

March 17, 1977

A Public Hearing on the Annexation of Property into the Village of Hamilton was held in the Town Clerk's Office on March 17, 1977 at 7:30 P.M.

Present from the Town of Hamilton Board were Robert Paul, Supervisor; Fenton York and Francis Campbell, Councilmen; and Carl Harris, Highway Superintendent.

Present from the Village of Hamilton were Robert Palmiter, Mayor, and Town Assessor; Sidney Burgess, Clerk, Richard Morton, Robert Patrick, and Jean Thurner, Trustees, and LeRoy Hodge, Attorney.

Also present were Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Hotaling and Mike Hotaling, Doug Carroll and Cindy Ross, Reporters.

The secretary read the Petition received from Colgate University, Community Memorial Hospital, Sigma Chi Fraternity and Stanley Kinney, on the Annexation of 66.50 A. belonging to Colgate University and 6.17 A. belonging to Mr. & Mrs. Hotaling.

Mr. Hotaling questioned the fact that they were mentioned in the legal notice and wanted to know why. Mr. Hodge stated that under the General Municipal Law only 50% of the total assessed valuation on the property was necessary for a petition.

Mr. Hotaling then asked why the Annexation was being considered. Mr. Hodge gave these reasons:

1. The Hospital has expanded.
2. The new swimming pool is being charged a higher rate for water, being in the Town and not in the Village.
3. The boundary lines as now appearing on the map ran thru the center of Route 12-B and created a problem of policing the area properly.
4. When the Village was surveyed in 1819, the surveyors never closed the southeast corner of the Village.

A Gentlemen's Agreement was mentioned whereby the Town would assess Mr. Hotaling and the Village would not, for tax purposes. Mr. Hodge stated that one Board can't bind a future Board.

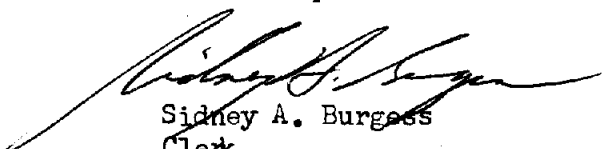
Mr. Palmiter gave a tax report on the properties. He stated that Mr. Hotaling would save \$.06. The Kinney property is assessed for \$33,000.00 by the Town. On this assessment the Town would lose \$243.21 in highway tax and \$37.84 in fire tax for a total of \$281.05 lost revenue to the Town of Hamilton.

The Village Board were asked their opinion on the Annexation and all were in favor of it.

Town of Hamilton Board were also asked their opinion. Mr. York and Mr. Campbell ~~both~~ both stated that in talking with residents of the Town, generally most people were against the annexation because of the loss of \$281.05 in revenue.

Mr. Paul stated that the Town Board would vote on this April 7, 1977 and the Village Board would vote on April 12, 1977, at their next regular meetings.

Mr. Paul said that since there were not more questions that the Public Hearing was adjourned.


Sidney A. Burgess
Clerk