

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE  
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK HELD AT THE  
RALPH J. PERRY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, WESTON ROAD IN  
SAID TOWN ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Town Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The roll was taken with the following Town Officials/Department Heads being present during progress of the meeting:

**TOWN BOARD MEMBERS:** Councilman Donald C. Backman  
Councilman John C. Waszkiewicz III  
Councilman David W. Butler  
Councilman Richard B. Woodland, Jr.  
Supervisor Ralph B. Humphreys

**OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:** Director of Senior Services M. Eileen Spellman  
Highway Superintendent Roger A. Cleveland  
Parks and Recreation Director Michael Jeffery  
Telecommunicator Supervisor Jeffrey P. Madden  
Town Clerk Gail Wolanin Young, CMC/RMC  
Town Police Chief Raymond Philo  
Attorney Vincent J. Rossi, Jr. (Arrived 7:37 PM)

Thereafter, a quorum was declared present for the transaction of business.

**MINUTES**

**September 7, 2005 Town Board minutes**

After reviewing minutes that had been mailed to all Board members, Councilman Waszkiewicz introduced the following Resolution for adoption, seconded by Councilman Butler:

**(RESOLUTION NO. 309 OF 2005)**

**RESOLVED** that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the minutes of the **Regular** Town Board meeting held **September 7, 2005** and does further waive the reading of the same.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye
Councilman Waszkiewicz	-	Aye.

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The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**September 21, 2005 Town Board minutes**

Councilman Butler introduced the following Resolution for adoption, seconded by Councilman Waszkiewicz:

**(RESOLUTION NO. 310 OF 2005)**

**RESOLVED** that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the minutes of the **Regular Town Board meeting** held **September 21, 2005** and does further waive the reading of the same.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye
Councilman Waszkiewicz	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**October 19, 2005 Town Board minutes**

Councilman Waszkiewicz then introduced the following Resolution for adoption, seconded by Councilman Butler:

**(RESOLUTION NO. 311 OF 2005)**

**RESOLVED** that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve as submitted the minutes of the **Regular Town Board meeting** held **October 19, 2005** and does further waive the reading of the same.

Upon roll call, the Board members voted as follows:

Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye
Councilman Waszkiewicz	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

**TOWN CLERK:**

**Proposed Local Law – Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Works**

Having received a copy of Oneida County's legislation relating to real property tax exemptions authorized by Real Property Tax Law, Section 466-e, the Town Clerk is in the process of preparing a local law that would allow real property tax exemptions on the Town-portion of the Town and County tax bills for eligible volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers. The legislation will be forwarded to Board members prior to the November 16, 2005 Town Board meeting.

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES:**

**Activities – New Hartford Adult Dining & Activity Center**

Director of Senior Services Eileen Spellman noted that the following activities will be held at the Adult Dining & Activity Center on Thursday, November 3, 2005:

- flu shot clinic
- free cholesterol screenings
- assistance with HEAP applications
- assistance with health care proxies.

**TELECOMMUNICATOR SUPERVISOR:**

**Award of Contract – Emergency/Standby Generator System**

Upon recommendation of Telecommunicator Supervisor Jeffrey Madden, Councilman Waszkiewicz introduced the following Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Butler:

**(RESOLUTION NO. 312 OF 2005)**

**RESOLVED** that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept the low bid submitted by and does hereby award the electrical contract for the Dispatch Center Emergency/Standby General System to ***ALL-PHAZE ELECTRIC, INC.*** in the amount of Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$5,600).

Telecommunicator Supervisor Madden apprised the Board that installation of the concrete pad will be done in-house. Thereafter, the Town Clerk polled the Board members who voted as follows:

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Councilman Woodland - Aye  
Councilman Backman - Aye  
Supervisor Humphreys - Aye  
Councilman Butler - Aye  
Councilman Waszkiewicz - Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:**

**Appointment – Winter Recreation Employees**

Upon recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director, Councilman Butler offered the following Resolution for adoption, seconded by Councilman Waszkiewicz:

**(RESOLUTION NO. 313 OF 2005)**

**RESOLVED** that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby appoint the following individuals to the various part-time seasonal positions and for the hourly wages set opposite their several names, for the Parks and Recreation Department 2005-06 Winter Season, commencing on the dates specified; all wages to be paid bi-weekly:

***Recreation Center – A7020.14***

*Effective: November 3, 2005*

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>RATE OF PAY</b>
Shauna Noggle	Sub Ice Attendant	\$ 6.00/hour
Jennifer Tesak	Sub Ice Attendant	\$ 6.00/hour

***Playgrounds – A7140.11***

*Effective: December 3, 2005*

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>RATE OF PAY</b>
Jerome Pitarresi	Recreation Director	\$16.85/hour
Gyda Capanna	Recreation Leader	\$15.85/hour
Margaret Brady	Recreation Attendant	\$13.35/hour
Daniel Dreimiller	Recreation Director	\$16.35/hour
Mark Pitarresi	Recreation Attendant	\$10.35/hour
Michael Matt	Recreation Attendant	\$10.35/hour

***Swim Program – A7230.1***

*Effective: November 3, 2005*

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>RATE OF PAY</b>
Sean Dakus	Substitute Lifeguard	\$ 7.75/hour.

A roll call vote ensued:

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Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye
Councilman Waszkiewicz	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**Comprehensive Plan Update for Trails**

The Parks and Recreation Director has received the Master Plan update for trails and for facility needs, has reviewed the document and e-mailed a final copy to the Town Board for their review. Attorney Rossi and the Planning Board will also be reviewing this document.

**Steering Committee on Comprehensive Plan (Park) – Increase Membership**

Councilman Woodland introduced the following Resolution for adoption and Councilman Backman seconded same:

**(RESOLUTION NO. 314 OF 2005)**

**RESOLVED** that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby increase the membership of the Steering Committee on the Comprehensive Parks Plan from nine (9) members to ten (10) members, the tenth position to be filled by the Parks and Recreation Director; this Committee had been created at the October 19, 2005 Town Board meeting, to become effective November 1, 2005.

The Resolution was voted upon by roll call and resulted as follows:

Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye
Councilman Waszkiewicz	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

**Agreement for Engineering Services (Amendment) - Higby Road Water District**

After discussion and upon recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, the following Resolution was introduced for adoption by Councilman Backman and seconded by Councilman Woodland:

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**(RESOLUTION NO. 315 OF 2005)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Hartford has obtained additional financing from the Environmental Facilities Corporation to extend water service beyond the existing boundary of the Higby Road Water District, specifically, to the end of Mohawk Street at the Town of Paris boundary, including the upper part of Elm Street, Chadwicks; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Health issued a letter acknowledging that the Town of New Hartford is eligible for funding and recommending that this funding be approved for the southernmost portion of Mohawk Street and Elm Street, near the Town of Paris boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, additional work would be required for design and construction administration in order to extend the water main to the Town of Paris boundary;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby authorize and direct the Town Supervisor to enter into and to execute an Agreement between the Town and Burley-Guminiak & Associates, increasing the engineering services from Two Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Dollars (\$298,000) to Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$313,000), thus bringing the total engineering services to Four Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$405,000).

Eleven (11) additional property owners would be serviced by this extension and share in the debt service; also, since the Higby Road Water District had been created, additional residences (formerly vacant lots) have been constructed and these properties also will have a levy for debt service.

The foregoing Resolution was voted upon by roll call as follows:

Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye
Councilman Waszkiewicz	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**Pre-Development Agreement & MOU – Slocum Dickson Medical Group**

Upon recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, Councilman Butler introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Waszkiewicz:

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**(RESOLUTION NO. 316 OF 2005)**

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 2005 the Town Board adopted Resolution No. 292, authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into a Pre-Development Agreement and MOU between the Town and the Slocum Dickson Medical Group for a 4600 square foot new MRI facility; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to October 19, 2005, Slocum Dickson Medical Group submitted an amended plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby *rescind Resolution No. 292, adopted October 19, 2005* and does hereby authorize and direct the Town Supervisor to enter into and to execute an amended Pre-Development Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and *Slocum Dickson Medical Group, 1729 Burrstone Road, New Hartford, NY* wherein said *Slocum Dickson* has offered to contribute, as per the conditions of said Pre-Development Agreement, the total sum of Twenty-one Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-five Dollars and Ninety-six Cents (\$21,585.96) as it relates to the addition of approximately 7,268 square feet to the existing building for a new MRI within the French-Burrstone-Champlin Ave Generic Environmental Impact Study boundary area.

The Town Clerk polled the Board members who voted as follows:

Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye
Councilman Waszkiewicz	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**Personnel – Medical Absence of Highway Department employees**

Relative to Resolution No. 302, adopted October 19, 2005, authorizing the Highway Superintendent to hire two (2) temporary laborers, Highway Superintendent Cleveland reported that the second position has been filled by Christopher Budlong whose employment application had been approved by the Oneida County Personnel Department. In accordance with current Town policy, Mr. Budlong, who began employment on Thursday, October 27, 2005, will earn Seven Dollars and Seventy-five Cents (\$7.75) per hour, payable bi-weekly.

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**Proposed Inter-municipal Agreement – Snowplowing/Willowvale Fire Co., Inc.**

A draft inter-municipal agreement has been referred to Attorney Rossi for his review and comment, relating to the Highway Department providing snowplow service for the Willowvale Fire Company's parking lot; copies of the proposal were distributed to the Town Board members who may contact the Highway Superintendent with any questions that may arise. This matter will be placed on the November 16, 2005 Agenda.

**Proposed Woods Highway Water Project**

Highway Superintendent Cleveland represented to the Board that the USDA Rural Development water project application administrator function for our region has, at least temporarily, been moved from the Marcy office to the Canandaigua office. As a result of this move, the Canandaigua office has contacted us and we have been asked, again, to update our information, and to provide new information for a pre-application. Additional technical services will be required to assimilate the necessary information, forward it to the Canandaigua office and coordinate with that office on funding availability.

[NOTE: Attorney Rossi joined the meeting at 7:37 P.M.]

Thereafter, Councilman Woodland introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Backman:

**(RESOLUTION NO. 317 OF 2005)**

**WHEREAS**, the New Hartford Town Board desires to advance the Woods Highway Water Project; and

**WHEREAS**, said Board understands that additional technical services are required to assimilate information required for a pre-application funding determination;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby authorize and direct the Town Supervisor to enter into and to execute a contract in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) with Burley-Guminiak & Associates to provide technical services related to a pre-application funding determination by Rural Development for the Woods Highway Water Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the contracted amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) shall be appropriated from the Fees in Lieu of Mitigation Trust Fund, Water Sub-category, emanating from the Seneca Turnpike-Commercial Drive Generic Environmental Impact Study.

The Town Clerk polled the Board members who voted as follows:



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Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye
Councilman Waszkiewicz	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**New Route 840 (Judd Road Extension) – Signage Issues**

Upon recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, Councilman Waszkiewicz introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Backman:

**(RESOLUTION NO. 318 OF 2005)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Hartford, in concert with the Town of Whitestown and the Villages of New Hartford, Whitesboro, Yorkville and New York Mills (hereinafter, Local Communities), commend our Federal and State representatives and the NYS Department of Transportation for advancing the construction of the Judd Road Extension (hereinafter, Project) to improve ingress and egress to the Route 5A commercial corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, following the completion of the Project, the Local Municipalities have collectively reviewed the signage installed as a function of the Project with regards to interim points of destination, street names commonly used within the marketed area of the Route 5A commercial corridor, and in regards to a secondary commercial and retail area existing on New Hartford Street and Old Campion Road (hereinafter, New Hartford Street Business District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project has significantly changed travel patterns within the region, and brought about a substantial amount of confusion to regular patrons of the corridor, and to new patrons of the corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, in the opinion of the Local Municipalities, supplements to existing signage and the addition of new signage and sign language will provide an additional level of comfort to the regular patrons of the Route 5A corridor, attenuate much of the confusion for new customers basing their travel on commonly used advertising references, provide better identification and clearer direction to the New Hartford Street Business District, and clearly identify routes that will take the traveling public to centers of local government;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Local Municipalities do hereby petition NYS Department of Transportation to work in concert with the Local

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Municipalities to supplement and/or add, as required, signage contained on a map entitled Proposed Signage Changes to the Judd Road Extension project, attached and made a part of this petition; and

**RESOLVED** that the modifications to the signage, as shown on the referenced map, be installed in a timely manner so as to benefit the traveling public during the upcoming retail season; and

**RESOLVED** that the Local Municipalities thank the NYS Department of Transportation, in advance, for their cooperation in improving the economic development and the economic climate of our region.

The Town Clerk polled the Board members who voted as follows:

Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye
Councilman Waszkiewicz	-	Aye.

The Resolution was thereafter declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**POLICE CHIEF:**

**Fiscal – 2005 Budget Adjustments**

Chief Philo explained that the Police Department had secured unbudgeted revenue during fiscal year 2005 and he recommended that the appropriation and revenue accounts reflect these funds. Councilman Waszkiewicz offered the following Resolution for adoption and Councilman Woodland seconded same:

**(RESOLUTION NO. 319 OF 2005)**

**RESOLVED** that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby authorize and direct the Bookkeeper to make the following 2005 Budget revenue adjustments for the Police Department:

<b><u>Revenue Account No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
AA1589.2	Safe and Sober Campaign	\$ 3,200.00
AA1590.5	Homeland Security Exercise Grant	\$ 1,598.74
AA2680	Insurance Reimbursement – Dispatch	\$21,604.12

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and be it noted that the above-referenced revenues offset expenditures in the following appropriation accounts:

<b><u>Appropriation</u></b>		
<b><u>Account No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
AA3120.1	Personnel Salaries/Officers	\$ 3,200.00
AA3120.1	Personnel Salaries/Officers	\$ 1,598.74
AA3220.4	Dispatch – Contractual Expense	\$21,604.12

A roll call vote was duly held and resulted as follows:

Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye
Councilman Waszkiewicz	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**MATTERS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMEN**

**COUNCILMAN WASZKIEWICZ:**

**Agenda items**

- New Street Signage – Tilden Avenue, Camden Lane, and Liberty Gardens – Deputy Highway Superintendent Anthony DeCuffa will check to see if the signs have been erected
- Grant Writer – J. T. O’Connell will submit a proposal at the November 16, 2005 Town Board meeting.
- Recreation path dedication in honor of Philip Rayhill – have contacted the Rayhill family as to a date for the dedication; the date will be confirmed at the November 16, 2005 Town Board meeting
- Town News Letter – nothing new to report
- Oneida County Empire Zone Board – has crystallized the map for “blobs”

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Waszkiewicz and duly seconded by Councilman Backman:

**(RESOLUTION NO. 320 OF 2005)**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND CONCURRING IN ONEIDA  
COUNTY’S APPLICATION FOR RE-DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN  
AREAS WITHIN THE TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD AS AN EMPIRE ZONE**

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 961 of the General Municipal Law, the County of Oneida authorized, pursuant to Local Law No. 5 of 1997, and application by the County of Oneida for designation of certain areas as an Empire Zone within the meaning of said statute, such designation was approved by the New York State Commissioner of Economic Development and was formally designated by the Empire Zones Designation Board on June 15, 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, the designated boundaries of the Empire Zone were revised by Local Law No. 2 of 2002; Local Law No. 2 of 2003 and Local Law No. 1 of 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Legislature and the Governor have enacted into law changes to the Empire Zones program, whereby each existing Empire Zone must configure its existing zone acreage into six “distinct and separate contiguous” areas; the boundaries of said areas to be included in said Empire Zone within this municipality shall be as set forth in *Schedule A*, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sections 957(d) and 961 of the General Municipal Law, the County of Oneida has proposed the re-designation of the existing Oneida County Empire Zone into six “distinct and separate contiguous areas”, which will include the Town of New Hartford; and

**WHEREAS**, such re-designation could greatly benefit the Town of New Hartford in that new businesses would be encouraged to locate in the zone area, existing businesses would be encouraged to expand in the zone area and new and expanded businesses would generate new jobs for Town of New Hartford residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Oneida intends to authorize the submission of an application for the re-designation of areas within Oneida County as an Empire Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Oneida wishes to re-designate certain areas within the Town of New Hartford as part of the proposed Empire Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Hartford is desirous of working with the County of Oneida through the Empire Zone Program to provide enhanced job opportunities for its residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, New York, that it fully supports and concurs in the submission of an application by THE COUNTY OF ONEIDA for the re-designation of certain areas as an Empire Zone.

The Town Board then voted upon roll call as follows:

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Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye
Councilman Waszkiewicz	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

- Noise restriction – advised by the Town Codes Enforcement Officer and the Zoning/Planning Committee to table this matter until after January 1, 2006; Councilman Woodland would like to re-address the nuisance abatement at that time as well
- Judd Road Extension (Route 840) and peripheral road signage with area Villages and Town of Whitestown – previously discussed under Reports of Town Officials, Highway Superintendent, with a Resolution having been adopted

**COUNCILMAN BACKMAN:**

**Dr. Wilcox Property – Sessions Road Re-alignment**

Councilman Backman inquired about the status of Dr. Wilcox’ property, stating that Dr. Wilcox is not interested in re-acquiring the land where old road was prior to re-alignment. Attorney Rossi responded that deeds will be exchanged in the near future.

**MATTERS SUBMITTED BY TOWN SUPERVISOR**

**FINANCIAL:**

**Audit of Vouchers**

Councilman Butler presented the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Woodland:

**(RESOLUTION NO. 321 OF 2005)**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of New Hartford does hereby authorize and direct the payment of the bills itemized on the following Abstracts, that have been duly audited by the Town Board:

General Fund Whole-Town Abstract No. 37	
Vouchers AA1711-AA1715	\$ 3,321.38
General Fund Whole-Town Abstract No. 38	
Vouchers AA1718-AA1768;	
Vouchers AA1770-AA1772; AA1781-AA1782	\$ 77,945.03

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General Fund Whole-Town (Police) Abstract No. 38A Vouchers AA1773-AA1780	\$ 24,902.55
General Fund Part-Town Abstract No. 24 Vouchers BB147-BB152	\$ 5,199.26
Highway Fund Part-Town Abstract No. 25 Vouchers DB493-DB506	\$ 49,935.87
Sewer Fund Abstract No. 26 Voucher SS89-SS101	\$ 16,604.02
Drainage Capital Project Abstract No. 18 Vouchers HC113-HC122	\$ <u>1,441.07</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ <u>179,349.18</u></b>

Whereupon, the Town Board members voted individually as follows:

Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye
Councilman Waszkiewicz	-	Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**Appointment – Board of Assessment Review Member**

Upon recommendation of the Town Supervisor who had discussed the matter with the Town Assessor and Matthew Bohn, Councilman Butler introduced the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilman Backman:

**(RESOLUTION NO. 322 OF 2005)**

**WHEREAS**, the term of office of Matthew Bohn as a member of the Board of Assessment Review had expired September 30, 2005;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby re-appoint Matthew Bohn as a Member of the Board of Assessment Review for a five (5) year term, retroactive to October 1, 2005 and terminating September 30, 2010.

The Town Clerk polled the Town Board members who voted as follows:

Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Councilman Backman	-	Aye
Supervisor Humphreys	-	Aye
Councilman Butler	-	Aye

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Councilman Waszkiewicz - Aye.

The Resolution was declared unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

**Zoning – “Use Variance” application**

Attorney Rossi distributed copies of his November 2, 2005 letter to the Town Zoning Board of Appeals, with a draft “Use Variance” application.

**Open Green Space for Parks and Recreation**

Attorney Rossi noted that the Planning Board is willing to meet with him to discuss the findings for park and open recreation space in future subdivisions, that would be included in the Parks Comprehensive Plan update.

**Pending Certiorari (Assessment) Cases**

Relative to Councilman Woodland’s previous request, Attorney Rossi will forward a list of all pending certiorari cases the week of November 7, 2005.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 8:07 P.M. ***2006 Preliminary Budget and Special Districts***

The Town Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 8:07 P.M. and Town Clerk Gail Wolanin Young presented the Notice of Hearing Upon the 2006 Preliminary Budget, Affidavit of Posting, and Proof of Publication (October 27, 2005 edition of the Observer Dispatch). Supervisor Humphreys stated that the purpose of the Hearing was to offer the citizens an opportunity to speak for or against the budget, or any portion thereof.

Supervisor Humphreys reviewed the proposed 2006 tax rates (per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) for the following special districts/improvement areas:

<u>District</u>	<u>Proposed 2006 Rate</u>	<u>2005 Rate</u>
○ Fire District 1 and 2	\$0.5592/m	\$0.5081/m
○ Fire District 3	\$0.5664/m	\$0.5088/m
○ Fire District 4	\$2.0399/m	\$1.8302/m
○ Fire District 5	\$0.7995/m	\$0.6405/m
○ Consolidated Sewer	\$20 unit charge & ▪ \$0.4435/m	\$20 unit charge & \$0.4288/m
○ Woodberry Sewer	\$0.1515/m	\$0.1536/m
○ Clinton Street Sewer	\$0.7491/m	\$2.1020/m
○ Jubilee Estates Drainage	\$0.5192/m	\$0.

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Also,

General Fund Whole-Town	\$1.1272/m	\$0.869
General Fund Police	\$2.3454/m	\$1.8223/m

On behalf of the Citizens Budget Committee that participated in review of the various departmental budgets, Fred Carville made several comments:

- \$500,000 discrepancy in budget [Town Supervisor explained that the Town had used some of the fund balance over the past two (2) years, instead of borrowing monies; the Town is dependent upon sales tax revenue which is not a definite amount. Also, when the Town separated police expense from the remaining whole-town general fund appropriations, approximately \$850,000 in police/dispatch employee benefits was left in general fund instead of being in the police general fund. Through cooperation of the Police Chief, the Town was able to offset this amount by \$350,000 and the Town now needs \$466,000 to offset this for 2006. He said that \$500,000 for studies like GEIS had been removed from the 2006 Tentative Budget and wasn't included in the Preliminary Budget.]
- increase to \$13.8 million, up from the 2005 Budget of \$11.8 million
- recommended that the Town eliminate funding for the Emergency Dispatch Center and to join Oneida County's 9-1-1 Program

Councilman Butler recommended the following **deletions**:

- Raises for the Town Board and Town Supervisor; consensus was reached to eliminate the raises
- Increase Highway DB5142.11 (employee overtime) by \$30,000 and decrease Highway DB5112.4 (paving) by \$100,000 for fiscal year 2006 only, as agreed by Highway Superintendent, thereby saving \$70,000

Councilman Backman proposed eliminating all equipment requests submitted by the Highway Department, Police Department and Parks/Recreation Department and to scale back funding to the Library to the 2005 appropriation.

With no one further coming forth to speak in the matter, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:31 P.M.

After further deliberations, the Town Board agreed to conduct a Special Town Board meeting on Monday, November 7, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. in Butler Memorial Hall for the purpose of a budget workshop.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion duly made by Councilman Waszkiewicz and seconded by Councilman Butler the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Gail Wolanin Young, CMC/RMC  
Town Clerk*

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**Schedule A**  
**(Resolution No. 320)**