

Members Attending: **Mr. Gennett**, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, ~~Mr. Forsythe~~, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Hull, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagan, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Terminelli, and Mr. Webster

Due to extenuating circumstances, Legislator Sheridan will attend remotely from 282 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Treasure Island, Florida.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Burke moved to approve the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

**3. ONGOING CHALLENGES OF FUEL PRICES IN THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ECONOMY** – Dr. Greg Gardner, Economics Professor, SUNY Potsdam (5:35-6:25)

**4. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with PaintCare New York LLC for Paint Disposal (Res) – Mr. Perkins 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 (Forsythe).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with City of Ogdensburg for Septage/Leachate Receiving Services (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by seconded by Mr. Reagan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

**5. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON**

A. Adopting Proposed Local Law B (No. \_) for the Year 2024 “Rescinding all Previous Ethics Laws and Amendments and Adopting the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law” (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot 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 (Forsythe).

B. Authorizing the Chair to sign an Agreement for the Conveyance of 209 Rensselaer Street, in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, Town of Canton, in Lieu of Foreclosure Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1170 (Res) – Mr. Denesha 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 (Forsythe).

## **6. LEGISLATOR DENESHA**

A. Urging New York State Governor Kathy Hochul to make Appointments to the Hermon Town Board, St. Lawrence County (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 (Forsythe).

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

A. County Attorney – Mr. Button requested to abolish a Secretary I Position, and create and fill a Legal Secretary Position No. 005300018; and fill an Assistant County Attorney Position No. 0219900001, in the County Attorney’s Office.

B. County Administrator’s Office – Ms. Doyle requested to abolish a Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Position and create and fill a Director of Governmental Services, Position No. 012600002, in Purchasing.

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

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

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

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Renewal with New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. for Records Management Services (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 (Forsythe).

B. Proclaiming April as National County Government Month in St. Lawrence County and the 2024 Theme “ForwardTogether” (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

C. Updating the Authorized Fees for Indigent Burials through the Department of Social Services (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 (Forsythe).

Assemblyman Gray will be holding an informational meeting with town and highway supervisors to address budget concerns and highway funding at the County Potsdam Outpost, followed by an Open House from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the public to tour the new outpost.

The Prison Closure Task Force met last week, and continue to gather information.

Assistance County Administrator, Karen Bjork, met with staff and the Trail Coordinator to review the budget for trail maintenance and established priorities for the funding.

St. Lawrence County placed as a runner up of New York State Trails in a UTV riders blog, behind Lewis County.

The EOC will be set up for the solar eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup>. There was training on the new Rave Mobile Safety communications platform with further training to follow.

The New York State Budget is due one week from today.

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, the County EAP and CSEA will deliver treats in recognition and appreciation of County employees for their dedication and hard work.

Ms. Doyle said she had a conversation today with Steve Acquario, Executive Director of NYSAC, regarding organic waste management.

Progress on the capital projects continue, and BOCES Building Trades class will be invited come observe the Public Safety Complex renovations. The official drawings of the new Family Court has been received. The replacement of the old jail roof will begin in April.

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

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m., to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

## **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Gennett adjourned the March Finance Committee Meeting at 8:00 p.m., as there was no further business.