



**WORK SESSION AGENDA
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

MAYOR'S REPORT

CODE ENFORCEMENT – DAVE RICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF SEKUTERSKI

COMMUNITY LIAISON – KIM BOURKE

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR COZZA

DEPUTY MAYOR GAUGHAN

- A) Hamburg Holidays
- B) Beautification
- C) Recreation

TRUSTEE HACKATHORN

- A) Historic Preservation
- B) Economic Development

TRUSTEE PARK

- A) Environmental Conservation
- B) Justice Department

TRUSTEE DAVIS

- A) Planning Commission
- B) Architectural Review Committee

VILLAGE ATTORNEY MURPHY

POLICE CHIEF RICK CHARA

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT SHUTTLEWORTH

- A) Updates

RECREATION SUPERVISOR HAEICK

VILLAGE OF HAMBURG

Vision: *The Most Desirable Community in Western New York Where Quality of Life, Affordability and Innovation is the Norm.*

Mission: *Village Representatives and Employees that care for the Community by efficiently providing services while preparing for the future.*

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION: (HAMBURG VILLAGE BOARD POLICY ESTABLISHED 4/19/99)

1) The public shall be allowed to speak only during the Public Expression periods of the meeting or at such other times as a majority of the Board shall allow. 2) Speakers must give their name, address and organization, if any. 3) Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer. 4) Speakers must limit remarks to three (3) minutes per person and a maximum of twelve (12) minutes regarding each subject matter. 5) Speakers may not yield any remaining time they may have to another speaker. 6) All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof. 7) Speakers shall observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste. Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated and might result in removal from the building. 8) Interested parties or their representatives may address the Board by written communication.

MEETING AGENDA FEBRUARY 17, 2026

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026**
- 4. CHARACTER COUNCIL OF WNY:** The virtue for February is Generosity. Generosity is giving freely of my time, talents and possessions without expecting anything in return.
- 5. PUBLIC EXPRESSION:**
- 6. CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - A) Character Council of WNY re: Request to hold the annual *Character Chase 5K Run* on Saturday, May 9, 2026
 - B) Rich Blose/Inspire Foundation re: Request to hold the annual Burgerfest on Saturday, July 18, 2026
All correspondence is received, reviewed and on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's office
- 7. TRUSTEE MOTIONS**
- 8. STAFF REPORTS**
- 9. FURTHER PUBLIC EXPRESSION**
- 10. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 11. CLOSE MEETING**

**MOTIONS
REGULAR MEETING**

1. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee _____, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Monday, February 2, 2026.

AYES:
NAYS:

2. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee _____, to transfer \$45.00 from A.2770 Miscellaneous Revenue into the Police Equipment Reserve A.0878. This money was collected by the Police Department for copy fees and charges in January 2026.

AYES:
NAYS:

3. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee _____, to transfer \$3,285.00 from Parks and Playground Reserve A.0878 to Parks Contractual A.7140.400 for the purchase of sponsor sign at the Prospect Avenue playground.

AYES:
NAYS:

4. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Trustee _____, that the Village Recreation Commission recommends the Board approve the salary for the following Recreation Attendant PT for the 2025-2026 Fall/Winter season, effective 2/18/2026:

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Abigail Cornelius	\$18.00/hr
65 Prospect Ave.	

AYES:
NAYS:

5. **MOTION** by Trustee Park, seconded by Trustee _____,

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026

A **LOCAL LAW** to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamburg as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Hamburg to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

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REGULAR MEETING**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamburg, County of Erie is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

AYES:

NAYS:

6. **MOTION** by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee _____, to approve a request by the Character Council of WNY to hold the *Character Chase 5K Run* on Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Approval is subject to the submission of a facility use application and agreement and the appropriate insurance.

AYES:

NAYS:

7. **MOTION** by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee _____, to approve a request by the Inspire Foundation/Rich Blose to hold the annual *Burgerfest* in the Village on Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Approval is subject to the submission of a facility use application and agreement and the appropriate insurance.

AYES:

NAYS:

8. **MOTION** by Trustee Hackathorn, seconded by Trustee _____, to authorize the payment of the Village of Hamburg Accounts for the period ending February 17, 2026.

AYES:

NAYS: