

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamburg was called to order by Mayor Thomas P. Tallman at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 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
	Joshua Haeick	Recreation Supervisor

**** PUBLIC HEARING RE: LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2026 AMENDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 182
REMOVAL OF WEEDS, BRUSH AND DEBRIS ****

Mayor Tallman opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. and the Deputy Clerk read the legal notice. Village Attorney Ed Murphy explained that the proposed law is an update to the current law, modernizing language that did not match State Code. Mr. Murphy said the changes will also assist Code Enforcement when citing non-compliance with the Code. Specific changes include the inclusion of "Grass," a specific height of 10" to comply with State Code, and also changes to the noticing provision(s). That includes additional notice requirements for Code Enforcement and subsequent procedure by both Code Enforcement and the DPW Superintendent if the violation(s) are not addressed within a certain period of time.

Mayor Tallman asked 3 times if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the proposed local law. The Mayor also asked 3 times if anyone wanted to speak in opposition. Hearing nothing further, the public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

**** PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED ABANDONMENT/DISCONTINUATION OF A
PORTION OF HAVILAND PLACE ****

Mayor Tallman opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. and the Deputy Clerk read the legal notice. Village Attorney Ed Murphy explained that the dead-end portion of Haviland has for many years been fenced /cordoned off by different train station owners. The current owner is looking to buy a 30' x 50' section, which would also alleviate liability for the Village, and the Village would get a permanent easement to use the right-of-way between Pleasant and Haviland. Mr. Murphy said the Village has plowed that area for years in order have access instead of having to turn their trucks around on Haviland. They would continue to maintain that accessway in winter.

Mayor Tallman asked 3 times if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the proposed abandonment. The Mayor then asked if anyone wanted to speak in opposition. Robert Sillence, 339 Pleasant Avenue, lives next door to the train station. He is not opposed to the abandonment, but questioned how they were able to put a patio on a public street. Mr. Murphy said that that particular area had been fenced in (and improved) a long time ago and the law recognizes at least 10 years, so they are now trying to go forward from here. Mr. Sillence commented that he felt the village was plowing a parking lot, noting cars park on both sides of the road. The Mayor asked 2 more times if anyone wanted to speak again the proposed abandonment. Hearing nothing further, the hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m.

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, June 1, 2026.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

PUBLIC EXPRESSION: *Tom, Cullen, 90 Crescent Avenue, supports Mr. and Mrs. Griffin's request to house chickens at 74 Crescent Avenue.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None this evening*

TRUSTEE MOTIONS:

2. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to transfer \$25.75 from A.2770 Miscellaneous Revenue into the Police Equipment Reserve A.0878. This money was collected by the Police Department for copy fees and charges in May 2026.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

3. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Davis, to authorize Mayor Thomas P. Tallman to execute an agreement between the Village of Hamburg and Wireless Business Group LLC for professional consulting services related to Village owned property leased to wireless cell carriers.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

4. **MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Gaughan, seconded by Trustee Park, to approve an Animal & Fowl Permit to allow for six (6) chickens at 74 Crescent Avenue, in accordance with Chapter 109 Article 1 of the Code of the Village of Hamburg.

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:

KIDSPLAY

Deanne Vitrano 22 Randall Terr.	\$21.50/hr
Erin Germono 65 Rovner Pl.	\$18.50/hr
Ava Smith 3485 Lakeview Rd.	\$16.00/hr

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Aidan Tamol 24 Oakhill Dr.	\$15.95/hr
Haidyn Carpenter 4711 Pinecrest Terr., Eden	\$21.00/hr
Payton Marvin 53 Newton Rd.	\$16.20/hr
Mikayla McGuire 7566 Back Creek Rd.	\$16.40/hr
Sydney Sajdak 5990 McKinley Pkwy	\$15.75/hr
Allyson Munro 90 Newton Rd.	\$15.90/hr
Abbie Herman 4631 John Michael Way	\$18.00/hr
Molly Trask 66 Dudley Ave.	\$17.25/hr
Kane O'Connor 158 Union St.	\$15.25/hr
Molly Tamol 24 Oakhill Dr.	\$15.80/hr
Alexandra Smith 3485 Lakeview Rd.	\$15.65/hr
Liliana Smardz 4900 Bernadette Dr	\$15.60/hr
Madeline Lavelle 19 Sleepy Hollow Rd. Orchard Park	\$15.60/hr
Connor Rydholm 4380 Rushford Dr.	\$15.25/hr
Kennedy Calvert 321 Prospect Ave.	\$15.40/hr
Gigi Rakowski 308 Prospect Ave.	\$15.40/hr
Abby DeMaria 311 Prospect Ave.	\$15.40/hr

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Dominick Costanzo 80 Woodview Ave.	\$15.25/hr
Addison Schweizer 5552 Northside Dr.	\$15.40/hr
Addison Perkins 4126 Ridgefield Terr.	\$15.40/hr
Samantha Kelley 4685 Morgan Pkwy	\$15.25/hr
Kam McNamara 6582 Taylor Rd.	\$15.40/hr
Trent Gibson 73 Colvin Ave.	\$15.25/hr
Jenna Crowley 4627 Pinecrest Terr., Eden	\$15.25/hr
Kayla Domster 5240 Woodrich Ct.	\$15.45/hr
Kennedy Domster 5240 Woodrich Ct.	\$15.45/hr
Gavin Eustace 179 Euclid Ave.	\$15.00/hr
Maya Jamison 71 Boxwood Circle	\$15.00/hr
Thomas Herbert 104 Hawkins Ave.	\$15.00/hr
Ryan Eichler 6741 East Eden Rd.	\$15.00/hr
Gabriella Bapst 240 Pleasant Ave.	\$15.00/hr
Jackson Mancuso 50 Rovner Place	\$15.00/hr
Lily Brooks 187 Charlotte Ave.	\$15.00/hr
Noah Snyder 65 Milford St.	\$15.00/hr

Reese Kinley 4304 Mary Dr., Eden	\$15.00/hr
Ally Ilkiwskyj 4196 Beaubien Dr.	\$15.00/hr
Grace McDonald 42 Bittersweet Lane	\$15.20/hr
Riley Flynn 125 Euclid Ave.	\$15.20/hr
Haley Suda 6522 Fairlane Dr. Boston	\$15.20/hr
Zachary McDonnell 6518 Old East Eden Rd.	\$15.20/hr
Torri Scholl 3174 Old Lakeview Rd.	\$15.65/hr

GROUND

Theo Haeick 50 Sherburn Dr.	\$15.00/hr
Eli Gilmour 171 Union St.	\$15.00/hr
Will Husband 203 Sherburn Dr.	\$15.00/hr
Nathan Batesky 5942 Shamrock Ct.	\$15.00/hr

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

6. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded Deputy Mayor Gaughan, that upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Public Works Marc Shuttleworth, Tyler Pfohl is hereby appointed from the position of Collector in the Sanitation Department to the position of Truck Driver in the Streets Department of Public Works, effective June 16, 2026 for a probationary period of six (6) months from the date of appointment at the beginning rate of \$28.31/hr.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

7. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gaughan, to appoint Bo Johnson, 44 Union Street, Apt. #3, Hamburg, NY to the position of Refuse Collector-Laborer in the Department of Public Works, effective June 16, 2026, subject to completion of a background check

and pre-employment physical. The starting hourly rate for the position is \$19.20, with a probationary period of six (6) months from the date of appointment.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

8. **MOTION** by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Hackathorn,

WHEREAS, the Village of Hamburg has entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the Town of Hamburg in order to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hamburg will receive from the Town of Hamburg's 2026 CDBG funds, support for housing programs, counseling, eviction and rental assistance and public services within the Village of Hamburg.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Thomas P. Tallman shall be authorized to sign the agreement by and between the Town of Hamburg and the Village of Hamburg with regard to Community Development Block Grant funds.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

9. **MOTION** by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Hackathorn,

WHEREAS, the Village of Hamburg wishes to abandon/discontinue a small portion of Haviland Place that is located at the west end of Haviland Place where Haviland Place is a dead end; and

WHEREAS, prior to final approval of this abandonment/discontinuance, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamburg wishes to ensure that it complies with the provisions of State Environmental Quality Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that the action is subject to SEQRA (6 NYCRR §617.7 (a)(i)), and that the action involves the Village of Hamburg as the approving agency (§617.6 (a)(iii)); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, by exercising due diligence, has determined that the Village of Hamburg is to perform as lead agency; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed SEQR Short Form Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3, and a draft Negative Declaration/Notice of Determination of Non-Significance prepared by the Village Attorney in accordance with the criteria for determining significance of an action set for at 6 NYCRR §617.7.7 ©; and

WHEREAS, having considered the action's potential environmental impacts associated with the action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Hamburg, that the proposed action is subject to SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action appears to be an Unlisted action pursuant to SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Hamburg is lead agency for such action under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board, as lead agency, adopts the findings, conclusions and rationale relating to the probable environmental impacts of the action, contained within the Short EAF Form including parts 1, 2 and 3, and Negative Declaration/Notice of Determination of Non-Significance, and authorizes Jason T. Cozza, Village Administrator of the Village of Hamburg, to execute the EAF and to file the Negative Declaration/Notice of Determination of Non-Significance in accordance with the applicable provisions of law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

10. **MOTION** by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Hackathorn, to approve a request by The Active You to hold a 5K Run on Saturday, June 27, 2026 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Approval is subject to the submission of a facility use application and agreement, the approved race route, and the appropriate insurance.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

11. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kara Stone from the Village of Hamburg Police Department, effective July 3, 2026.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

12. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to authorize the payment of the Village of Hamburg Accounts for the period ending June 15, 2026.

GENERAL FUND.....	\$92,235.35
CAPITAL FUND	4,752.00
TRUST & AGENCY FUND.....	<u>203,540.36</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$300,527.71

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

13. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gaughan,

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW to amend Article 1 of Chapter 182 of the Code of the Village of Hamburg.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamburg as follows:

ARTICLE I Removal of Grass, Weeds, Brush and Debris

§ 182-1. Duty of owner or occupant.

It shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of lands within the Village to cut down or cause to be cut down all overgrown weeds, grass, brush and other vegetation and to remove or cause to be removed all garbage and tree limbs or other debris on said land as necessary to maintain such land in a sanitary and orderly condition. It shall be a violation of this article to allow grass, weeds or brush to grow to a height exceeding 10 inches, on average.

§ 182-2. Enforcing official; notification of noncompliance.

It shall be the duty of the Code Enforcement Officer to see that the provisions of this article are enforced. Where violations of this article exist the Code Enforcement Officer shall provide written notice to the owner of the property, via certified and regular mail, of the violation(s). Such notice shall give the owner 10 days to correct the violation(s) and to comply with the requirements of this article.

§ 182-3. Performance of work by Village.

- A. After the expiration of the 10-day notice, the Code Enforcement Officer shall reinspect the property. If the owner has failed to comply with said notice, the Code Enforcement Officer shall coordinate with the Village of Hamburg Superintendent of Public Works to do the work. The Superintendent may, in his or her discretion, use Village personnel or a private contractor to do the work. In either case, a charge shall be made to cover the cost incurred to accomplish the work required.
- B. After the initial performance of the work on the property by the Village or private contractor, if the owner continues to fail to comply with the requirements of this article, the Code Enforcement Officer may, upon re-inspection of the property, order additional work on the property to bring the property into compliance with the requirements of this article. Each such order must be preceded by a written 10-day notice compiled and served in accordance with the requirements of this article. There shall be no limit on the number of occasions work is performed on the property to maintain compliance with the requirements of this article, so long as each occasion is preceded by an inspection and reinspection by the Code Enforcement Officer and the required 10- day notice.

§ 182-4. Reports and assessments.

All costs and expenses incurred by the Village of Hamburg enforcing this article shall be certified by the Superintendent of Public Works to the Village of Hamburg Receiver of Taxes and shall be added to the next assessment roll for the Village of Hamburg taxes against the property, and shall be collected and enforced in the same manner as other taxes for the property. The Code Enforcement Officer shall keep an account of all notices, inspections and work done on each property and shall provide a monthly report to the Village Board and the Village Administrator.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

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STAFF REPORTS:

Department of Public Works: DPW Superintendent Marc Shuttleworth announced that there is a recycling event this Monday, June 22 at the DPW beginning at 7:30 a.m. Village resident can drop off electronics, propane tanks, tires etc.

Recreation Dept: Recreation Supervisor Josh Haeick announced that the Village Swim Center and Splash Pad are now open. The Splash Pad is free and there is a membership fee for the Village Swim Center. Village residents get a lower rate on the swim fees.

Police Dept.: Police Chief Rick Schara recognized the two years of service by village police officer Kara Stone. Officer Stone has decided to step outside of police work and the Chief wished her well.

FURTHER PUBLIC EXPRESSION: None this evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Tallman was pleased to announce that Gov. Kathy Hochul awarded the Village of Hamburg a \$4.5 million dollar NY Forward grant that the Village applied for earlier this year. The NY forward grant is aimed at the betterment of a community by revitalizing or improving downtown. The Mayor noted that the City of Jamestown and the Village of Falconer were also awarded money. He thanked Village Administrator Jason Cozza and Community Liaison Kim Bourke for all of their work on the grant.

The Mayor also announced that tomorrow night's Concert in Memorial Park will feature Tom Stahl & The Dangerfield beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The next Work Session of the Board with department heads and staff will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 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, July 6, 2026. These meetings are open to the press and public.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McKee

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Deputy Clerk