

Town of Hamilton Special Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Held at the Town Office, 40 Milford Street, Hamilton, NY

Present: Eve Ann Shwartz, Mary Lee Dinski, Chris Rossi, Peter Darby, David Holcomb.

Others Present: Elisa Robertson, Deputy Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2019-61: A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE TOWN SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF HAMILTON FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO FOUR (4) YEARS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 24 of the New York Town Law, the office of Town Supervisor in the Town of Hamilton currently has a two (2) year term by default under State Law; and

WHEREAS, Section 24-a of the New York State Town Law provides a mechanism and procedure whereby the term of office for the position of Town Supervisor may be changed from two (2) years to four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that the position of Town Supervisor requires a great deal of day-to-day work on behalf of the tax payers and citizens of the Town and is a full-time job for the person holding this position; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the person in this position needs to concentrate on the duties and responsibilities of the office to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers and citizens of the Town would be better served if the person in this position was able to devote his/her full attention to the position rather than the necessity of an election every two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the adoption of a resolution in the Town of Hamilton, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the proposed adoption of said Resolution with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of said Resolution is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion of Councilor Rossi, seconded by Councilor Darby, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the adoption of the proposed Resolution is an unlisted action, there are no other involved agencies and this Board shall act as lead agency in this matter for purposes of SEQRA review; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the proposed Resolution will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and this Resolution hereby adopts a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed action for purposes of SEQRA; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that in accordance with Section 24-a of the New York Town Law, the term of office of Town Supervisor of the Town of Hamilton shall be

changed from two (2) years to four (4) years, beginning with the person elected to the position and taking office on and after January 1, 2022; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that this action is subject to **MANDATORY REFERENDUM**, which shall take place at the biennial election to be held on November 5, 2019; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that a proposition shall appear on the general election ballot in the Town of Hamilton on November 5, 2019, which shall read as follows:

***A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE
TOWN SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF HAMILTON
FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS***

"Shall the resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Hamilton, County of Madison, being a resolution changing the term of office of the Town Supervisor in the Town of Hamilton from two (2) years to four (4) years, be approved, thereby changing the term of office of the Town Supervisor in the Town of Hamilton for persons elected to that position and taking office on and after January 1, 2022?"

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	Yes
Christine 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 2019-62: Executive Session

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that this Board move into an Executive Session for the purposes of personnel at 5:48 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2019-63: Return to Regular Session

On a motion of Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Dinski, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Board return to regular session at 6:35 p.m.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Darby, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Elisa Robertson
Deputy Town Clerk