

Members Attending: **Mr. Gennett**, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha attended via Zoom, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Hull, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen arrived at 5:33 p.m., Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, ~~Ms. Terminelli~~, and Mr. Webster

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Gennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Denesha, and Terminelli).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ms. Curran moved to approve the September 25th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Denesha, and Terminelli).

### **3. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for the 2022 Bridge NY Project Funded by the Bridge Formula Program Off-System for County Route 22 Bridge over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425 (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Denesha, and Terminelli).

Mr. Denesha arrived via video at 5:32 p.m.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for the 2022 Bridge NY Project Funded by the Bridge Formula Program Off-System for County Route 34 Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426 (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (Reagen and Terminelli).

Mr. Reagen arrived at 5:33 p.m.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Award and Sign a Construction Contract for the County Route 35 Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394 (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe.

Mr. Denesha left the room at 5:35 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Perkins), and two (2) absent (Denesha and Terminelli).

Mr. Denesha returned to the meeting at 5:36 p.m., and left at 5:37 p.m.

D. Authorizing the Chair to Award and Sign Construction Contract for the Lazy River Road Bridge Over Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332 (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Denesha).

E. Modifying the 2023 Department of Highways Budget for Overtime, Supplies, Paving Material, and Machinery Rental (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (Terminelli and Denesha).

F. Adopting an Intersection Evaluation Policy for St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Denesha).

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

A. Authorizing the Services of Simmons Hanly Conroy, LLC, to Assist the County Attorney with an Investigation and Possible Litigation Against Manufacturers of Insulin and Pharmacy Benefit Managers Related to Insulin Price Gouging (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (Terminelli and Denesha).

B. Setting the Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law B (No. \_) for the Year 2023, “Setting Policy on Acquisition and Sale of Tax Delinquent Property in St. Lawrence County” (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Denesha).

C. Setting the Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law C (No. \_) for the Year 2023, “Amending Local Law 3 for the Year 1993, “The St. Lawrence County Installment Payment of Town, County, and School Real Property Tax Law” (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Denesha).

D. Authorizing the Transfer of the Appointing Authority of the Clerical Titles from the Department of Social Services Legal Unit to the Office of the County Attorney (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Denesha).

#### **5. LEGISLATOR MARGARET HAGGARD**

A. Requesting Assistance of the ConnectAll Office, Public Service Commission, and Federal Communications Commission in Dealing with the Uncertainty of Planning for Broadband with and around Frontier Communications Service Area (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Denesha).

#### **6. LEGISLATOR DAVID FORSYTHE**

A. Calling on the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to Update its Telecommunications Policy (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke.

Mr. Denesha returned to the meeting via video at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Denesha asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Mr. Reagen asked to add a friendly amendment to the first whereas to say “it is a matter of life and death, as well as a matter of public safety in rural areas.”

Mr. Denesha left the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Forsythe said he will accept this friendly amendment.

Mr. Hull and Ms. Curran asked to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Denesha).

## **7. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE**

A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to abolish a Motor Equipment Mechanic/HEO and create and fill a Motor Equipment Mechanic, Position No. 308100010; and abolish a Welder and create and fill a Heavy Equipment Operator, Position No. 310100025, in the Department of Highways.

B. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) – Ms. Lewis requested to fill a Keyboard Specialist, Position No. 003100094, in the One Stop Career Center.

## **8. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE – RUTH DOYLE**

A. Information and Update (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle

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

A. Q3 2023 Financial Update (Info) – Ms. Doyle

B. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law D (No. \_) for the Year 2023, “Tax Cap Override for FY 2024” (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot.

Mr. Lightfoot said he is in support of this resolution.

Mr. Denesha arrived at 6:57 p.m.

Ms. Haggard said she is in support of this resolution.

Mr. Perkins said he is in support of this resolution.

Mr. Hull asked at what point the Board would know the amount of the override. Ms. Doyle said this evening at the Budget presentation.

Mr. Forsythe called a Point of Order and said the Board is only voting on setting a date for a Public Hearing at this time.

Ms. Curran said she is in support of this resolution.

Motion carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

C. Designating the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce as the St. Lawrence County Tourism Promotion Agency (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Chair Gennett called a brief recess at 7:26 p.m. to allow time to set up for the Budget presentation.

**12. 2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET PRESENTATION – RUTH DOYLE, BUDGET OFFICER**

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Gennett adjourned the October Finance Committee at 8:02 p.m., as there was no further business.