

PUBLIC HEARING
RE: REDMAN-COOK ROAD WATER DISTRICT
November 8, 2010

The Hamlin Town Board held a Public Hearing in the Hamlin Town Hall located at 1658 Lake Rd., Hamlin, New York to consider establishing a proposed Redman-Cook Road Water District. The hearing was opened at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Terry who explained the location of the fire exits and defibrillator for those present.

Present: Councilperson Thomas Breslawski, Councilperson Goodrich, Councilperson Paul S. Rath, Councilperson David Rose, Supervisor Peter Terry.

Also present: Attorney Ken Licht; Planning Board Member Tom Jensen; Conservation Board Member Jason Baxter; Residents Tim Habgood, John DeRue, Pat Batty, Carl Batty, and Ted Habgood.

Supervisor Terry asked the Town Clerk to provide proof of publication of official notice of the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Terry then opened the hearing for any public testimony, statements, comments and opinions.

Councilperson Breslawski

The costs have been posted and everyone is comfortable with the cost.

Ted Habgood – 142 Cook Road

I support the water district but when the numbers came out in the paper, the initial costs plus \$1,000 per year for 30 years, they were a little tough to look at. I would just hope that we could keep the costs down as low as possible during the construction phase. It is my understanding that those numbers are at the high end, so I am hoping that they do come in less than that. I am hoping that just the fact that our properties would be served by public water would not automatically raise our tax assessment and increase our taxes. The recent 100% assessment that we all experienced in Hamlin raised my taxes a substantial amount and now this is another \$1000 for 30 years. I am hoping to retire in a few years, will be on a fixed income, and am concerned about the rising taxes that seem to happen every year. I just hope that the elected representatives of our town will do everything they can to hold those taxes down like you have in the past, because this additional cost thrown into those taxes is making it more and more difficult to stay in our homes as we retire.

John DeRue – 317 Redman Road

If there are no problems with this at this point, will the town just push this through as far as sending this to the Comptroller's Office? Where do we go from here?

Supervisor Terry replied that we have two resolutions tonight, one is to establish the Redman-Cook Road Water District, and the second one is to approve the application to go to the Comptroller. We have the application complete and our attorney is ready to send it in tomorrow. We have met all the specifications, and have all the necessary documents to accompany the packet.

APPROVAL TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion was made by Councilperson Rose, seconded by Councilperson Rath, to close the Public Hearing at 6:35 pm as all business was concluded.

Polled Votes: Councilperson Breslawski aye, Councilperson Goodrich aye, Councilperson Rath aye, Councilperson Rose aye, Supervisor Terry aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi A. Rickman, MMC
Hamlin Town Clerk