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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamburg was called to order by Mayor Thomas P. Tallman at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 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
	Matt Cullen	Police Captain
Excused:	Richard Schara	Police Chief
	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, May 4, 2026.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

PUBLIC EXPRESSION: *None this evening*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None this evening*

TRUSTEE MOTIONS:

2. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to authorize Mayor Thomas P. Tallman to sign the *Retainer Agreement* by and between the Village of Hamburg and Edward J. Murphy III, Esq., to act as attorney for the Village of Hamburg from June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

3. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to authorize Mayor Thomas P. Tallman to sign the *Memorandum of Understanding* by and between the Village of Hamburg and Kimberly A. Bourke, Community Liaison, for a term beginning on June 1, 2026 and ending on May 31, 2027.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

4. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gaughan, to authorize Mayor Thomas P. Tallman to sign an agreement between the Village of Hamburg and Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc., for engineering services associated with identified Village projects and other general services as authorized by the Village, for the period of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

5. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gaughan, to approve a request by the Shake on the Lake theater group to hold *Shake on the Lake* in Memorial Park on Friday, August 7, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Approval is subject to the submission of a *Facility Use Application and Agreement* and the appropriate insurance.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

6. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gaughan, to authorize Mayor Thomas P. Tallman to sign the *Consulting Agreement* by and between the Village of Hamburg and Patrick J. Healy, Computer System Consultant, for a term beginning June 1, 2026 and ending on May 31, 2027.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

7. **MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Gaughan, seconded by Trustee Park, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Susan Vantine from the Village's Civic Beautification Committee.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

8. **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:

POOL MANAGER

Mike Salerno	\$22.75/hr
6 Forsythia Dr. OP	

HEAD GUARDS

Cassidy Kumiega	\$18.00/hr
6346 White Oak Way, Lakeview	

Rebecca Robbins	\$18.75/hr
4512 Cooperfield Dr.	

RED CROSS INSTRUCTOR

Aime Hofner	\$22.25/hr
4941 Armor Drive	

LIFEGUARDS

Gabriella Mancuso	\$16.90/hr
50 Rovner Pl.	

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LIFEGUARDS (continued)

Bryce Terry 42 Oakhill Dr.	\$16.55/hr
Evan Sullivan 2285 Hobblebush Ln.	\$16.25/hr
Maeve Lickfeld 121 Choate Ave.	\$16.25/hr
Anna Reukauf 4933 Brenner Dr.	\$16.25/hr
Kay Lindstrom 8355 Holly Hill Ct. 14057	\$16.25/hr
Katherine Holmes 149 Sunset Dr.	\$16.25/hr
Addison Kumeiga 6346 White Oak Way 14085	\$16.60/hr
Dominic Buczkowski 8702 Park Dr.	\$16.65/hr
Miles Liebenow 317 Pleasant Ave.	\$16.00/hr
Jonah Moscato 15 Schult Rd	\$16.00/hr
James Steffen 188 George St.	\$16.00/hr
Nathan Reukauf 4933 Brenner Dr.	\$16.00/hr
Ethan Kaminski 218 Buffalo St.	\$16.00/hr
Joseph Rogers 6697 Versailles Rd. Lakeview 14085	\$16.00/hr
Brady Sullivan 2285 Hobblebush Lane	\$15.75/hr
Sam Watkins 310 Highland Ave.	\$15.75/hr
Elise Smith 103 Pierce Ave.	\$15.75/hr

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Reilly Herbert 104 Hawkins Ave.	\$15.75/hr
Tanner Severson 43 Union St.	\$15.75/hr
Evan Liebenow 317 Pleasant Ave.	\$15.50/hr
Sarah Reagan 120 Long Ave.	\$15.50/hr
Brenden Pieszak 21 Euclid Ave.	\$15.50/hr
Lily Tejeira 5211 Scranton Rd.	\$15.00/hr

POOL STAFF: (NON-LIFEGUARDS)

Mitch McDonnell 6518 Old East Eden Rd	\$17.00hr
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AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

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

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE
WOODVIEW PARK PLAYGROUND**

WHEREAS, public playgrounds serve as essential recreational spaces that contribute to the health, development, and well-being of children and families in our community; and

WHEREAS, recent observations, community feedback, and preliminary inspections have revealed that several municipal playgrounds are in varying states of disrepair, including but not limited to outdated equipment, and general wear and tear; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the municipality to ensure that public play spaces are safe, accessible, inclusive, and in good working condition for residents of all ages and abilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Village of Hamburg acknowledges the urgent need for updates and improvements at Village neighborhood playgrounds; The Village enthusiastically supports the seeking of NYPLAYS funding to replace the playground at Woodview Park, and agrees to utilize Village funding to satisfy the 20% required match.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

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

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE AND FEDERAL ACTION TO ESTABLISH HIGH SCHOOL FIREFIGHTER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

WHEREAS, the Village of Hamburg relies significantly on the service and dedication of volunteer fire departments to protect life and property within the community; and

WHEREAS, volunteer fire departments throughout New York State and the nation are experiencing ongoing challenges with recruitment, retention, and training of new members; and

WHEREAS, providing structured firefighter education and training opportunities to high school juniors and seniors would introduce young people to public safety careers while addressing critical workforce shortages in fire service; and

WHEREAS, integrating firefighter training into high school curricula would allow students to earn academic credit toward graduation while acquiring valuable life skills, leadership experience, and nationally recognized firefighting certifications; and

WHEREAS, students completing such programs would enter volunteer and career fire service with foundational training already completed, resulting in significant cost savings for towns, villages, and cities that would otherwise bear the expense of initial firefighter training; and

WHEREAS, municipalities and career fire departments would benefit by hiring candidates who are already trained and certified, provided such candidates successfully complete all required New York State Civil Service examinations; and

WHEREAS, New York State has previously demonstrated support for fire service recruitment and training through initiatives such as firefighter training stipends, grants, and assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, existing federal grant programs, including those administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provide a framework that could be expanded or adapted to support firefighter education programs within secondary schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Hamburg respectfully urges the New York State Legislature and the United States Congress to develop, support, and fund a comprehensive firefighter education program for high school juniors and seniors that integrates certified firefighter training into approved high school curricula, provides academic credit toward graduation, and creates a direct pathway into volunteer or career fire service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such a program would strengthen public safety, reduce municipal training costs, and promote long-term sustainability of volunteer and career fire departments across New York State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature, the Village's State and Federal representatives, and the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF).

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AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

11. **MOTION** by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Hackathorn, to authorize the appointment of John Licata, 135 Prospect Avenue, to the position of School Crossing Guard PT, effective May 19, 2026, with a daily rate of \$30.30 and a probationary period of six months from the date of this appointment

AYES:
NAYS:

12. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to transfer \$11,266.50 from A.0878 Recreation Reserve to A.7310.443 Building Maintenance for the repair and painting of the Youth Center. This is for an expense that is part of an Erie County grant for the Youth Center.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

13. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee Davis, to authorize the payment of the Village of Hamburg Accounts for the period ending May 18, 2026.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

GENERAL FUND.....	\$211,738.04
CAPITAL FUND	167,156.26
TRUST & AGENCY FUND.....	<u>355,099.70</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$733,994.00

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

14. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gaughan, to approve a *Special Use Permit* in accordance with Village of Hamburg Code Section 250-43, Special Use Permit, Section 250-20.4 Use Lists, and Section 250-23.22 Short-term Rentals for a Short-term Rental located at 202 Pleasant Avenue.

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS:

Department of Public Works: *Nothing more to report this evening.*

Police Dept.: *Nothing more to report this evening.*

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FURTHER PUBLIC EXPRESSION: *Mary Odden, 102 Oak Hill Drive, wanted to talk about the lighting from Glen Meadows Park that intrudes on the residents of Oak Hill Drive. She did have a discussion with Marc Shuttleworth just prior to this portion of the meeting and he agreed to work with her on the issue. Ms. Odden suggested that any added lighting in the future should be turned inward into the park and not outward.*

MAYOR'S REPORT: *Mayor Tallman reported that summer is around the corner and there are lots of good things coming up for the village.*

The next Work Session of the Board with department heads and staff will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 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, June 1, 2026. These meetings are open to the press and public.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McKee

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Deputy Clerk