

**1 Village of Hamilton
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting of August 6, 2013
4:00p.m., Village Office**

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Mayor Margaret Miller; Trustees: Russ Lura, Jen Servedio, Debbie Kliman, and Sam Cooper; Village Treasurer Mary Ann Henderson

Public Present: Sally Lura; Ben Eberhardt, 10 Madison Street; Shannon Mantaro, PCD

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

Shannon Mantaro, PCD Director, explained the rationale behind the decision to apply for this grant. A document labeled Enhancing Pedestrian Environment and Streetscape Improvements on Lebanon Street, Hamilton, NY. This would be an 80%/20% match grant. The application is due August 16, 2013. The Trustees had an issue with the word bump outs used in 1.a. and asked that it be removed. This grant is similar to the STEP application and will supplement the STEP shortage.

Resolution No. 82- 2013

Resolution to authorize the submission of Transportation Enhancement Program and application for five-way intersection improvements in the Village of Hamilton

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WHEREAS, the Village of Hamilton Master Plan, adopted March 2009, states, regarding the intersection of Broad, Utica, Madison, Payne, and Lebanon Streets, “[the Master Plan] will support modification to streets, explore new parking opportunities, and investigate various traffic control mechanisms, when these would ease pedestrian movement and manage vehicular movement, particularly in the historic center”; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2009, Partnership for Community Development (PCD), at the direction of Village of Hamilton, recognizing the need for improvements to the 5-way intersection, retained Elan Planning, Design & Landscape Architecture, PLLC to complete a comprehensive Five-Way Intersection Study and Proposed Improvement Concept Plan (the Plan); and

WHEREAS, the objectives of this Plan include improving vehicular traffic movement, providing a safe pedestrian environment, improving the street aesthetics, parking and signage, and spurring economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Plan represents the culmination of a successful partnership among the PCD, the Village Board of Trustees, the Village Planning Board, the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT), the Town of Hamilton Board of Trustees, the Village Department of Public Works, the Village Pedestrian Safety Committee, the Village Police Department, Colgate University, and the Hamilton Business Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the Region 2 office of the New York State DOT notified the PCD in May, 2013 that new applications for the Transportation Enhancements Program would now be accepted;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the PCD to prepare and the Mayor of the Village of Hamilton to sign applications to the Transportation Enhancements Program to fund proposed streetscape improvements within the Plan.

Motion by Trustee Lura, seconded by Trustee Cooper and unanimously carried.

Resolution # 87a-2013

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Hamilton and its Municipal Utilities Commission is in the planning and design phase for the Village's natural gas public utility; and

WHEREAS, balancing the demand for natural gas among the gas utility's customers and establishing a favorable "load factor" profile will help ensure the success of the natural gas utility; and

WHEREAS, the conversion of oil fired boilers, furnaces and water heaters will have a positive impact on reducing Green House Gas Emissions (GHG) directly impacting the Central Regional Sustainability Plan, and

WHEREAS, financial assistance to encourage the conversion of existing heating systems from fuel oil and other fuel sources to natural gas would significantly benefit the system load factor and the natural gas utility in general.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby approve and authorize the submission of a Consolidated Funding Application to the State of New York for the purpose of obtaining grant funds to assist businesses and institutions with the cost of converting building heating equipment from existing sources to natural gas. Said application shall be in an amount not to exceed \$4,058,348 with the Village share equating to 25% or \$1,014,587. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the application on behalf of the Village, as well as all other documents related to or required by the application, and/or to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Motion by Trustee Cooper, Seconded by Trustee Servedio and unanimously carried.

Eberhardt Request: Ben Eberhardt from the Colgate Inn would like an unloading area for the Inn and their patrons. The Trustees agreed to eliminate the 30 minute parking space by Oliveri's. He is requesting that his property at 10 Madison Street be changed from an R1 to a B1 Zone. He is exploring several options for the property that include a parking lot or a guest house. The Board will send to the Planning Board for review.

Appraisals: The Trustees have decided that it is time to have the Village Office, the Courthouse and the Village owned property next to Ray's Wayside on Lebanon Street appraised. A **motion** was made by Trustee Cooper to contract with an appraiser to appraise the village office, courthouse and property next to Ray's Wayside for \$1400.00. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Kliman and carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Cooper made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Servedio and carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Taranto