

Mr. Healey said he didn't believe that it is necessary to have a local law for increasing the salary for Deputy Clerk, that that position serves at the pleasure of the Clerk and is not an appointed office with a term, therefore Mr. Healey felt the local law was not necessary.

Mr. Palm, County Attorney, stated he believed that he was not appointed for a fixed term.

Mr. Collins stated he agreed, that this position serves at the pleasure of the Clerk, so it is not a fixed term.

Mr. Livingston withdrew resolution number 32-79.

**LOCAL LAW NO. 9 FOR THE YEAR 1979**

**A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE DEPUTY CLERK/PURCHASING AGENT**

Be it enacted by the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

**Section 1.** The annual salary for the Deputy Clerk/Purchasing Agent shall be \$14,500.00.

**Section 2.** This Local Law shall take effect 45 days following its adoption by resolution of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators.

**Section 3.** The full amount of the salary shall be paid during the year 1979.

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-79**

**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 10 FOR THE YEAR 1979**

**By Mr. Livingston, Chairman, Legislative & Judicial Committee**

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on February 12, 1979 regarding Local Law No. 10 for the year 1979, and

WHEREAS, Prior notification of such local law was provided to the members of the St. Lawrence County Legislature,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Local Law No. 10 for the year 1979 is hereby adopted.

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Mr. Livingston made the motion to adopt resolution number 33-79, seconded by Mr. Greco.

Mr. Rische stated this was a painful decision to speak against their Chief of Police on the other question of the Parapolice, and it is equally painful for him to speak against Charlie Palm, but Charlie knows where Mr. Rische stands about the salary proposed to this position this year, that Mr. Rische has spoken to him once before when it originally came up. The salary increase we agreed to give everyone this year was 5% or \$1500.00 maximum, excuse me, 6%, \$1500.00 maximum. That is what every Department Head in St. Lawrence County got, that was the guideline that the

Finance Committee set down, guidelines that were given the Board, the Board accepted it and you all didn't quite like it and then much to our surprise, the Chairman of the Board moves to a special resolution raising the salary of the County Attorney, not 5% or 10% or 20%, but 50% or somewhere in that vicinity. He went from \$11,500.00 to \$16,500.00 and this is done with no guarantee that the County Attorney was going to work more hours, there was going to be no guarantee that he was going to have less of a private practice, so when you combine those factors with the fact that in 1977 the majority party at that time introduced a resolution to raise the County Attorney's salary from \$11,500.00 to \$12,000.00 and that was defeated because the minority party at that time thought it was exorbitant and the County Attorney's position did not deserve such a raise, so you put 2 and 2 together and it smells a little bit.

Chairman Abrams stated that he might add that he had contacted the former County Attorney under the last administration and that Mr. Nelson advises that the job is not being paid sufficiently. Mr. Abrams also wished to advise the Legislators that Mr. Abrams has been here for 3 or 4 days for meetings and Mr. Palm is spending more and more hours in Family Court, other litigations, grievances and a host of matters which are increasing day by day.

Mrs. Bradley called "point of order". Mrs. Bradley asked Mr. Palm if the Chairman of the Board may make a motion while still in the Chair, to which he replied "not really". Mrs. Bradley stated that it was a rather unusual procedure for the Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Greco said since we are getting so technical, he read from "Robert's Rules" "Questions of Order - a question of order takes precedence of the question giving rise to it and must be decided by the presiding officer without debate. If a member objects to the decision, he says, "I appeal from the decision of the chair." If the appeal is seconded," Mr. Greco stated he will not go any farther than that.

Mr. LaBaff said that he was the Legislator that said the County Attorney at the present time, when we were the majority party didn't get enough money, is the reason I am going to support it now because Mr. LaBaff thinks Mr. Palm. . . then Mr. LaBaff asked if some moves weren't made over here that should be explained to us. Mr. LaBaff thought somebody should stand up and defend themselves. There were some moves made with Workmen's Comp. and Tony Miller and to get a secretary to come up with a savings.

Mr. Collins said the question of savings will be debated, but Mr. Collins didn't think there was any question that there will be absolute proof of the fact that the Workmen's Comp. is presently administered and it will be a significant savings to the County because it is being administered, first of all by an insurance professional in the person of our Deputy County Clerk/Purchasing Agent, who is an insurance professional, but also a portion of the responsibility for Workmen's Comp. clearly falls under Mr. Palm's responsibility and those cases which are going to be appealed and will go on and into Courts where Tony Miller will not be able to act on behalf of the County. We have also consolidated the secretarial services to the Attorney and the Workmen's Comp. and have taken away the secretary positions for the Comp. and the part time secretary from the County Attorney's Office, so Mr. Palm probably won't defend himself, but for those Legislators that are around here and I think I would refer you to talk to Dave Nelson, the increasing work load of the County Attorney has been incredible which is spent in Court, Charlie's activity on some difficult grievances and a number of lawsuits, and Mr. Collins thought there had often been some discussion on this floor years in the past, about whether the County Attorney actually went ahead and defended us in lawsuits or whether or not that was

going to be an additional field of responsibility. All in all, you need an experienced attorney in this office and the work load is there.

As there were no other comments, Chairman Abrams declared there would be a roll call vote, with resolution number 33-79 being carried with 15 yes votes, 5 no votes and 2 members absent as shown below:

		Y	N	O	A	B
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					N	N
District 1	Legislator Thompson -----	X				
District 2	Legislator Smith-----		X			
District 3	Legislator Marscher -----	X				
District 4	Legislator Kilcoyne -----		X			
District 5	Legislator Lemieux -----	X				
District 6	Legislator Peters -----	X				
District 7	Legislator Moore-----	X				
District 8	Legislator Greco -----	X				
District 9	Legislator Hess -----				X	
District 10	Legislator Livingston-----	X				
District 11	Legislator Cooke-----	X				
District 12	Legislator Bell -----	X				
District 13	Legislator Healey -----		X			
District 14	Legislator Bradley-----		X			
District 15	Legislator LaBaff-----	X				
District 16	Legislator Bixby-----				X	
District 17	Legislator Burns-----	X				
District 18	Legislator Rishe -----		X			
District 19	Legislator Miller -----	X				
District 20	Legislator Viskovich -----	X				
District 21	Legislator Abrams -----	X				
District 22	Legislator Ham mill-----	X				
Yes:	15					
No:	5					
Absent:	2					
Abstain:	0					
Total:	<u>22</u>					

**LOCAL LAW NO. 10 FOR THE YEAR 1979**

**A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Be it enacted by the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

**Section 1.** The annual salary for the County Attorney shall be \$16,500.00.

**Section 2.** This Local Law shall take effect 45 days following its adoption by resolution of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators.

**Section 3.** The full amount of the salary shall be paid during the year 1979.

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-79**

**SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY  
By Mr. Greco, Chairman, Finance Committee**

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County acquired title to the following property from the 1975 tax sale;

Town of Macomb - John Bush, Res., 3 acres, SD GO, California Rd., Bounded North & East by Hall, South & West by Road,

AND WHEREAS, Wilfred Taylor, RD 2, Gouverneur, N.Y. purchased this property and paid taxes due from 1976 to 1978,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer the interest of St. Lawrence County to Wilfred Taylor upon payment of \$20.26, the amount of taxes due for the year 1975.

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On a motion by Mr. Greco, seconded by Mr. Bell, resolution number 34-79 was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-79**

**DISPOSITION OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY  
By Mr. Greco, Chairman, Finance Committee**

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has acquired title to the following property through tax sales, and has advertised these properties for sale,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the interest of St. Lawrence County in these properties to the parties designated, who were the highest bidders, for the sums listed:

**TOWN OF DEPEYSTER**

1/4 acre, State Rd., Sch. Dist. HV, Bounded North by Rd., East, South and West by Dickinson, (Formerly Bidwell);

TO: Bruce Phillips, Dori B's Farm, Box 33, Depeyster, N.Y.  
For \$1,500.00

**TOWN OF LAWRENCE**

1/4 acre, Depot St., Sch. Dist. St. L., Bounded North by Labier, East & South by Hilts, West by Rd., (Formerly Francis);

TO: Roger LaBier, Star Route, Lawrenceville, N.Y.  
For \$100.00