

St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
Board Room and Live Via YouTube

Finance Committee
Monday, September 30, 2024
5:30 PM

Members Attending: Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, ~~Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard,~~ Mr. Hull, Mr. Lightfoot, **Mr. Perkins**, ~~Mr. Reagen,~~ Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Terminelli arrived at 5:31 p.m., and Mr. Webster

Mr. Perkins chaired the meeting in Mr. Gennett's absence.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Perkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, Gennett and Terminelli).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Burke moved to approve the minutes of August 26, 2024, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, Gennett and Terminelli).

3. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Adopting Regulations Entitled "Public Access to Records of St. Lawrence County" and Repealing All Previous Regulations in St. Lawrence County Regarding the Freedom of Information Law – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot.

Ms. Terminelli arrived at 5:31 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

4. REAL PROPERTY –BRUCE GREEN

A. Authorizing Collection of Omitted Taxes – Mr. Denesha 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, Sheridan, and Gennett).

B. Adoption of the Equalization Rates for 2025 County Taxes – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

5. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Annual Service Agreement with TRANE U.S. Inc. for Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Services for the Department of Highways – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

B. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for Fuel, Equipment Repair, and Machinery Rental – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

C. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for Brown’s Falls Road Bridge Over Little River, BIN 3340920 – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Four-Year Contract Extension with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Snow and Ice Control Agreement on State Highways – Ms. Curran 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, Sheridan, and Gennett).

E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Renewal with J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc. for the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Trainer Certification Program – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

F. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department Of Highways For Tropical Storm Debby – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

G. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for the 2024 Bridge NY Project Funded by the Bridge Formula Program for County Route 49 Bridge Over East Branch of St. Regis River, BIN 3341940, PIN 775432 – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

H. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for the 2024 Bridge NY Project Funded by the Bridge Formula Program (BFP) Off-System for County Route 36 Bridge Over Grasse River, BIN 3342040, PIN 775433 – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

6. LEGISLATOR HAGGARD

A. In Support of Efforts to Salvage Potsdam Sandstone from the Demolition of the Buildings at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center in Ogdensburg to be used for Future Restoration Projects to Preserve Architectural History in the Village of Potsdam – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

7. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to abolish an Assistant Civil Engineer position, and create and fill a Heavy Equipment Operator position and fill a Motor Equipment Operator, Position No. 310000003 position in the Highway Department.

B. Solid Waste – Mr. Chambers requested to abolish a Site Crew Leader and create and fill a Heavy Equipment Operator, Position No. 309800022 in Solid Waste.

8. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

Ms. Doyle said she will meet with the Planning Office tomorrow to review ARPA Funding for water and sewer development and repairs.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Proclaiming October as St. Lawrence County History Month and Recognizing the County Historian and all Local Historians for their Contributions in Preserving St. Lawrence County History – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

Ms. Doyle gave an update on capital projects.

The County Clerk's Office had a water leak in the Deed Room which resulted in damage to documents. The staff is working on imaging documents that were salvageable.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board (Denesha) – Mr. Denesha

B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 (Sheridan) – no report

C. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli) – no report

D. Gouverneur Fair Board (Smithers) – Mr. Smithers

E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee (Smithers) – Mr. Smithers

F. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen) – no report

G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board (Perkins/Webster) – Mr. Perkins

H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) (Forsythe) – no report

I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce (Webster) – Mr. Webster

J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Burke/Haggard) – Mr. Burke

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Adopting Proposed Local Law G (No.) for the Year 2024, Amending Local Law 1 for the Year 2023, "Allowing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

Ms. Curran shared a letter from U.S. Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), regarding national docket data for non-citizens by criminality and most serious charge category as of July 2024.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to go to Executive Session at 6:34 p.m., to discuss litigation and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 7:18 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and Gennett).

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Perkins moved to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:19 p.m., as there was no further business.