

## **Hamlet Committee notes for March 8, 2025, meeting**

Attendees: Supervisor Mike Dvorchak, Committee Chair Shannon Bell, Chris Atkins, Christine Doctor, Brandon Lentine, Lauren Letellier, Will McCutchan, Emily Stalker, Tim Stookesberry, Steve Tiger, Joanna Virello, Bart Ziegler

**1. Easter egg roll:** Volunteers are needed to fill the plastic eggs Friday April 11 at 4 p.m. at the firehouse. The eggs will be scattered on the grass at Hamlet Park at 12:30 on April 12. The event is that day at 2 p.m.

### **2. Memorial Day weekend:**

#### **Flea market, Saturday of Memorial Day weekend:**

Tim said the flea market subcommittee has started reaching out to people who had taken a vendor space in the past. So far, 12 people have signed up.

The group is posting flyers that Joanna created for the event. The group also will have a social media push and distribute press releases written by Bart.

There was a discussion about the need for advertising, and to create a second large banner promoting the market. Mike said there is Hamlet Committee money available for such purposes.

The committee discussed the need for additional food options beyond those at last year's market. The fire department again will sell egg sandwiches and coffee. The subcommittee will ask whether it would also provide lunch.

David Wurth expressed interest in serving pastries and iced coffee. The committee approved this idea.

#### **Memorial Day Parade:**

This year it is Hillsdale's turn to host the parade, run by the VFW with the aid of the Fire Department. (Parade is shared with Copake and Ancram.)

The committee discussed possible modifications of the parade route to bring more business for town businesses. Mike said he would raise this with the VFW.

Lauren suggested adding new types of participants to the parade, including floats from businesses and nonprofit groups. She also said the group behind a 250th anniversary celebration next year of the Knox Trail canon movement during the Revolutionary War could be asked to participate in the parade.

### **3. Rooted Voyagers:**

Shannon said she has asked this theatrical group that specializes in outdoor productions of Shakespeare plays about scheduling a performance in Hamlet Park this summer.

### **4. Car show:**

The committee discussed possible dates and settled on Saturday Sept. 6. A subcommittee will work on locating and contacting car enthusiast associations and antique vehicle collectors in the region to participate. Joanna has created a poster to advertise it.

### **5. Pumpkin Fest:**

The committee decided it will piggyback on what the local businesses are planning for this annual event and not be the lead sponsor.

### **6. Date of next meeting:**

April 5