

**Village of Hamilton
Board of Trustees &MUC
Public Hearing September 9, 2015
7:00pm Village Courthouse**

Present: Mayor Robert McVaugh; Trustees: Jen Servedio, Russ Lura, Sandra Carter, RuthAnn Loveless; MUC President John Basher; Commissioners: Larry Baker, Rob Gustafson, Bob Holcomb; Police Chief Rick Gifford; Village Clerk Alana Scheckler; Administrator Sean Graham; Administrative Assistant Nancy Mitchell;

Absent:

Public Present: Sally Lura; Bill Davis, MRB Group; Ed Reuter; Jerry Fuller; Jane Todd; Debbie Kliman; Harvey Kliman; Jim Moser; Bill Todd; Carolyn Todd

Mayor McVaugh opened the public hearing at 7:02pm on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

MUC President John Basher opened the public hearing at 7:02pm on behalf of the Municipal Utilities Commission.

Administrator Graham reported that the Village has been dealing with the Chesapeake Bay Effluent Requirements and the DEC unfunded mandate to meet the reduction of nitrogen and phosphorous limits set by the DEC. The estimated cost to update our WWTP is \$8.2 million with a 30 year, 0% financing on an EFC loan. This cost will make it necessary to increase the sewer rates by 57%, which will be phased in over a 3 year period. Bill Davis stated that we are mid-way through the design phase. Grants have been applied for. The plan is to go out to bid in the spring of 2016 with the summer of 2017 completion date.

Ed Reuter: Asked if the building upgrades will be phased in. All upgrades will be complete by 2017.

Jerry Fuller: Asked how water usage correlates to units on his bill. Each unit of water is 100 cu ft.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:20pm.
The MUC President closed the public hearing at 7:20pm.

**RESOLUTION #108-2015
OF THE VILLAGE OF HAMILTON
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMISSION**

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A LOCAL LAW
TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE OF SEWER RENTS AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, upon notice duly published and posted as required, a joint public hearing was held by the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees and Municipal Utilities Commission on September 9, 2015 on the adoption of a proposed local law of the Village of Hamilton entitled “ A local law to establish a Revised Schedule of Sewer Rents and Charges”, and

WHEREAS, the local law increases sewer rents over a three year period in order to provide sufficient revenues to pay debt service for federally and state mandated improvements to the Village’s wastewater treatment system, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Utilities Commission previously held a public information meeting, as well as a meeting with large system users such as Colgate University, regarding the need for, and financial impact of the proposed increases in sewer rents.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Municipal Utilities Commission of the Village of Hamilton determines that it is in the public interest to approve the proposed increases in sewer rents over a three year period in order to provide sufficient revenues to pay debt service for federally and state mandated improvements to the Village’s wastewater treatment system and as such does recommend to the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees the local law entitled “A local law to establish a Revised Schedule of Sewer Rents and Charges” be approved and enacted as presented.

Motion: Commissioner Gustafson

Second: Commissioner Holcomb

Carried: unanimously

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Municipal Utilities Commission, Trustee Lura made a **motion** to adjourn this meeting. The **motion** was seconded by Commissioner Holcomb and unanimously carried. The MUC meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. #109-2015
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HAMILTON**

**A RESOLUTION ENACTING A LOCAL LAW
TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE OF SEWER RENTS AND CHARGES**

WHEREAS, upon notice duly published and posted as required, a joint public hearing was held by the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees and Municipal Utilities Commission on September 9, 2015 on the adoption of a proposed local law of the Village of Hamilton entitled “ A local law to establish a Revised Schedule of Sewer Rents and Charges”, and

WHEREAS, the local law increases sewer rents over a three year period in order to provide sufficient revenues to pay debt service for federally and state mandated improvements to the Village's wastewater treatment system, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this local law is not an action that may have an effect on the environment as defined by the implementing regulations of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, and is therefore not an action subject to SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

After due deliberation, the Board finds it in the best interest of the Village of Hamilton to adopt this local law, and does hereby adopt the local law entitled "A local law to establish a Revised Schedule of Sewer Rents and Charges". The Village Clerk is hereby directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State.

Motion: Trustee Lura

Second: Trustee Loveless

Carried: unanimously carried

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: A **motion** was made by Trustee Lura to hire Stacey Elderkin as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Servedio and unanimously carried.

Deer Harvest: The Mayor reported this has been a multi-year process with a target date to commence on September 20, 2015. Chief Gifford and Administrative Assistant updated those present on the progress of the hunter interviews, the culling process, the donation of venison, and the DEC requirements.

Ed Reuter: Opposed to culling and baiting. Stated he thinks there are only about 20 deer in the Village including Colgate.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Servedio made a **motion** adjourn this meeting. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Loveless and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.