

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

**Others Attending:** Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, Steve Button, Renee Cole, and Deb Bridges

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Denesha moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the June 28th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

**3. 2020 AUDIT FINAL RESULTS** – Luke Malecki, CPA, Office Managing Partner, Drescher & Malecki LLP

#### **4. SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – RAEANNE DULANSKI**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the 2021-2022 Local Sponsor Signature Form for the Grant Application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

B. Modifying the 2021 Budget for Forestry for an Increase of Funds Awarded to the Snowmobile Trail Grant (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

#### **5. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Approving Federal Aid Highway Project for Preliminary Engineering and Right-Of-Way for the Lazy River Road Bridge Over Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332 and Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way (ROW) Incidentals and Final Design for the Lazy River Road Bridge Over Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332 (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

C. Approving Federal Aid Highway Project for the Final Engineering and Design for Supplemental Agreement #4 for the County Route 35 (Slab City) Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394 (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

## **6. SHERIFF – BROOKS BIGWARFE**

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office Criminal Division for the Purchase of a Boat Motor for the Sheriff’s Office (Res) *(Note: This resolution was Tabled at the July Operations Committee Meeting and will need a motion to remove it from the Table)*

Mr. Denesha moved to remove this resolution from the Table, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

Mr. Denesha moved to amend the resolution to add \$15,000 in the budget modification, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Forsythe and Arquiett), and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

Motion carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Forsythe and Arquiett), and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

## **7. LEGISLATOR FORSYTHE**

A. Supporting Senate Bill S5673 and Assembly Bill A7064, “Authorizing the City of Ogdensburg to Impose an Additional Rate of Sales and Compensating Use Tax” (Res) *(Note: This resolution was Tabled at the July Full Board Meeting and will need a motion to remove it from the Table)*

Mr. Forsythe moved to remove this resolution from the Table, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Lightfoot), and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Haggard).

Ms. Curran moved to Table this resolution to the August Finance Committee Meeting, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and failed by a roll call vote with seven (7) no votes, six (6) yes votes (Sheridan, Smithers, Denesha, Fay, Terminelli, and Curran), and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Haggard).

Mr. Sheridan moved to Table this resolution to the September Finance Committee Meeting, seconded by Ms. Curran, and failed by roll call vote with nine (9) no votes, four (4) yes votes (Sheridan, Denesha, Terminelli, and Curran), and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Haggard).

Mr. Perkins called the Question, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

Motion failed by a roll call vote with nine (9) no votes, four (4) yes votes (Sheridan, Curran, Reagen, and Forsythe), and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

## **8. LEGISLATORS DENESHA, PERKINS, AND ARQUIETT**

A. Adopting a Policy for Appropriate Use of St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail Funds and Authorizing the Use of County Workforce and Equipment and the Creation of a Reserve for the Recreational Trails Fund (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

## **9. LEGISLATOR JIM REAGEN**

A. Endorsing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Proposed Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary Boundary Alternative 1 and Requesting that it be Extended Downriver to the Moses-Saunders Dam (Res) – Mr. Reagen moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli.

Mr. Reagen moved to amend the resolution to include the following names to the “Be it Further Resolved:” U.S. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, U.S. Congressman John Katco, U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

Ms. Curran asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Mr. Smithers moved to Table this resolution to the August Full Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

## **10. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

A. Real Property – Mr. Green requested to abolish a Senior Tax Map Technician and Fill Tax Map Technician/CAD Specialist, Position No. 106300003, in Real Property.

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

A. 2021 Second Quarter Financial Update (Info) – Ms. Doyle

The August Board Meeting will be held at the St. Lawrence County Fair.

Ms. Doyle said she met with the newly appointed President of St. Lawrence University.

The Veterans’ Administration Clinic will be moving from the Massena Mall location and will be relocated in Potsdam in September.

The Consolidation Committee will meet on Wednesday.

For the past five (5) years, the Board has adopted Legislative Agendas each year and each have been personally delivered to Albany. Ms. Doyle would like to create a summary of all items on the past agendas that have gone through successfully and also identified a list of items that were not successful. This will help identify new areas, and create a new legislative agenda to be adopted before the end of the year.

## **12. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. Supporting Assembly Bill A6206 and Senate Bill S4261, “An Act to Amend the Public Authorities Law, in Relation to the Amount of St. Lawrence County Economic Development Power that May be Used by the New York Power Authority to Generate Net Earnings” (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Mr. Arquiett and Ms. Terminelli said they will abstained from discussion and the vote on this resolution.

Ms. Terminelli left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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Motion carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes, one (2) abstained (Terminelli and Arquiett) and three (3) absent (Curran, Haggard, and Fiacco).

B. Authorizing the Use of the Parking Lot at the H.B. Smith Building for Apparatus Operator-Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) for St. Lawrence County Fire and EMS Personnel (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers.

Ms. Terminelli returned to the room at 7:44 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Curran, Haggard, and Fiacco).

Ms. Curran returned to the room at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Lightfoot said he will bring a resolution forward regarding authorizing funding to help remove an invasive species located on Black Lake. Mr. Burke asked for information to be provided by the EMC on all invasive species in St. Lawrence County. Mr. Denesha said invasion species have a negative impact on our waterways and the boat wash stations are meant to help the spread of invasive species. Mr. Arquiett asked if the DEC had been approached for funding, and Mr. Perkins agreed that the DEC should be a funding source.

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Executive Session at 7:57 p.m., to discuss negotiations, litigation, and personnel, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

## **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Two straw poll votes were taken during Executive Session regarding negotiations and litigation.

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 9:09 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

Mr. Denesha moved to bring the two tabled resolutions regarding lease agreements to the September 13<sup>th</sup> Full Board Meeting, seconded Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Fiacco).

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Acres adjourned the July Finance Committee Meeting at 9:10 p.m., as there was no further business.