

**Village of Blasdell
MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Hefner at 4:31 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Hefner, Trustee Murphy, Trustee Drzal and Trustee Castiglia

ABSENT: Trustee Fox

Resolved by Trustee Drzal seconded by Trustee Murphy to approve the Minutes from the August 19, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

FINANCE

Resolved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Drzal to pay the bills as audited and the attached year end transfer of funds.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

CORRESPONDENCE

Town of Hamburg, Supervisor Elizabeth Farrell Lorentz
Re: Municipal Certificate of Need

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Village Clerk – Labelle Avenue Project – the work should be complete today. On the agenda there are two change orders for the work not covered by CDBG Funds, the costs will be covered by NYS CHIPS Funds.

Village Attorney- James Shaw: Spoke about the Village of Blasdell in the Town of Hamburg Ambulance district.

Mayors Report: no report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Murphy: Trustee Murphy congratulated the employees that took on new positions within the Village offices and appreciated everyone coming out to the board meeting.

Trustee Castiglia: Trustee Castiglia warned residents to be aware of people on e-bikes and minibikes at night.

Trustee Drzal: Trustee Drzal wants residents to know about the "Trunk or Treat" event happening on October 24th from 3pm-5pm at the AMVETS post 897. He also spoke about the Hometown Hero banners being taken down for the year and being put back up in May 2027.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Cheryl Kuss, 176 Martin Ave.- Semi trucks and construction vehicles traveling down Martin Ave. causing safety concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolved by Trustee Drzal, seconded by Trustee Murphy to accept the resignation of Molly Hogan from the position of Court Clerk effective September 23, 2026, at the close of business.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

Resolved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Castiglia to accept the resignation of Molly Hogan from the position of Deputy Clerk effective September 23, 2026, at the close of business.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

Resolved by Trustee Drzal, seconded by Trustee Castiglia to appoint Molly Hogan to the position of Village Clerk, term to expire the first Monday in April 2028, at a rate of pay of \$33.75 per hour.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

Resolved by Trustee Drzal, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to appoint Molly Hogan to the position of Village Administrator, term to expire the first Monday in April 2027.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

Resolved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Castiglia to adopt the Personnel Rules and Regulations for the Village Administrator.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

Resolved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Drzal to appoint Erika McCann Rettig to the position of part time Court Clerk effective September 24, 2026, at a rate of pay of \$25.00 per hour.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

Resolved by Trustee Drzal, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to adopt the Personnel Rules and Regulations for the Court Clerk.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

Resolved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Drzal to authorize the Mayor to execute Change Order Number #1, Contract 2026-01, CDBG 2026 Infrastructure Reconstruction Labelle Avenue, in the amount of \$53,000.00 to cover the difference between CDBG Funds and the base bid.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

Resolved by Trustee Drzal, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to authorize the Mayor to execute Change Order #2, Contract 2026-01, CDBG 2026 Infrastructure Reconstruction Labelle Avenue, in the amount of \$5,520.00 for bid alternates #1 and #2.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

Resolved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Drzal to authorize the Mayor to execute the MS4 Operator Certification due October 1, 2026.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

Resolved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Drzal to accept the bid of \$2,000 from E&R Construction for the 2002 Elgin Whirlwind Street Sweeper Serial No. MV-0263-S.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

Resolved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Castiglia to adopt the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the Village of Blasdell Board of Trustees shall implement the attached request for proposals (RFP) to secure the services and purchase of the necessary equipment to afford the Village a state-of-the-art surveillance and security system at its municipal, parks and playgrounds.

- **Carried 4 - 0**

Resolved by Trustee Castiglia, seconded by Trustee Drzal to table the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Town of Hamburg, Erie County, New York (the "Town"), has initiated a process pursuant to Article 12-A of the Town Law to establish the Town of Hamburg Ambulance District (the "Ambulance District") for the purpose of providing adequate funding and a stable, sustainable funding mechanism for pre-hospital emergency medical services and general ambulance services within the Town; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law § 209-c, the Town has prepared and filed with the Town Clerk a map, plan, and report (the "Report") detailing, among other things, the need for the Ambulance District, the cost of providing ambulance services, and the proposed geographical boundaries of the Ambulance District; and WHEREAS, the Report provides an analysis of a scenario in which the Village of Blasdell (the "Village") is included in the Ambulance District, including the proposed assessment rate for real property owners and the estimated cost to a typical property owner if the Ambulance District includes both the Town and the Village; and

WHEREAS, ambulance services within the Village are currently provided through arrangements with (1) Hamburg Volunteer Ambulance Company, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation; (2) AMR, a private for-profit corporation; and (3) Big Tree Volunteer Fire Company, which also provides ambulance services; and WHEREAS, ambulance service providers receive insufficient revenue from insurance reimbursements and direct payments to sustain their operations within the Village, and this revenue shortfall is expected to increase because of rising call volumes, increased staffing and equipment needs, and declining volunteer capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes it is in the best interests of the Village to be included in the Ambulance District and to receive the services and benefits provided through the Ambulance District; and

WHEREAS, under Article 12-A of the Town Law, all or part of an incorporated village may be included within a town special improvement district following the consent of the village, expressed by local law, ordinance, or resolution, subject to a referendum on petition under § 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law or a permissive referendum under Article 9 of the Village Law, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, the granting of consent to inclusion in the Ambulance District requires the Village to comply with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, the Village has prepared and reviewed a Short Environmental Assessment Form evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the Village's inclusion in the Ambulance District; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that consenting to inclusion in the Ambulance District is an Unlisted Action and has completed an uncoordinated environmental review of the proposed action, thereby allowing each other involved agency to make its own independent determination of environmental significance; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has taken a hard look at the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the proposed action and has reviewed the criteria for determining significance in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 617.7; and WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Village Board has determined that inclusion in the Ambulance District will not adversely affect the natural resources of the State or the health, safety, and welfare of the public, is consistent with relevant social and economic considerations, and therefore warrants the issuance of a SEQRA Negative Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Article 12-A of the Town Law, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Blasdell hereby consents to and authorizes the inclusion of the Village of Blasdell in the Town of Hamburg Ambulance District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is subject to a referendum on petition pursuant to Village Law § 9-900 et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk shall, in the same manner provided for notice of a general Village election, post and publish a notice setting forth the date of adoption of this Resolution,

containing an abstract that concisely states its purpose and effect, and indicating that this Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum under Village Law § 9-900 et seq.

Regularly moved, seconded and carried to adjourn at 4:49pm.

Submitted by: Molly F. Hogan
Molly F. Hogan, Village Clerk/Administrator