

Members Attending: Mr. Denesha, Mr. Acres arrived at 7:33 p.m., Ms. Arquiatt, ~~Mr. Arquiatt~~, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran arrived at 7:33 p.m., Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Haggard, Mr. Leader, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Terminelli

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Kelly Pearson, Renee Cole, Jonnie Dorothy, Steve Button, Tim LePage, Kevin Wells, Adam Simmons, Mike Cunningham, Kendra Cousineau, Andrea Montgomery, Jay Ulrich, Chris Rediehs, Keith Zimmerman, Amy Dona, Jason Pfötenhauer, Mary Lou Rupp, Sandy Santamoor, Dale Grant, Allison Appleby, and James McGahan

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Denesha called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Denesha added Old/New Business to the agenda as Item 11, and added a resolution entitled “Resolution Opposing New York State Assembly Bill A01413, “An Act to Amend the General Municipal Law, in Relation to Prohibiting Firearms as Prizes in any Game of Chance” as Item A to Old and New Business. Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Ms. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and three (3) absent (T. Arquiatt, Acres, and Curran).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the January 7th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and three (3) absent (T. Arquiatt, Acres, and Curran).

3. CARBON-FEE-AND-DIVIDEND PROPOSAL – Hogan Dwyer, St. Lawrence University Student

Mr. Acres and Ms. Curran arrived at 7:33 p.m.

4. SHERIFF – KEVIN WELLS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report for the Sheriff’s Office (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot 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 (T. Arquiatt).

B. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office to Accept a 2019 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Funding from the Bureau of Justice Department (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 (T. Arquiatt).

C. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office to Utilize Funding from the 2018 County Surplus Auctions toward the Purchase of Equipment for the Sheriff’s Office (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 (T. Arquiatt).

5. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – MIKE CUNNINGHAM

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Master Service Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for Telecommunications and Related Services (Res) – Mr. Burke 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 (T. Arquiatt).

6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – DALE GRANT

A. Authorization to Fill a Temporary Custodial Worker Position in the Governmental Services Department (Res) (Info) – Mr. Lightfoot 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 (T. Arquiatt).

Jason Pfothenauer spoke to the following resolution:

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for Clean Energy Community Program Funds and Modifying the 2019 Budget for Governmental Services (Res) – Ms. Arquiatt 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 (T. Arquiatt).

Mr. Grant gave an update on the door projects.

7. PLANNING – KEITH ZIMMERMAN

A. Septic Tank Program 2018 (Discussion)

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Office of Community Renewal for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Countywide Septic Tank Replacement and Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Planning Office (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 (T. Arquiatt).

8. HUMAN RESOURCES – JONNIE DOROTHY

A. Authorization to Abolish a Secretary I Position and Create and Fill a Human Resource Aide Position in the Human Resources Department (Res) (Info) – Mr. Acres moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (T. Arquiatt).

A recess was called at 8:35 p.m., and returned at 8:41 p.m.

9. DEPARTMENT ORIENTATION

A. Planning – Keith Zimmerman

B. County Clerk – Mary Lou Rupp/Sandy Santamoor

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doyle said the resolution for Community Services was removed from the agenda because further information was needed. This resolution will come back to Finance Committee.

Ms. Doyle reported two transfers of funds: \$23.44 and \$4,184.38 for Emergency Services for homeland security grant work.

The New York State Comptroller's Office began an audit of ethics oversight today, and will be auditing January 2017 through September 30, 2018. The auditor will be here for the next two to three weeks.

The Search Committee for Emergency Services Director met and set a return date of applications for March 1st. Review of applications will be held on March 11th with interviews tentatively scheduled for March 18-22.

A request was received from Bassmasters to come to speak with the Board of Legislators. They will be scheduled to attend the Finance Committee meeting and present with the Chamber of Commerce under Department Orientations.

The legislative work session scheduled for Wednesday has been cancelled, and will be rescheduled for next week.

As a reminder, there will be no meeting scheduled next Monday as County Offices are closed for Presidents' Day.

The Director of the IDA, Patrick Kelly, is scheduling tours, and all are welcome to attend.

Social Services statistics are on google drive.

A request for proposal for solar at the landfill has been posted to google drive for review, and now will be sent out.

The Budget Team has been reviewing Community Services billing and will be coordinating a monthly conference call with the software provider. The first call will take place tomorrow.

The resolution mentioned during the presentation on carbon fee is on google drive.

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Opposing New York State Assembly Bill A01413, "An Act to Amend the General Municipal Law, in Relation to Prohibiting Firearms as Prizes in Any Game of Chance" (Res) – Mr. Acres moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Sheridan.

Mr. Forsythe asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Mr. Haggard moved to postpone this resolution indefinitely, seconded by Mr. Burke, and failed by a roll call vote with ten (10) no votes, four (4) yes votes (Haggard, N. Arquiatt, Burke and Terminelli), and one (1) absent (T. Arquiatt).

Mr. Perkins moved to strike from the 5th whereas the wording “by the Democratic members of the New York State Assembly to drive the gun clubs of New York State out of existence and so” and to include the words “to further”, seconded by Mr. Acres.

Mr. Reagen called a Point of Order, and withdrew his Point of Order to allow further discussion.

Mr. Acres called the questions, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Haggard), and one (1) absent (T. Arquiatt).

Motion carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Haggard), and one (1) absent (T. Arquiatt).

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 9:46 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointment, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (T. Arquiatt).

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 10:11 p.m., seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (T. Arquiatt).

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Denesha adjourned the February Operations Committee meeting at 10:11 p.m., as there was no further business.