

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamburg was called to order by Mayor Thomas P. Tallman at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026 at the Village Hall, 100 Main Street, Hamburg, New York.

PRESENT:	Thomas P. Tallman	Mayor
	Paul Gaughan	Deputy Mayor
	Laura Hackathorn	Trustee
	Holly Park	Trustee
	Jeff Davis	Trustee
	Edward J. Murphy, III	Village Attorney
	Jason Cozza	Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
	Mary McKee	Deputy Clerk
	Marc Shuttleworth	Supt. of Public Works
	Richard Schara	Police Chief
	Jacie Schmid	Recreation Leader
Excused:	Joshua Haeick	Recreation Supervisor

1. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Monday, March 16, 2026.

AYES: Five

NAYS: None

CARRIED

PUBLIC EXPRESSION: *Leigh Duffy, 50 Sharon Avenue, was here two years ago following a bad storm in which her basement flooded. She was pleased that the village followed up and work was done, however, she feels the work was not done properly as her basement flooded again. She proposed that the village look at the costs and feasibility of making lasting changes to the Sharon/Charlotte neighborhood.*

Scott McLeon, 80 Sharon Avenue, thanked the Board for their service and is grateful to live in the village. As the executor of his mother's estate, he was working to sell his mother's home on Sharon Avenue. There were still a lot of memorable items in the home when the basement flooded with last week's storm. Mr. McLeon said he understands there can be issues with basements and there are no guarantees, even with a sump pump, but he is here to put weight on the gravity of the situation. He is not even sure what to do and concerned about the home's value and also the items important to him that were in the basement. He is also looking for long-term solution.

Marcia Langer, 193 Charlotte Avenue, was also here two years ago and said she was hoping for more from the Village. Ms. Langer questioned why the Village, if they knew the storm was coming, did not have workers out clearing the receivers in the Prospect/Charlotte area. She suggested the Village apply for grants and said the 6" lines she believes are on Charlotte should be larger.

Janice Nagel, 87 Sharon Avenue, said she never had any water in her basement until 2 years ago and then again with last week's storm. She said what came in was full of mud and asked what could be done.

Loretta Lalley, 93 Sharon Avenue, feels this is not just a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence, but believes something has changed. She only recalls one flood in the 70's. She feels the Village needs to do more.

Fred Rich, 57 Sharon Avenue, is here on behalf of "multiple residents," citing 3 major storm events in the last two years. He said there have been long-standing water challenges and residents have taken additional

measures, including installing French drains. Mr. Rich said he spoke with about 20 residents on 4 Streets in that area and only one had no flooding. Even those that have installed sump pumps and/or French drains flooded again. He asked if the system functioned for this long without issues, something must have changed. He noted that it seemed like it surcharged and pushed back to the residents. Capping has not necessarily been effective and he felt they should not have to compensate for municipal surcharge.

Jenna Bajdas, 67 Randall Terrace, said they have a fully furnished basement, including moving her son's bedroom down there after there was damage from ice damming and now she is looking at \$20,000+ in estimates to cleanup and repair.

Mayor Tallman thanked everyone for coming out and for all of their comments. He said that following the heavy rains two years ago, engineering conducted a study and the Village made changes, including the addition of receivers in that area, increasing the size of the grates, clearing of the outfall, and the Village also applied for a grant, which they unfortunately were not awarded. They continue to look for other grant opportunities. They will also go back to the engineers and evaluate the situation once again. Additional DPW employees were called out to assist, but there was flooding over other areas of the village, and they had to work in those other areas as well. The Mayor said he appreciates the residents who came out to assist in clearing some of the receivers, as there are hundreds of them throughout the village. With more than 2.5" of rain in a very short period of time, the system was overwhelmed. The Mayor said they will keep people apprised of what they find and welcomed them to attend any future meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE: *None this evening.*

TRUSTEE MOTIONS:

1. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to establish Capital account H063-2026.370 Boardroom Improvements for new furniture, flooring, technology, and painting or the Village Boardroom.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

3. **MOTION** by Trustee Hacakthorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to transfer funds from A.878 Facility Reserve account to H063-2026.370 Boardroom Improvements in the amount of \$49,002.08.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

4. **MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Gaughan, seconded by Trustee Davis, to authorize Mayor Thomas P. Tallman to sign an agreement between the Village of Hamburg and LaBella Associates for the Youth Center Building Condition Report, in an amount not to exceed \$25,815. Account to be charged is A.1010.451 Consultant.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

5. **MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Gaughan, seconded by Trustee Park, that the Village Recreation Commission recommends the Board approve the salaries for the following Recreation Attendants PT Seasonal for the 2026 Spring/Summer Season, effective 4/7/2026:

GROUND

Garry Nelson 6126 McKinley Pkwy.	\$22.00/hr
Edward Warren 1455 Evergreen Dr., Lakeview	\$22.00/hr
Henry Wheaton 120 Maple Ave.	\$16.00/hr

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

6. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Trustee Park, that the Village Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 100 Main Street, Hamburg, NY to take and hear comments relative to a *Special Use Permit* for a Short-Term Rental at 202 Pleasant Avenue.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

7. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gaughan, to authorize Mayor Thomas P. Tallman to sign a two-year agreement between the Village of Hamburg and Comp Alliance for worker's compensation insurance, in an amount not to exceed \$179,540 per year.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

8. **MOTION** by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Hackathorn, to hire the following Laborer Part Time Seasonal, to be assigned to the Department of Public Works, effective April 7, 2026.

Michael Koester 33 Darlich Avenue	\$35.00/hr.
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AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

9. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to authorize the payment of the Village of Hamburg Accounts for the period ending April 6, 2026.

GENERAL FUND.....	\$222,676.56
CAPITAL FUND	442,987.90
TRUST & AGENCY FUND.....	<u>384,576.85</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$1,050,241.31

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

10. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded Trustee Davis, to hold a public hearing on May 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 100 Main Street, regarding a proposed *Local Law No. 2 of 2026*, amending Chapter 229 Vehicles and Traffic, Section §229-50 Schedule XV: No Standing by adding no standing on the south side of Prospect Avenue from Buffalo Street to Division Street. Copies of the proposed changes will be available in the Clerk-Treasurer's office at Village Hall, beginning Friday, April 17, 2026.

STAFF REPORTS:

Recreation Dept.: *Recreation Leader Jacie Schmid thanked everyone for making the Village Easter Egg Hunt a success last weekend. Jacie also announced that registration for the summer rec program begins May 1st.*

Police Dept.: *Police Chief Rick Schara announced that the winter parking ban is now lifted and vehicles can be parked on the street (in legal parking spaces) 24/7.*

Department of Public Works: *DPW Superintendent Marc Shuttleworth announced a special pickup will be made for any items that need to be disposed due to the recent flooding. Residents that need this service should call the DPW directly to make the arrangements*

FURTHER PUBLIC EXPRESSION: *Fred Rich said he recognizes the Village did not sit idly by and do nothing after the last flood, but understanding that it is being communicated from the lines to the homes. While finding solutions to drain the surface water from the streets, it may make it worse for the homes as the water back flows into them. They do not want to have to disconnect their floor drains, but need some sort of solution.*

The Mayor thanked everyone once again and said they will get together with the engineers and keep people informed of what they find/do.

The next Work Session of the Board with department heads and staff will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026. Pending matters, including agenda items for the Regular Board Meeting, will be discussed. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026. These meetings are open to the press and public.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McKee

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Deputy Clerk