

**Members Attending:** Mr. Acres, Mr. Arquiett, ~~Mr. Burke~~, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Leader, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Terminelli

**Others Attending:** Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, and Dylan Soper

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Perkins moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the July 26th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Fiacco, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

**3. NYPA RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES** – Casey Mastro, Senior Key Account Executive and Vennula Yadhati, Manager of Distributed Energy Resources

**4. ST. LAWRENCE ARTS COUNCIL** – Maggie McKenna, Executive Director

## **5. LEGISLATOR MARGARET HAGGARD**

A. Proclaiming September 12-18, 2021 as National Arts in Education Week in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Ms. Haggard moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

## **6. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Solid Waste Department for Overtime Expenses (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

## **7. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways for Overtime and Machinery Rental (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

B. Approving Federal Aid Local Project Supplemental Agreement #1 for Right-of-Way Incidentals and Acquisition for County Route 35 (Slab City) Over Trout Brook Bridge Project, PIN 775394, BIN 3341700 (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

C. 2021 Project Update (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

## **8. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON**

A. Authorizing a Settlement Agreement between Johnson & Johnson and St. Lawrence County with Respect to an Action Relating to the Opioid Crisis (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Acres), and one (1) absent (Burke).

B. Adopting the Legal Arguments of the Amicus Brief Submitted by the State of Arizona on Behalf of Twenty-Five Similarly Situated States in the Matter of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. Et Al V. Kevin P. Bruen, in his Official Capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police, Et Al. Currently Pending before the United States Supreme Court (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Perkins, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Reagan requested to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Haggard), and one (1) absent (Burke).

## **9. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – RICK JOHNSON**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Usherwood Office Technology to Provide a Multi-Function Device (MFD) Lease and Management Program for St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

## **10. LEGISLATOR TONY ARQUIETT**

A. Dedication of a Plaque on the Jones Road Bridge in the Town of Hopkinton (Res) – Mr. Arquiett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

## **11. LEGISLATOR BILL SHERIDAN**

A. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law C (No. \_\_) for the Year 2021, “Setting the Salary for the County Attorney” (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

B. Supporting Milfoil Reduction Efforts on Sylvia Lake in the Town of Fowler and Modifying the 2021 Budget for St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with nine (9) yes votes, five (5) no votes (Forsythe, Perkins, Acres, Fay, and Curran), and one (1) absent (Burke).

Ms. Haggard moved a resolution to set a moratorium on authorizing funding on any invasive species in St. Lawrence County until further recommendations and a study being done to make well-planned, informed decisions, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

## **12. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

A. Annual Vacancy Analysis (Info) – Ms. Doyle

B. Board of Legislators – Ms. Doyle requested to create and fill a Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, Position No. 303200001, in Governmental Services, Buildings and Grounds.

## **13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE**

Ms. Doyle said the total number of COVID-19 cases are 8,160, and daily reporting on weekdays will start up again. The Pfizer vaccine has received FDA approval. St. Lawrence County is 50.7% fully vaccinated, and the positivity rate is 5.61%. There are six (6) County Departments that have staff who tested positive for COVID-19. The Department of Motor Vehicles has ten (10) staff in quarantine, but they are doing their best to keep the offices open with remaining staff. There is a challenge with the removal of the essential worker status, and this could become a challenge with the jail and other 24/7 operations. The Department of Health is reviewing essential worker status. The County has acquired its own cleaning equipment so the County will no longer have to bring in an outside business. Ms. Doyle said she made a request of the Board to reconsider County employees wearing masks whether vaccinated or unvaccinated. At this time County employees are not required to wear masks for those who are vaccinated. The COVID-19 calls are meeting once a week again, and the vaccine group will do back to school events. Travel restrictions with Canada will continue at least through September 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a meeting this week with the school districts and Public Health.

Negotiations were held last week with the Supervisors of Council 82.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

On Thursday, Real Property staff will meet with the City of Ogdensburg to discuss chargebacks.

Ms. Doyle said she will meet with David Acker, SLHS and CPH President and Chief Executive Officer, on September 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the establishment of the opioid treatment program facility.

NYSAC is scheduled for September 13-15, and the September full Board meeting is on September 13<sup>th</sup>, so the members attending NYSAC will be attending the Board Meeting virtually.

At the September Services Committee meeting, there will get an update on redistricting, and a broadband survey will be discussed at the September Finance Committee meeting.

Ms. Doyle made a recommendation to have a third party review of the complaints made of DSS Children’s Services. Chair Acres asked the Board if there was any objection to having a third party review and there were no objections.

Ms. Doyle said a donation of fifty (50) hand-crafted teddy bears to be given to foster children in St. Lawrence County was made by fifteen year old Colton-Pierrepoint student Ashley McKinley.

## **14. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. New Social Services Statistics – Heather Rand

Mr. Forsythe said asked the Board if they had any interest in funding libraries in the 2022 Budget.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss litigation, personnel and appointments, seconded by Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board moved to go to Open Session.

**16. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Acres moved to adjourn the August Finance Committee Meeting, as there was no further business.