

Hamlet Committee meeting notes Oct. 4, 2025

Attendance (all remotely): Supervisor Mike Dvorchak, Committee Chair Shannon Bell, Jose Calle, Phyllis Granat, Dan Levy, Alfred Tessier, Bart Ziegler

1. **Holiday tree lighting Dec. 6:** A brass band again will be hired. Mike has checked with the county about closing Anthony Street. The committee will contact business owners to check on their participation with refreshments and other things. The committee will decorate the trees after its monthly meeting that day.
2. **Holiday decor for street light poles:** Bart said he and committee member Christine Doctor investigated commercial decorations and proposed a “spray” form of faux evergreens is best. These hang vertically on the poles and so shouldn’t get displaced by wind as the former wreaths did. The cost for each with a large red bow is about \$160. Bart suggested that one be purchased as a sample. The committee voted to spend up to \$2,000 in total for the decorations, coming mainly from the committee’s funds from HECDC or remaining town funds.
3. **Hamlet Park band shell update:** Bart reiterated that \$100,000 has been raised through two foundation grants toward a total estimated cost of \$160,000. More will be sought next year. Bart will also show the committee three possible options for the bandshell and then present them to the Town Board and the public record. The committee will investigate a sign for the park telling the public that a renovation is coming and asking for donations.
4. **Rail trail bridge construction update:** Mike said the state Parks Department is expected to approve a construction bid by year’s end. The committee discussed installing a sign at the rail trail parking lot and/or trail entrance to direct trail users to the hamlet’s stores and eateries. The committee will also explore buying a small bicycle repair station to place at the parking lot and installing a large bike rack.
5. **Tom Carty memorial:** The committee will look into renaming Town Hall Park in his honor and planting a tree in his name.
6. **Next committee meeting:** Nov. 1 at 9 a.m.