

Legislator Moore reported that the Transportation Committee has met twice, August 29, 1978, 3:30 P.M., the main item being review of budgets with nothing finalized. An inter-fund transfer was discussed and there is a resolution on tonight's Agenda. Other items discussed were the solid-waste matter, that was referred to the Transportation Committee by this Board, and there will be an informational meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 P.M. for Town Supervisors and any other interested individuals. Mr. Moore stated he would be asking for Executive Session later to discuss designation of the new County Highway Office Building.

Mr. Moore also reported that the Transportation Committee went on a tour in the Southern part of the County on September 5, 1978 to look at the roads. Another meeting will have to be held on the budgets. Mr. Moore stated he also had a petition to the people of Lawrenceville, Stockholm requesting that we get on that Dey's Mills Bridge and get it in as the bridge is already in the budget, the project statement has been run and processed, etc.

Mr. Lemieux reported that the Insurance Committee met on August 24, 1978 with Risk Management, George Brigatti and we were informed of the problems concerning Workmen's Compensation over the last 3 years' records. Recommendations from them have been received and will be discussed in Executive Session.

Legislator Bell reported that the Audit Committee had not met. Mr. Peters wished to remind the Chairman that they are short one member on this Committee.

Chairman Abrams then stated "Presentation of Resolutions".

RESOLUTION NO. 228—78

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 8 FOR THE YEAR 1978 By Mr. Hess, Chairman, Economic Development Committee

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 8 for the Year 1978 was introduced at the meeting of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators on August 14, 1978, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was conducted by the Chairman of the Board of Legislators on September 11, 1978,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Local Law No. 8 for the Year 1978 is hereby adopted.

Mr. Hess made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 228—78, seconded by Mr. LaBaff.

Mr. Sovie stated he had heard that this gentleman had had an offer for a better paying job and Mr. Sovie believed that we cannot afford not to grant this raise as this person is largely instrumental in trying to keep Diamond International going, he is one of the very few hopes of bettering the economy in the County. Mr. Sovie stated this man has worked with the Bridge and Port Authority in getting Canadian industry in the shell buildings.

Mr. Greco stated he didn't have any quarrel with this Local Law if he understood correctly the reason for it. Mr. Greco stated it was his understanding the Economic Developer's duties and responsibilities are to be

expanded to such an extent that it justifies a substantial upgrading, this will result from combining 3 or 4 departments into one, and he also understood that this would be treating this flat rate salary different than any others as it is not merely a salary increase as such.

Mr. LaBaff stated that this was not the way he understood it, that he had read a lot in the papers about a merger trying to take place, but long before that idea came up, the idea to give Mr. Cook a raise of \$3,000.00 and that he was delighted that Mr. Sovie had learned so much so soon about one of the key people in this County. Mr. LaBaff stated when interviewing people for this job that a salary of \$19,000.00 was offered and turned it down and that we were successful in getting a much better qualified man at that time for \$17,000.00. Most people in this type of position are receiving a greater salary and Mr. LaBaff stated he did not want to take a chance in losing Mr. Cook as Mr. Cook has done an outstanding job with a County that is having problems with unemployment as we are.

Mr. Greco then stated that he liked Mr. Cook, but if the merger was not the reason for the increase, then how can we justify telling all these other people on flat rate salaries as the budgets come, that we have to wait and we are going to discuss them all together after we meet with that group. Are we going to treat all the other people the same way? This is what the Finance Committee has been telling the other people who put in requests for increases on flat rate salaries. Now, what are we going to do?

Mr. Hess then stated that we are in a situation where we have lost Diamond International, we have lost J & L, and the situation over at St. Joe. We have a young man who is very actively engaged and has been in Economic Development, he has a lot of irons in the fire, he has not made a lot of positive big deals, but he's got things going. Mr. Hess stated this was not the time to change horses in the middle of the stream, there are programs that are well instituted that are ongoing. Mr. Hess stated he was faced with the fact that it's something that he was prepared to support because he feels we need the man in this case, the continuity of the office, and subsequently he will support the resolution.

On a Roll Call vote, Resolution No. 228—78 was carried with 17 yes votes and 2 no votes as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Legislator Thompson	X			
Legislator Smith	X			
Legislator Marscher	X			
Legislator Kilcoyne	X			
Legislator Lemieux			X	
Legislator Peters	X			
Legislator Moore		X		
Legislator Greco	X			
Legislator Hess	X			
Legislator Livingston				X

Legislator Cooke	-----	X	
Legislator Bell	-----	X	
Legislator Healey	-----	X	
Legislator Bradley	-----		X
Legislator LaBaff	-----	X	
Legislator Bixby	-----	X	
Legislator Burns	-----	X	
Legislator Rische	-----		X
Legislator Sovie	-----	X	
Legislator Viskovich	-----	X	
Legislator Abrams	-----	X	
Legislator Hammill	-----	X	
Yes:	17		
No:	2		
Absent:	3		
Abstain:	0		

Total:	22		

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
LOCAL LAW NO. 8 FOR THE YEAR 1978**

**A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE ANNUAL SALARY
OF DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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

Section 1.

The annual salary for the Director of the Office of Economic Development shall be \$22,000.00.

Section 2.

This local law is subject to permissive referendum, and the Clerk is directed to publish notice of the same as required by law.

Section 3.

This local law shall become effective on the date when it is filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

RESOLUTION NO. 229—78

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING ICE BOOM MODIFICATIONS
AND VESSEL TRANSITS BEYOND THE NORMAL
NAVIGATION SEASON PRIOR TO THOROUGH SOCIAL,
ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

By Mr. Thompson, Chairman, Planning & Conservation Committee

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of Army, and the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, U.S. Department of Transportation, are preparing plans for extending the navigation season on the St. Lawrence River beyond the normal, early April to mid-December, navigation season,