

***Pursuant to the State of Emergency Executive Order 202.1 Article 7, Suspension of Law
Allowing the Attendance of Meetings Telephonically or Other Similar Service***

Mr. Forsythe called the Special Board Meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Mr. Denesha moved to suspend the Rules of Procedure to allow the attendance of Legislators telephonically, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present. Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Fay, Ms. Fiacco, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Terminelli attended telephonically.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Perkins moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Dan Skamperle, Ogdensburg City Councilman, thanked the Board for negotiations on sales tax, and he hoped to move forward with the proposal and asked for support from the Board.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 12-14-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 356-2020

**ADOPTION OF AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 203
OF GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO, NEW YORK STATE POLICE REFORM
AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 203, New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative, requires all police agencies perform a comprehensive review of deployments, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop an improvement plan, and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020, the Sheriff presented to the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators an overview of the steps proposed to be taken by the Sheriff's Office to comply with Executive Order No. 203, and

WHEREAS, a Stakeholder group, as defined by Executive Order No. 203, was sought and convened on October 13, 2020 to discuss and consider evidence based policing strategies including but not limited to, use of force policies, procedural justice; any studies addressing systemic racial bias or racial justice in policing; implicit bias awareness training; de-escalation training and practices; law enforcement assisted diversion programs; restorative justice practices;

community-based outreach and conflict resolution; problem-oriented policing; hot spots policing; focused deterrence; crime prevention through environmental design; violence prevention and reduction interventions; model policies and guidelines promulgated by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council; and standards promulgated by the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, and

WHEREAS, a Public Forum was held on October 21, 2020, including the Stakeholders, to allow for public input on the evidence based policing strategies, and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2020, the Sheriff presented the proposed Implementation Plan to the St. Lawrence County Operations Committee, and

WHEREAS, an additional public hearing will be held on December 21, 2020, for further public input, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office would like to ensure that all of its citizens are treated equally, fairly, and justly before the law, and with greater transparency, and

WHEREAS, after considering the input offered from the Stakeholders and the public, the Implementation Plan includes equipping the Sheriff's Deputies with Body Cameras, improving de-briefing of Deputies after critical incidents, provide additional training in areas of mental health and de-escalation, annual review of all policy and procedures to ensure highest standards and accreditation, increase community interaction with Regional "Town Hall" Meetings, as well as providing positive information to the public through social media, and training for our Public Relations Deputy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators adopts an Implementation Plan per Executive Order No. 203 of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and New York State Budget Director Robert Mujica.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 356-2020, seconded by Mr. Acres and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Burke moved to Table this resolution to the January Full Board Meeting to allow more time for public participation, seconded by Mr. Fay and Ms. Haggard, and failed by a roll call vote with eleven (11) no votes, and four (4) yes votes (Burke, Fay, Haggard and Fiacco).

Resolution No. 356-2020 was adopted by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) no votes (Fay and Burke).

December 21, 2020

Services Committee: 12-14-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 357-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
FOR DEPOT STREET BRIDGE OVER DEER RIVER, BIN 3220850**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Arquiatt, District 13

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is responsible for maintaining its infrastructure for the safety of the traveling public, and

WHEREAS, construction is scheduled for 2021 for the Depot Street Bridge over Deer River, BIN 3220850, a Federal pass-through project, and

WHEREAS, the construction/construction inspection phase for this project was not included in the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways, and

WHEREAS, the construction/construction inspection phase for this project is funded with eighty percent (80%) Federal funds, fifteen percent (15%) State funds, and five percent (5%) local match,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways for Depot Street Bridge over Deer River, BIN 3220850, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0911 50300 Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated \$150,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0910 50300 Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated \$150,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM299509 90600 H CR Transfers to Capital Fund \$3,000,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

HM045975 57000 H CR Transfers to Capital Fund \$2,400,000
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\$2,850,000

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 357-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Acres, and Mr. Arquiatt.

Mr. Arquiatt thanked Highway Superintendent, Don Chambers and NYS DOT Region 7 Planning Director Scott Docteur for work on this project, along with Governor Andrew Cuomo and Congresswoman Elise Stefanik for funding this project.

Resolution No. 357-2020 carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 12-14-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 358-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH FRIEND COMMERCIAL CONTRACTING FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE DEPOT STREET BRIDGE OVER DEER RIVER, BIN 3220850

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Arquiatt, District 13

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the replacement of the Depot Street Bridge over Deer River, BIN 3220850, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for this project has been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators does hereby approve the following contract for replacement of the Depot Street Bridge over Deer River, BIN 3220850 to:

Contractor:	Friend Commercial Contracting
Contract Title:	Depot Street Bridge over Deer River BIN 3220850, Town of Brasher
Contract Amount:	Not to Exceed \$2,797,686 HM651204 465CO 1903

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary contracts and documents to progress the project, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 358-2020, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Arquiatt, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle said the County is offering a certificate to be presented on December 22nd to Doug White of Heuvelton on his 100th birthday to be presented by Interim Historian Nancy Lafaver.

December 21, 2020

Mr. Forsythe adjourned the December 21st Special Board Meeting at 5:50 p.m., as there was no further business.