

Members Attending: Mr. Timmerman, Mr. Acres, Mr. Arquiatt, ~~Ms. Bell~~, Mr. Burke, Mr. Colbert arrived at 5:45 p.m., Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Hooper, Mr. LaPierre, Mr. Leader, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Paquin, and Mr. Perkins

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Kelly Pearson, Stephen Button, Jonnie Dorothy, Don Chambers, Larry Legault, Bruce Green, Heidi Ames, Steve Ballan, Keith Zimmerman, Amy Dona, and Media Representatives.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the August 27th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Bell and Colbert).

3. NYS DEC EFFORTS AT THE J&L SITE – Gary McCullouch, DEC Regional Spill Engineer, Matthew Duffany, DEC Engineer, and Gary Bowitch, Environmental Attorney, Bowitch and Coffey, LLC

Mr. Colbert arrived at 5:45 p.m.

4. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorization to Fill Two (2) Laborer Positions in the Department of Highways (Res) (Info) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Bell).

Deb Christie, SLC Trails Coordinator, spoke to the following resolution:

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C to Prepare Appendix A for the Multi-Use Trail Capital Project (Res) – Mr. Arquiatt moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Hooper, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Bell).

C. Modifying the 2018 Budget for the Department of Highways for Equipment Repair (Res) – Mr. Arquiatt moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Bell).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Apply for State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) Grant Funds to Purchase a Dump Truck for the Department of Highways (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Bell).

5. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Documents Necessary to Accept Grant Funds for the Disposal of Tires and Authorizing the Solid Waste Transfer Stations to Accept Tires for One Day at No Charge (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Hooper, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Perkins), and one (1) absent (Bell).

6. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Adoption of the Equalization Rates for 2019 County Taxes (Res) (Info) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Bell).

B. Authorizing Collection of Omitted Taxes (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Bell).

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Designating the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce as the St. Lawrence County Tourism Promotion Agency and Authorizing the Chair to Sign the 2019 Contract (Res) – Mr. Paquin moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Colbert, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Bell).

Ms. Doyle said a change in the meeting schedule is needed. Veteran’s Day falls on Sunday, November 11th and will be recognized on Monday, November 12th. Therefore, the Operations Committee, which was schedule on Monday, November 12th will move to the following Monday, November 19th following Services Committee.

There was a conference call held with Lewis and Franklin Counties on Friday regarding cost accounting for Raise the Age Legislation. Venesky Group will offer this service. Cost accounting must take into consideration the blending of rates with the variety of departments involved, and the ability to seek reimbursements. There is an opportunity for a reduced rate as St. Lawrence County already does business with Venesky.

Work continues on the 2019 Budget, as well as the 2018 projections. The Tentative Budget will be presented next week, and will be under the tax cap. St. Lawrence County has officially been removed from having the designation of being fiscally stressed.

Walk with a Doc will be held this weekend at the John Story Trail in Massena, at the high school, at 10 a.m.

The Court House door project is underway. The outside doors were removed, and asbestos abatement was performed.

The County is back on the 9-5 schedule. Discussions will continue with the Courts on seeking additional space for a court room.

Ms. Doyle said she will be out tomorrow and Wednesday for the NYSAC Conference in Rochester.

8. OLD / NEW BUSINESS –

Mr. Timmerman commended the County Administrator, staff, and Board of Legislators for the big accomplishment of the County being removed from the fiscally stressed list.

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Bell).

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. LaPierre moved to go to Open Session at 7:18 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hooper, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Bell).

10. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Timmerman moved to adjourn the September Finance Committee Meeting at 7:18 p.m., as there was no further business.