

**Members Attending:** Mr. Acres, ~~Ms. Arquiatt~~, Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Burke arrived at 5:31 p.m., Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Haggard arrived at 5:31 p.m., Mr. Leader, Mr. Lightfoot arrived at 5:31 p.m., Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Terminelli

**Others Attending:** Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, Jonnie Dorothy, Steve Button, Renee Cole, Don Chambers, Larry Legault, Bruce Green, Deb Christy, and Media Representative, Sue Mende

**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 Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Lightfoot, Haggard, N. Arquiatt, and Burke).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ms. Curran moved to approve the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Lightfoot, Haggard, N. Arquiatt, and Burke).

Mr. Burke, Mr. Haggard, and Mr. Lightfoot arrived at 5:31 p.m.

### **3. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease with Waste Stream Inc., dba Casella Waste Services for Equipment for the Solid Waste Department (Res) – Mr. Forsythe 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 (N. Arquiatt).

### **4. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Approving Federal Aid Highway Project for the Construction/Construction Inspection Phase of the St. Lawrence County Bridge Preservation Project, BIN 3340850, BIN 3341310, BIN 3341710, BIN 3341720, PIN 775378 (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (N. Arquiatt).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a One-Year Contract Extension with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Snow and Ice Control Agreement on State Highways (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (N. Arquiatt).

### **5. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN**

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

B. Adoption of the Equalization Rates for 2020 County Taxes (Res) (Info) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (N. Arquiatt).

## **6. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract between St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan and St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility, Inc. for the Use of Fire Training Facilities (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (N. Arquiatt).

B. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the County Attorney’s Office for Outside Counsel (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (N. Arquiatt).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Access Agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Solid and Hazardous Waste Program for Assessing a Historic Landfill Site in Star Lake (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (N. Arquiatt).

## **7. LEGISLATOR JIM REAGEN**

A. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law B (No. \_) for the Year 2019, “Adopting the Rights of Public Officers and Employees Absent on Military Duty as Members of the Organized Militia or of Reserve Forces of Reserve Components of the Armed Forces Pursuant to Military Law §242(5)(B)” (Res) – Mr. Haggard moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Denesha moved to amend the local law to state “those who suffered a combat related injury or disability while serving” in place of “those who have served” seconded by Mr. Leader, and failed by a roll call vote with four (4) yes votes (Forsythe, Leader, Denesha, and Fay), ten (10) no votes, and one (1) absent (N. Arquiatt).

Mr. Reagen moved to change the local law to a resolution, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Leader Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Perkins), and one (1) absent (N. Arquiatt).

## **8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

### **A. HIGHWAY**

Fill Motor Equipment Operator (Position No. 310000003)

### **B. REAL PROPERTY**

Abolish Keyboard Specialist (Position No. 003100089), Part-Time Account Clerk (Position No. 100100036), and Temporary Keyboard Specialist (Position No. 003100097) and Create and Fill Account Clerk (Position No. 100100039)

## **9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE**

A summary was given of vacancies the Vacancy Review Committee considered this month.

Ms. Doyle reported two transfers of funds: \$118.18 for Probation for shredding, and \$3,200 for the Board of Legislators to close an account with Iron Mountain and to have all items returned that have been stored for over twenty (20) years.

Invitation were sent for the “I love New York Adirondack Challenge.”

Last week the Department of Motor Vehicles opened an additional terminal in the Massena Office.

On Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, the annual St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce dinner will be held, and the Great American Defense Community will be recognized.

The Audit documents in final form are available.

Annually the County pays for two individuals to attend the St Lawrence Leadership Institute, and this year one individual is from Social Services and one from Office for the Aging.

There was a follow up call with Rich Burns of National Grid to consider a collaboration to remove ash trees.

Ms. Doyle said resolutions adopted at the NYSAC conference have been handed out to Legislators for review and possible consideration for St. Lawrence County.

2020 Budget Process (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – Mr. Denesha
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – no report
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board – Ms. Terminelli
- D. Gouverneur Fair Board – no report
- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee – Mr. Denesha
- F. Industrial Development Agency – Mr. Reagen
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board – Mr. Arquiatt
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – no report
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – no report
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Mr. Burke

## **11. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation and personnel, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (N. Arquiatt).

## **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 9:07 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (N. Arquiatt).

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Acres adjourned the September Finance Committee Meeting at 9:08 p.m., as there was no further business.