

**Members Attending:** Mr. Acres, Ms. Arquiett, Mr. Arquiett, ~~Mr. Burke~~, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha left the meeting at 6:36 p.m., Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Haggard, Mr. Leader, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Terminelli

**Others Attending:** Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Kelly Pearson, Stephen Button, Allison Appleby, Jonnie Dorothy, Renee Cole, Bruce Green, Chris Rediehs, Don Chambers, Larry Legault, Jason Pfothauer, Stephanie Hall, Dana McGuire, Tim LePage, Ashlee Whalen, Sandra Bartlett, Vicki Stiles, James McGahan, Adam Simmons, Keith Zimmerman, Deb Bridges, Mike Cunningham, Jay Ulrich and Patrick Ames

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Lightfoot moved to approve the December 17, 2018, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

**3. ST. REGIS MOHAWK TRIBAL PRESENTATION APPLICATION TO ACQUIRE LAND IN TRUST** – Dale White, Esq., Gail McDonald, and James Lazore

**4. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON**

Mr. Arquiett left the room at 5:57 p.m.

A. Resolution Calling Upon the State of New York to Provide Increased Funding Related to the Provision of Indigent Parental Representation Services (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Mr. Button asked for friendly amendment on fifth whereas, to change the date to December 31, 2016.

Mr. Arquiett returned to the room at 5:59 p.m.

Mr. Perkins moved to amend the agenda to change the date on the fifth whereas to the year 2016, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

James McGahan spoke to the resolution.

Motion carried on amended resolution by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

## **5. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Modifying the 2018 Budget for the Department of Highways for Overtime and Contractual (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 (Burke).

B. Funding for 2019 Highway Projects (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

## **6. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Modifying the 2018 Budget for the Solid Waste Department for Recycling Costs (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

## **7. DEPARTMENT ORIENTATION**

A. Solid Waste – Larry Legault and Don Chambers

Mr. Denesha left the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

B. Real Property – Bruce Green

C. Treasurer – Renee Cole, Vicki Stiles, Ashlee Whalen, and Deb Bridges

Mr. Acres left the room at 7:00 p.m., and returned at 7:03 p.m.

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

A. Authorizing the Creation of a Self-Insured Reserve from the 2018 Budget for Healthcare and the Liability and Casualty Fund (Res) (Info) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Burke and Denesha).

B. 2018 Fourth Quarter Financial Update – Ruth Doyle

Ms. Doyle reported two transfers of funds: \$6.22 for Public Health Department for phone charges and \$875 for Social Services for phone charges.

Last week Judge Morris called a meeting about Assigned Council Program regarding concerns of not having attorneys available to appear in Family Court. Potential for solutions were discussed as well as mechanisms to maintain a master list, the high volumes of cases in Family Court, and the ability to get attorneys to appear in Court.

The list of 2019 appointments to the advisory boards, committees, and councils and a pamphlet detailing these boards were put on Legislators’ desks. Chair Lightfoot will announce the appointments at the upcoming February full Board Meeting.

Travel folders for NYSAC were put in Legislators’ mailboxes.

Forms for contributions to the employee recognition program will be emailed to the Legislators.

The Commissioner of Social Services sent an update to Ms. Doyle regarding the Federal government shutdown and the affects it has on the SNAP Benefits. St. Lawrence County receives approximately \$20 million annually for SNAP benefits. The Office of Temporary Disability Assistance is working to ensure the availability of the benefits through February. If the shutdown continues into March, there may be issues that will have an impact on the recipients of St. Lawrence County.

The Public Health Department holds four (4) rabies clinics annually. There will be a resolution coming to the Full Board Meeting authorizing the Chair to sign an agreement to hold a rabies clinic at Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The Public Defender Director Search Committee met today. Applications will be accepted through February 8<sup>th</sup> with interviews taking place at the end of February, and a recommendation coming to the March full Board Meeting.

**9. OLD / NEW BUSINESS** – There was no old/new business.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss negotiations, personnel and appointments, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Burke and Denesha).

#### **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A straw poll was taken on during Executive Session on property owned by St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Burke and Denesha).

**11. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Acres adjourned the January Finance Committee meeting at 8:42 p.m., as there was no further business.