Capita)
- \$44,184.00 was received from the State via direct deposit
 - 2017: \$ 44,184.00
 - 2018 YTD: \$ 44,184.00 (same amount since 2011)
 - BUDGET: \$ 44,184.00

CHIPS:

- Deadline: *Friday, November 9th, 2018*
- '18-'19 CHIPS amount: \$ 109,736.85
 - Rollover amount: 22,463.33
- Total EWR amount: 21,315.15
- Total PAVE NY amount: 25,048.53
- TOTAL: \$178,563.86
- CHIPS YTD to be reimbursed: (175,985.76)
- Amount to rollover: \$ 2,578.10

RESOLUTION 2018- 105: Funds Transfer

On a motion of Councilmember Dinski, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that \$60,000 be transferred from Community Bank Money Market account to NBT Bank Checking account to cover the October bills and October/November payroll:

- A Money Market to Checking in the amount of \$ 45,000
- B Money Market to Checking in the amount of \$ 1,000
- DB Money Market to Checking in the amount of \$ 14,000

RESOLUTION 2018-106: Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #10 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund A	No.	312	<i>through</i>	344	\$72,476.83
General Fund B	No.	40	<i>through</i>	43	\$2,028.25
Highway Fund DB	No.	147	<i>through</i>	160	\$7,359.73
Street Lighting SL	No.	18	<i>through</i>	19	\$387.41
Prepays					\$10.15

The board reviewed the monthly financials.

Town Clerk - Sue Reymers

CLERKS Office

- Financial Report for September 2018
 - Collected \$5,778.50; Town keeps: \$1,569.05
 - #s of licenses Sold:
 - DECALS: 81
 - Dog Licenses: 39
 - Marriage Licenses: 2
- Activities:
 - Put in the order for a new copier because ours now needs service and I wanted to avoid spending money on it.
 - Ordered a new higher volume shredder to replace the small one.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARDS:

- Planning Board - Met on October 9.
 - Chapman Special Use Permit application for a small dog kennel was approved.
 - Reviewed subdivision for property on Poolville/Cranston Road.
 - Meetings for next 6 months are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

NYSERDA Grant (Clean Energy - \$50,000)

- Amanda Mazzone from Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board informed that they are working with NYSERDA's contractor Cadmus to put together a template RFP for geothermal.

- Cadmus needs from us:
 - 1971 As Built Plans – I am having them scanned and sent to him.
 - Plot plan with accurate dimensions on the property, locations of buildings, elevations, etc.
 - Up-to-date information on the building as it stands today, including info on the MEP.
- I asked him what the deadline was to get this information to him and have not heard back yet. So let's go with ASAP.

Mr. Darby will follow-up with Cadmus. Ms. Shwartz asked if we need to hire someone to do this. Clerk Reymers explained that a lot of accurate information is often needed on a site plan and that it's typical that an engineer or surveyor will do this. It was determined to see what information we have on file and to go from there. There is money in the budget to hire someone if necessary.

RESOLUTION 2018-107: Approval of Minutes for August 8, 2018

On a motion of Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Dinski, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Resolved that the minutes from August 8, 2018 be approved.

**Codes Enforcement Officer – Mark Miller
See September Report (ATTACHMENT A)**

- 3 new BP applications approved
- Approved 2 zoning permits.
- 2 Certificates of Occupancy issued. 1 temporary certificate of occupancy issued (1866 Quarterline Rd).
- Reviewed incoming documents for 2 Subdivisions.
- Reviewed incoming documents for special use permit (dog boarding).
- Issued 1 order to remedy. Failure to obtain BP and structure constructed within required setback.
- Investigated 2 property maintenance complaints.
- Conducted 12 construction inspections.
- Started reorganization project pertaining to all blueprints, site plans and subdivision maps.
- Continued work filing old codes related files.
- Meet with various builders and residents to discuss projects.
- Continued work on Zoning update.
- Attended Planning Board meeting for special use permit, special use permit granted for reconstruction at 1872 Quarterline Rd.
- Attended Zoning Update committee meeting.
- Followed up with previously issued orders to remedy violations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Town Office Building Committee**

The board will need to talk about the building in executive session due to legal issues. Mr. Darby reported that there was a committee meeting last week and mostly the committee worked on the budget number that we have to put in the resolution subject to permissive referendum. The committee was struggling with the number because it's a not to exceed number. It requires that we put in high numbers. The only numbers that we really know of are the numbers that we already spent, which was about \$230,000. We have an estimate from the architect for Phase 1 which is the shell, which is about \$400,000. That's a bit of an imaginary number and we have estimates of what Phase 2 would be for us (the town crew) to finish the interior. Again, we put in a high number because we do not know how that will exactly play out, whether the crew has enough time to do that. There will be some parts that they cannot do. We ended up with a number of about \$1,150,000. We are apprehensive about putting out that number because the public will not see it as a not to exceed number. They will see it as a number to expend. At the same time, there is no way to avoid putting it out there and potentially put yourself in a bind you actually need to spend that money and you don't have authorization to spend it. We were all hoping that the number would come in lower. Ms. Rossi is working on a press release because we have a meeting scheduled for October 23 at Hamilton Library at 7 pm. Supervisor Shwartz stated that the other thing we did at the committee meeting is review the final set of changes on the floor plan that everyone and the staff are very happy with. The architect is on hold until we complete this process with the public. A key reason that this number is essentially close to last year is because last year when we did the number, we forgot the (bond) interest that we were paying. It's in the town budget but was not in the project budget. There are two big issues, will the project in Phase 1 come in at \$400,000. So far, our experience is that it's always higher than the estimate. The Wicks law will not be triggered because we simplified the project to the point that there is a general contractor and a small plumbing job. Plus, we don't know how much Phase 2 will cost for each floor. We may not do much of anything to finish the upstairs, so we can keep that floor cheap or undeveloped until we get additional grant money. There is paying for the building and estimating the cost of the building and getting permission from the voters. Unless they object the resolution that we pass, if they don't pass a petition for a referendum, then it will be approved. The committee struggled with the same issue and we all talked it over and we don't feel that we can go less than this. That's not realistic. And we don't feel that we can take that number down and just hope that no one finds out later that we spent more money. That's not acceptable. Ms. Rossi asked if there was a price range on estimate for the building. It may help to explain that this is the high-end cap and depending on how things go, it could come under that number. Supervisor Shwartz responded that we can make dramatic changes in the HVAC system. Mary Dinski stated that we are hoping it will be under that number. If it goes over, we would have to go back to the public. Mr. Darby commented that other potential savings was in the roof material. The choice is a metal roof but the alternative is a shingle roof which could save

an estimated \$20,000. Mr. Darby said the other thing that is relevant is the grant money for the community room. The community room will be available for the community to use when the town is not using it at any time of the day or evening. The other possibility is that there is potential for grant money for the records storage area. There are actually two possible funding streams, one is for shared services because some of the other municipalities may want to use our space because it's a better space, also there is potential for historic preservation. Supervisor Shwartz stated that it does not change the cost to do the project. Additional funding sources means that we lower the cost to the community but not the project. We have gone from a cramped two-story building with the meeting room in the middle to a one-story building that goes back to the historic look of the building with the same pitch roof. The attic space will be the storage area for the records. The community room will be separately accessible to the community regardless whether the town office is open or not. We feel that we are adding something for our whole community by doing this. And we created a good and useful work space. Those are the advantages of the new building. Kathleen Palmer asked if we know what other towns have done to reach out to the community to inform them of spending this kind of money. Are there other avenues that other towns have done to inform the public? Supervisor Shwartz responded that we are having a public meeting on the project that will be advertised in the paper, etc. It's also why we had the public serving on the committee as well. Mr. Darby said that's also why we are putting out a press release in the Mid-York. There was some discussion on the outreach efforts for the public meeting on the project.

SOMAC

There was a call sheet for calls through September. Mr. Darby did not reach out to SOMAC yet to discuss their numbers for next year. Ms. Shwartz stated that we need that to be done before November meeting. The SOMAC's budget number is critical to the town's budget and tax rate. They had an \$11,000 increase over last year. On average we are spending about \$160,000 for the last 3 years and what they actually have asked for this year is about \$203,000. So, we need to meet with SOMAC to review the budget. Mr. Darby asked about their transfer numbers. He thought they were doing a lot more transfers. The board reviewed the call sheet in more detail.

Partnership for Community Development

The PCD made a contract with the Small Business Development Council of Mohawk Valley. They will have someone stationed every 3rd Thursday at the Utica Street location for free consultations. They are working with Thought into Action to develop that space where people can rent office capability for \$35 a week. This is open to the general public even though its run by Colgate. The PCD and Hamilton Business Alliance (HBA) have been awarded \$10,000 from the Community Foundation to market the businesses in Hamilton. Supervisor Shwartz shared that she and Mary Dinski are going to meet next week with Jennifer and Laura to talk about housing in Hamilton and think about what the Town of Hamilton wants to think about in terms of low- and moderate-income

housing. The housing study and the energy from the University is going to focus on the Village. There are other sources of income and just to know that the PCD has not forgotten about the town.

Recreation and Youth Committee

Mary Dinski reported that she is attending the Hamilton Coalition meetings and BRiDGES and now is going to a non-profit meeting. She also reported that she attended the marijuana workshop last week. They did not talk about policy but rather more about the clinical side of where marijuana is today and how Colorado is dealing with it. If it is to be legalized in NY, some of the implications and concerns and one of the biggest is the potency, or if there is policy regarding the potency levels. They are marketing to kids, they are putting out gummy bears that are 10 times the potency of a legal dose. What people think is marijuana, such as the flower, is no longer what the actual drug is. It's getting to the point where kids are smoking pure THC or a concentrated form which can have withdrawal symptoms. There are overdose symptoms such as seizures. No idea how far down the line it is. They didn't talk about medical marijuana in NY but rather how things stand in Colorado right now. Colorado's legal definition is anything that comes from the cannabis plant. So, it still gets marketed as natural, but it's no longer natural, it's getting changed and chemically altered. As a youth counselor and in the town, it's very concerning. The lack of restrictions is a worry. NYS needs a strict definition so it has a limit in potency and they need to look at what other states are doing. Supervisor Shwartz has a Health and Human Services Committee at the County next week and will bring it up.

Zoning Update Committee

Ms. Rossi reported that the office staff met in September to go over the site plan review. They've also been sending Nan notes on the whole zoning law or parts where the language is awkward. Nan's been working through that document and integrating the new laws and policies. There are 2 new big chunks to look at: the draft updated zoning law and draft updated site plan review. One of the missing links is density development. Clerk Reymers shared that for the site plan review, they did not finish it, they go through a good portion of it and they realized that whole part of the beginning was not very user friendly. So, we found a model in the Town of Cazenovia. They just spelled it out a little easier to read for anyone. Nan took that structure and updated ours. The staff need to meet again to review that document in light of the changes. My suggestion would be for the staff to go back and have another meeting with just the staff and then bring it to the committee. Ms. Rossi said that all of the changes are to make it easier to use. It is like reading a different language. The next committee meeting is next Tuesday. A lot of the updates are not policy shift, but clarification, editing, process, trying to make it more user friendly. It will all come back to the town council and will need legal review and for public hearing as well.

Hamilton Climate Preparedness Working Group

Ms. Rossi stated that they have a goal to obtain Bronze Certification for both the town and the village by the summer of 2019. We have a student, Miller Downer, who continues to work with us. He is filling in all the blanks, so we can put in our application (Climate Smart Communities Program). We are turning our attention to develop a Climate Action Plan as part of the Bronze Certification. We've broken out into subcommittees and we are looking at a vulnerability assessment. Jody Palmer has agreed to join this subcommittee and we are meeting Monday morning to see where the town is particularly vulnerable to climate change such as roads and agriculture. Bronze Certification will position us to get grants (such as for bridges/culverts), but the ultimate goal is to find way to build climate resiliency into our planning. It's also part of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning. There was a brief discussion on recent storms and potential issues.

OLD BUSINESS:**Adoption of Proposed Local Law 3-2018 "Tax Cap Override"****RESOLUTION 2018-108: Adoption of Proposed Local Law #3-2018 "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C in the Town of Hamilton"**

The following resolution was offered by Councilor Darby, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilor Dinksi, to wit:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a proposed local law titled Local Law No. 3-2018, "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c in the Town of Hamilton," was presented and introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hamilton held on September 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on such proposed local law on this 11 day of October, 2018, by the Town Board of the Town of Hamilton and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed local law having been heard, and said proposed local law having been in the possession of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Hamilton in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of Proposed Local Law No. 3-2018 has previously been determined to be an unlisted action and will have no significant effect on the environment thus concluding the SEQR review process; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to enact said Proposed Local Law No. 3-2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hamilton, Madison County, New York, does hereby enact proposed Local Law No. 3-2018 as Local Law No. 3-2018 as follows:

**“TOWN OF HAMILTON LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2018
A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED
IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON”**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Hamilton as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Hamilton, County of Madison pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Hamilton to adopt a Town budget for (a) Town purposes; (b) fire protection districts; and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2019, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by the General Municipal Law §3-c.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

This local law is adopted pursuant to Subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

SECTION 3. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE

The Town Board of the Town of Hamilton, County of Madison, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2019 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operations to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.”

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Peter Darby	Councilor	Voted	Yes
David Holcomb	Councilor	Voted	Absent
Chris Rossi	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Mary Lee Dinski	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Eve Ann Shwartz	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution to move 2019 Tentative Budget to Preliminary Budget**RESOLUTION 2018-109: Move 2019 Tentative Budget to Preliminary Budget**

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the 2019 Tentative Budget be moved to Preliminary for the purposes of a public hearing on November 8, 2018 with note that there are some missing numbers for Workers Compensation that will be updated when available.

NEW BUSINESS:**Seasonal Roads Resolution - Town Highway Law §205-a****RESOLUTION 2018-110: Authorization for Highway Superintendent to Designate Seasonal Roads in the Town of Hamilton**

On a motion of Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Dinski, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Highway Superintendent be authorized to designate the following roads as seasonal limited use highway from December 1, 2018 to April 1, 2019:

- Alderman Road
- Barnard Road
- Brown Road
- Collins Road
- Humphrey Road
- Lake Road
- Morse Road (portion of)
- Thayer Road
- Wilkinson Road

Call for Members & Alternate Members for Planning Board & Zoning Board

Supervisor Shwartz noted that there are 3 Planning Board members (Mary Galvez, Bill Nolan and Darrell Griff) and 1 Zoning Board member (Lydia Slater) whose terms are up at the end of the year. Clerk Reymers reminded the board that there is also room for alternate members and that we did advertise to fill those positions, but no one applied. We could advertise again, but the first step is to contact the current members.

Supervisor Shwartz thought that the best way may be to identify individuals and recruit them aka twist their arms. The budget for 2019 now includes a small sum to pay members of the Planning and Zoning Boards as a small thank you for serving. They can be time consuming roles.

Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy

Supervisor Shwartz explained that this draft policy was provided by the County as they just passed their version of the policy per NYS mandate. The board was handed out the policy for review and adoption is planned for the next meeting. Clerk Reymers stated

that we also need to identify someone for the complaints to go to. It's a challenge in a small organization. Mary Dinski could provide the training.

Concerns of Town Board: None.

Supervisor's Report: Madison County Activities:

There is a movement under consideration for School Resource Officers (SRO) in schools throughout the County. The County is proposing to bring on and recruit a group of retired corrections/ police officers at a budget of \$36,000 per employee and the County would pay 50% of the costs and each school district would pay half. It's one officer per building. The SRO would be armed. It's in response to school shootings. The way it was presented was that these are experienced and seasoned officers who are in the community and know about what is going on. The idea is that they would add an additional level of support to the kids who are in trouble or having issues. It's not a mandatory program. The County is also looking to allow to hire outside the County by a special law. There was a brief discussion and expressions of concern over this proposal versus additional mental health counselors and questions about what the schools need or want to happen.

The County had its own municipal audit which came through with flying colors. They have a fund balance of \$15 million, which is over 15% but that will be remedied by spending some of it. There is a new fire training center that will be built in the Town of Lincoln for use by the whole county. They put it out to bid and it came in over \$500,000 and they had to rebid it under the Wicks Law and then it came in over \$1,000,000. The good side is that its available for all sorts of training for anyone in the County. It can also be an emergency operation center.

Madison County Planning competed for a grant for the Erie Canal Cooperation and were first place with over 400 municipalities that applied. They got \$1.5 million to develop housing pockets and multi-use along the canal in the Village of Canastota.

Madison County passed a resolution that milk being defined as coming from mammals, not a plant. It's a feel-good thing and truth in labeling.

RESOLUTION 2018-111: Executive Session

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that this Board move into an Executive Session for the purposes of legal advice at 8:49 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2018-112: Return to Regular Session

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Dinski, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Board return to regular session at 9:32 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2018-113: To Make Additional Changes to the Preliminary Budget

On a motion of Councilmember Dinski, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the 2019 Preliminary Budget be updated with the following:

- Add \$25,000 Sales Tax in DA1120
- Take an additional \$5,000 from SOMAC reserve fund
- Note the new tax rate at 3.44%

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Dinski, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne K. Reymers
Town Clerk