

# VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Emergency Meeting  
Village Hall

January 29, 2015  
7:00 PM

NOTICE: Pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law § 104-1, notice of this meeting was given to the media at least seven days in advance and the same posted on December 10, 2014.

*Tonight's meeting minute notes: All votes by the Village of Earlville Board of Trustees (herein "Board" or "Village Board") 5-0 are to be read as "aye" votes from Village of Earlville Board of Trustees members Corey, Hayes, Moore and Piliero. The "Village Office" is the Village of Earlville Municipal Office located at 8 North Main Street. The "Planning Board" means the Village of Earlville Planning Board.*

Mayor William Excell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present was Trustees Margaret Corey, Gerald Hayes and Henry Moore. Daniel Piliero was excused. Also present was Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach.

## NEW BUSINESS

### RESOLUTION 32-20

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WHEREAS the 2016 tax rate in the proposed ambulance district is \$1.03 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; and

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WHEREAS the Town of Hamilton declares itself lead agency for State Environmental Quality Review Act purposes and declares this to be an unlisted Action;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that a public hearing before the Village Board shall be held at the Village of Earlville, Village Office at 8 North Main Street, Earlville, NY on the 10th of February, 2015 at 6:00

PM. In accordance with Section 209 of the New York State Town Law, the Village Board will consider, subject to permissive referendum, whether the creation of an ambulance district, at a proposed maximum first year cost of \$266,000, is in the public interest and will hear all persons interested in the subject thereof; the Village Board will also take such other action with relation to said ambulance district as may be required by law, and it is further

ORDERED that the Village Clerk shall publish and post this Order as notice of said public hearing, not more than 20 nor less than 10 days before the designated hearing date.

ON MOTION OF Trustee Henry Moore,  
SECONDED BY Gerald Hayes, approved unanimously, 4-0.

*RESOLUTION 32-21*

“AUTHORIZATION OF UNDERTAKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN CONNECTION WITH WORK AFFECTING STATE  
HIGHWAYS”

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RESOLVED, THE Village of Earlville Board hereby authorizes an undertaking with New York State Department of Transportation; and

Further be RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the undertaking;

and further RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent by the Clerk of this Board to New York State Department of Transportation, Region 2, 207 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13501.

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OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Excell asked about the progress of the Village Attorney with the Animal Law. Clerk-Treasurer advised that the updated version of the Law was forwarded to Getman for review. Still waiting on his response.

Excell also noted the DPW worker Marc Tucker has been looking into prices for adding chemicals to the water system to correct the occasional brown water. A new pump will need to be purchased and the existing line will need to be tapped into, however the Village of Hamilton has offered to tap the line at a discount. Everything else should be able to be done by the DPW workers. As soon as Tucker has gathered all information on prices and what needs to be done, the Board will be advised.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

EXECUTIVE

No Executive Session.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Hayes then ended the meeting by a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:18, seconded by Trustee Moore, and carried 4-0.

"I certify this document is a true and accurate description of the regular board meeting of the governing board of the Village of Earlville January 29, 2015."



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- Village Seal -

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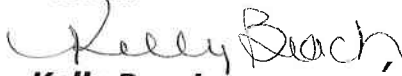
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## **Map, Plan and Report for the Establishment of an Ambulance District in the Town of Hamilton - January 2015**

### Reason for District:

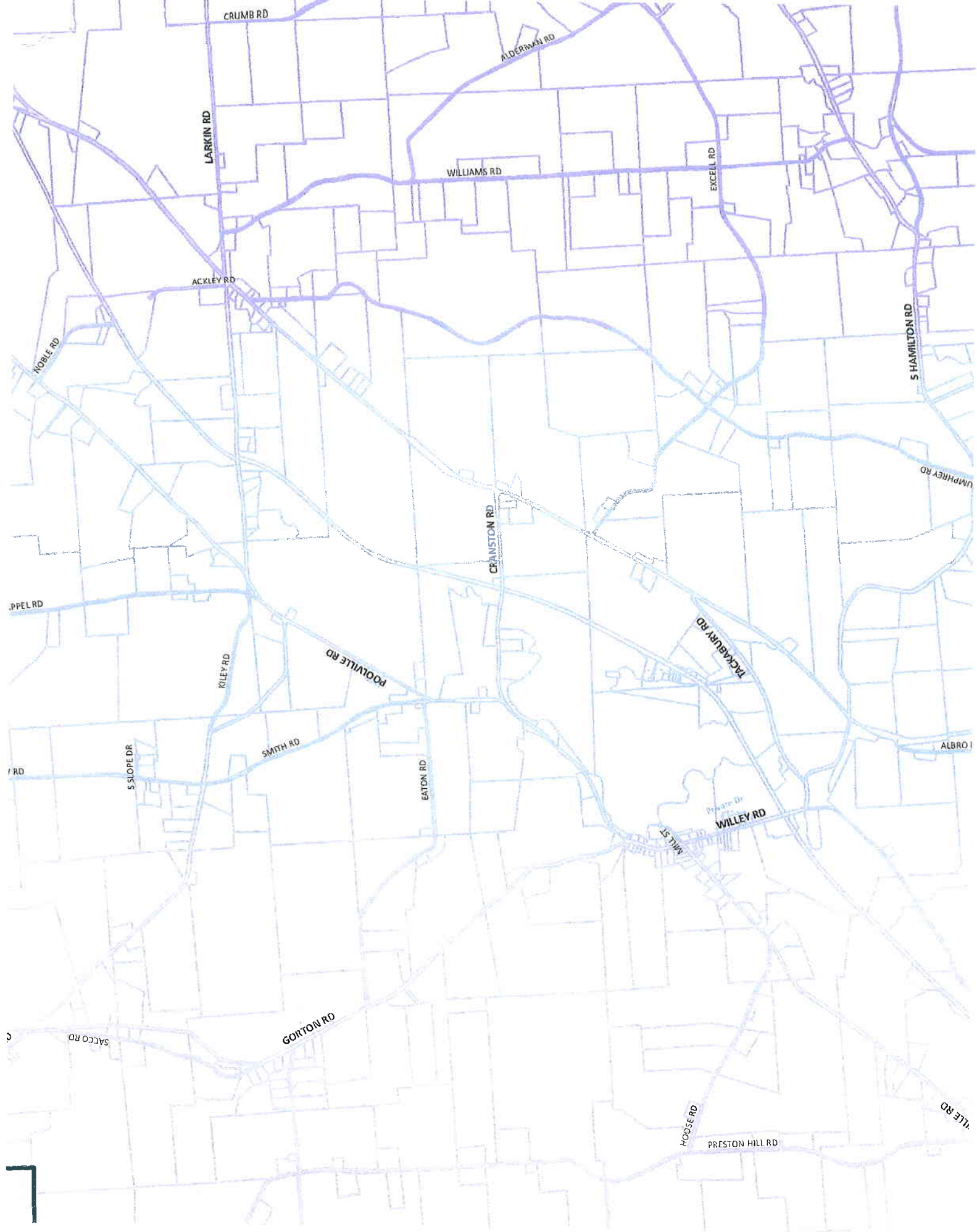
The Town of Hamilton is currently provided with critical emergency ambulance services by the Southern Madison County Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc., (SOMAC) a New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation with offices in the Village of Hamilton, New York. Formed in 1986, SOMAC provides emergency medical services to over 6,500 residents in the towns of Hamilton and Lebanon, including over 2,800 students at Colgate University.

Like other ambulance organizations, SOMAC has been faced with a host of challenges. While they have historically and primarily been operated by volunteers, state mandated regulations and training requirements have increased costs and burdened and reduced the volunteer base. Efforts to manage scheduling due to the lack of volunteers has resulted in a need for paid part-time paramedics. Additionally, local population increase has caused a greater demand for services. Changes in health care accessibility and reimbursement rates have compounded the already complicated emergency service sector. Overall, the cost of business has increased and outpaced revenue, with patients' insurance payments insufficient to cover operating costs.

SOMAC and the Town of Hamilton have been working closely together over the last two years to keep SOMAC fiscally responsible and viable so that they can continue to provide the high quality patient care that residents have come to expect from SOMAC.

With the Town's endorsement and recommendations, SOMAC has reorganized its personnel and fiscal management. SOMAC has begun to transition its personnel positions from part-time to full-time to ensure better coverage and professionalism. With new leadership the volunteer program is being revitalized, with an emphasis on recruitment and retention. Last year, SOMAC hired a new business manager to evaluate fiscal operations and identify numerous cost savings. Additionally, SOMAC has returned to its previous billing service with a subsequent increase in revenue. The Town has exercised financial oversight of SOMAC by working closely with their business manager and board president. Next year, SOMAC will hire an independent firm to conduct an external audit and will continue to provide regular financial reports to the town.

Yet, despite all of these efforts, revenue is falling short of expenses as SOMAC transitions from volunteer to a professional organization. In order to keep the organization viable and able to meet the needs of the community, the Town, in agreement with SOMAC, supports the establishment of an Ambulance District in accordance with the laws of New York State as the best course of action. Funding SOMAC through a taxing district is recommended, in part, over simply using Town tax revenue because it provides more fiscal transparency for our taxpayers.



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