

THIRD EMERGENCY SESSION
October 10, 2024
Board of Supervisors – County of Hamilton
Lake Pleasant, New York

Mrs. Laura A. Abrams, Clerk
Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County
Lake Pleasant, New York 12108

Dear Clerk:

WHEREAS, the undersigned, we the majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County, do hereby request you to call an Emergency Session pursuant to Section 152 of the County Law, to be held at the Chambers of the Board, in the Town of Lake Pleasant, in said County on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of appointing a Public Health Director and for any other business that may come before said Board.

Arietta _____	Chris D. Rhodes
Benson _____	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope _____	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake _____	Brian E. Wells
Inlet _____ ABSENT	John Frey
Lake Pleasant _____	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake _____	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse _____	Anthony Fernandez
Wells _____	Beth Hunt

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that not much has happened since the last meeting but they did have a call addressing 911 calls. Will discuss further on Committee Day. They want to pass a resolution that all calls will come into Hamilton County PSAP.

Mr. Snyder: Stated that he received an email from MEGA from Mark LaVigne thanking Hamilton County and he forwarded it to everybody.

Mr. Fernandez: Stated that he wanted to fill everybody in on what they did with the Public Health Director position. When they started looking at candidates, they received in excess of 20 applicants. The Personnel Officer then reviewed and vetted those applicants to the ones that had the necessary requirements for the State. The Committee split up those 7 candidates and they did telephone interviews. They took recommendations from each committee member and moved forward with ZOOM interviews. They did 4 ZOOM interviews and removed 1. They interviewed 3 candidates in-person. The interviews took place on Monday. One of the 3 candidates withdrew over the weekend, he took another job. There were 3 representatives from Public Health that

participated in the interviews. After the interviews they agreed that Junie Delizo was their choice. Mr. Fernandez reached out to Dr. Delizo to discuss salary. He is a medical doctor and very qualified. He also has many years of experience. During the discussion Mr. Fernandez stated that he didn't have the authority to negotiate a salary. He wanted to know where Dr. Delizo was at. Mr. Fernandez stated that during the meeting they discussed Lynette Greene, Interim Public Health Director/Community Services Director, because her salary is \$115,000 and that seemed like a logical number. Mr. Arsenault and Mr. Fernandez both stated that Ms. Greene had suggested that salary. He is looking to have this move forward so they can make him an offer. They don't want to lose him.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that he had just met with Lisa Johnson, Deputy Public Works Superintendent, at Robb's Creek Bridge. They are pouring concrete today and had the blast truck there finishing up. The steel structure is going to be delivered on Tuesday. They are moving forward, and everything looks great. He also stated that Ms. Johnson and Mr. Eldridge are both doing a great job along with the crew. He thinks the County is fortunate for having such a good crew because they are all excellent. Mr. Fernandez asked if there was an update on a tractor trailer being delivered, also asked if the County was transporting their own equipment. Mr. Tomlinson stated that he didn't know. Ms. Hunt thought it was a transfer station trailer. Mr. Tomlinson confirmed it is for Solid Waste.

RESOLUTIONS:

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Arsenault asked how long it was going to take to get the approval from NYS. Ms. Ruiz has been in touch with NYS. Mr. Fernandez stated that he must get in contact with Dr. Delizo and he has to send his certificates. Ms. Ruiz will be sending his resume and certificates to NYS. They have 30 days. She is not sure if he has worked in NYS since he left his job with Rockland County. Mr. Rhodes asked what the probationary period was with an appointed official. The Board discussed it further.

RESOLUTION NO. 323-24

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

DATED: OCTOBER 10, 2024

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has resigned mid-term effective July 14, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Health Committee has interviewed and selected Junie Delizo, MD, to appoint as Public Health Director for the County of Hamilton, contingent upon approval of the New York State Department of Health, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Junie Delizo, MD as Public Health Director for the County of Hamilton contingent upon approval of the New York State Department of Health, to complete the current six (6) year term ending February 28, 2030, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the salary be set at \$115,000.00 annually, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer and County Treasurer be so notified.

Seconded by Mr. Arsenault and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

Other Reports:

Mr. Fernandez: Stated that Victoria Fish is leaving Public Health. She got a job with Homeland Security. Dr. Delizo has experience in that field. Mr. Arsenault asked what Ms. Fish's title was. Mr. Tomlinson stated that it was Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Mr. Fernandez stated that Dr. Delizo did that for Rockland County. Mr. Fernandez stated that Dr. Delizo is very informed about grants. Ms. Greene told him that there are reports that must be filed and in the interim they may have to bring Ms. Fish back on a per diem basis to complete them. It's still in discussion and Ms. Greene hasn't spoken to her about it. Ms. Fish is the only one in the department that knows how to do them right now and they are mandatory reports that have to go in. He will come back to the Board when he knows how they are going to deal with that. He is hoping that it's only going to be for a short time because hopefully they will get Dr. Delizo there and he will do it himself.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that maybe the Sheriff's Office could help out. He knows that the Sheriff has a lot going on but the Emergency Manager and the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator really do tie together so maybe he could be involved in the conversation. Mr. Fernandez stated that one of the reports he got was that it was not a mesh between the Sheriff's Office and that position. He's hopeful that this will be better.

Chairman stated that they need to fill a vacancy on the Ethics Board. He knows that they try to split them up amongst the towns. The Clerk of the Board stated that Collie Smith was from Speculator. The Chairman stated that if there was anybody in this area that would want to serve on the Ethics Board to let him know. The Clerk of the Board, who is also the Ethic's Board Secretary, stated that they really need to get it filled because they are having trouble getting a quorum. Mr. Arsenault confirmed that they needed to be a resident of Hamilton County. Mr. Arsenault asked how often they meet. The Clerk of the Board stated quarterly. Mr. Arsenault asked if there was pay. The Clerk of the Board stated no, but there is mileage reimbursement.

The Chairman stated that his wife is having some health issues, so he will be out of town in November. He knows that it will impact annual sessions. He is going to try to work around them, but he knows that Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Baker and the Clerk of the Board will be able to handle it. He stated that he will do his best to be there.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.