

***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. Sheridan called the Special Board Meeting to order at 5:15 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. Fay, and carried by voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Arquiett, Haggard, and Reagen).

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present with the exception of Mr. Arquiett and Ms. Haggard. Mr. Reagen arrived at 5:19 p.m., and Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, and Ms. Terminelli attended via videoconference

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Perkins moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Arquiett, Haggard, and Reagen).

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

The first resolution was tabled at the April Board Meeting and will need a motion to remove it from the table. A substitute resolution is being requested to replace the tabled resolution and will need a motion to substitute and consider for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 140-2021 (TABLED)

**DETERMINING THAT CONSTRUCTION OF EQUIPMENT GARAGES AND
SALT/SAND STORAGE BUILDINGS IN THE TOWNS OF RUSSELL, LISBON, AND
POTSDAM, NEW YORK, WILL NOT RESULT IN ANY SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators intends to construct three new truck equipment garages and three new sand/salt storage buildings for the Highway Department in Russell, Lisbon, and Potsdam – all on parcels currently owned by the County (Russell and Lisbon) or shared with the County (Town of Potsdam DPW) – in order to enhance the effectiveness of the County Highway Department operations in and throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the County intends to initiate this activity by an award of contract for the construction of these buildings, and

WHEREAS, such award of contract constitutes an "action" as delineated in 6 NYCRR Part 617 and requires that the County comply with the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

WHEREAS, Short Environmental Assessment Forms (SEAF) identifying and assessing the potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction at each of these three sites has been prepared and distributed to the Board of Legislators in an electronic version for review, and

WHEREAS, the preparation of the SEAF incorporated data was collected from the following sources: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation critical habitats data bases, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation information on archeological sites and concerns, FEMA FIRM maps for each town, state and federal wetlands delineation maps, a state and federal wetland delineation study, internal engineering assessments, highway sufficiency ratings, soils maps, a site survey and assessment of local land use regulations and design considerations that may be incorporated to minimize adverse impacts, and

WHEREAS, the County provided notice of its intent to serve as lead agency for purposes of environmental review to the affected jurisdictions and determined that there are no other "involved" agencies as defined in § 617.3 (b) (4),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators determines that construction of equipment garages and salt/sand storage buildings in the Towns of Russell, Lisbon, and Potsdam, New York, will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based upon the environmental assessment and supporting materials, the ultimate development of these projects will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators directs the County Administrator to prepare a "Negative Declaration" which indicates that the Board determines that the no adverse environmental impacts will result from these projects based upon the upon the summary of environmental impacts as described in the SEAF and incorporating the points noted in the presentation and discussion of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is directed to file the "Negative Declaration" in compliance with the requirements of § 617.12; determines that completion of this environmental review fulfills the requirement of the Board under SEQRA; and further determines that the Board is free to take "actions" on the project as defined under 6 NYCRR Part 617, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators will fully comply with any and all permit conditions to mitigate environmental damage both during construction and occupancy of the building as may be required by other permitting agencies subject to the conclusions of their SEQRA reviews and/or in compliance with applicable environmental requirements or standards.

Mr. Acres moved to remove this resolution from the Table, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Arquiatt, Haggard, and Reagen).

Mr. Sheridan said the following is a substitute resolution for consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. 140-2021 (SUBSTITUTE)

DETERMINING THAT CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW TRUCK EQUIPMENT GARAGES AND TWO NEW SALT/SAND STORAGE BUILDINGS IN THE TOWNS OF RUSSELL AND LISBON ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK, WILL NOT RESULT IN ANY SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators intends to construct two new truck equipment garages and two new sand/salt storage buildings for the Highway Department in Russell and Lisbon, all on parcels currently owned by the County, in order to enhance the effectiveness of the County Highway Department operations in and throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the County intends to initiate this activity by an award of contract for the construction of these buildings, and

WHEREAS, such award of contract constitutes an "action" as delineated in the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act "SEQRA", ELC Section 8-0101, et seq, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "SEQRA Regulations"), and

WHEREAS, Short Environmental Assessment Forms (SEAF) identifying and assessing the potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction at each of these locations has been prepared and distributed to the Board of Legislators in an electronic version for review, and

WHEREAS, the preparation of the SEAF incorporated data was collected from the following sources: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation critical habitats data bases, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation information on archeological sites and concerns, FEMA FIRM maps for each town, state and federal wetlands delineation maps, a state and federal wetland delineation study, internal engineering assessments, highway sufficiency ratings, soils maps, a site survey and assessment of local land use regulations and design considerations that may be incorporated to minimize adverse impacts, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the SEQRA Regulations, considering only a part or segment of an action is contrary to the intent of SEQRA, and therefore the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators is expressly considering the cumulative impact of the proposed truck equipment garages and proposed sand/salt storage buildings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators determines that construction of two new truck equipment garages and two new salt/sand storage buildings in the Towns of Russell and Lisbon, St. Lawrence County, New York, will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators determines that based upon the environmental assessment and supporting materials, the ultimate development of these projects will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators directs the County Administrator to prepare a "Negative Declaration" which indicates that the Board determines that the no adverse environmental impacts will result from these projects based upon the upon the summary and evaluation of potential environmental impacts as described in the SEAF and incorporating the points noted in the staff presentation and discussion of this resolution by the Board of Legislators, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators will fully comply with any and all permit conditions to mitigate environmental damage both during construction and occupancy of the building as may be required by other permitting agencies subject to the conclusions of their SEQRA reviews and/or in compliance with all applicable environmental requirements or standards.

Mr. Acres moved to replace with the substitute resolution and moved to adopt Resolution No. 140-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Arquiett, Haggard, and Reagen).

Mr. Reagan arrived at 5:19 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 141-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT STORAGE FACILITY IN THE TOWN OF RUSSELL

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Ms. Fiacco, District 11; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved and funded the Highway Storage Facilities Project, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the construction of a salt storage facility in the Town of Russell, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidders for this project have been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for construction of a salt storage facility in the Town of Russell, as follows:

General Contractor:	Northern Tier Contracting, Inc.
Contract Amount:	Not to Exceed \$956,870
Electrical Contractor:	Next Era Contracting
Contract Amount:	Not to Exceed \$ 15,552
Contract Title:	Salt Storage Facility, Town of Russell HM651974 465CO RSS

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

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 141-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Haggard).

RESOLUTION NO. 142-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE TOWNS OF LISBON AND RUSSELL

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Ms. Fiacco, District 11; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved and funded the Highway Storage Facilities Project, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the construction of salt and equipment storage facilities in the Town of Lisbon and the construction of an equipment storage facility in the Town of Russell, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidders for these projects have been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Chair to sign contracts for construction of the Highway Storage Facilities in the Towns of Lisbon and Russell, as follows:

General Contractor:	Northern Tier Contracting Not to Exceed \$3,542,685
Plumbing Contractor:	ENI Mechanical, Inc. Not to Exceed \$286,130
Mechanical Contractor:	ENI Mechanical, Inc. Not to Exceed \$448,979
Electrical Contractor:	Tel, Inc. Not to Exceed \$300,142
Contract Title:	Highway Storage Facilities Salt Storage and Equipment Storage, Town of Lisbon Not to Exceed \$2,660,743 HM651974 465CO LOP

Equipment Storage, Town of Russell
Not to Exceed \$1,917,193
HM651974 465CO ROP

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

Mr. Smithers moved to adopt Resolution No. 142-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Haggard).

RESOLUTION NO. 143-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH STARK’S GRAVEL AND EXCAVATION, LLC FOR REMOVAL OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND STREET BRIDGE OVER MORRISTOWN BAY, BIN 3341380, RESILIENCY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (REDI) PROJECT

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Ms. Fiacco, District 11; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the removal of the Northumberland Street Bridge over Morristown Bay, BIN 3341380, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for this project has been determined, pending consent from the New York State Department of Transportation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Stark’s Gravel and Excavation for removal of the Northumberland Street Bridge over Morristown Bay, BIN 3341380, Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Project, as follows:

Contractor:	Stark’s Gravel and Excavation, LLC Constable, NY 12926
Contract Title:	Northumberland Street Bridge over Morristown Bay BIN 3341380, Town of Morristown
Contract Amount:	Not to Exceed \$1,209,499 HM651204 465CO REDI

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute all necessary contracts and documents to progress the project, upon approval of the County Attorney, and consent of the New York State Department of Transportation

Mr. Smithers moved to adopt Resolution No. 143-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Haggard).

RESOLUTION NO. 144-2021

AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS TO SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING MULTI-USE TRAIL PERMITS AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Denesha, District 6;
Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Mr. Arquiett, District 13

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2021 re-established the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Recreational Trail System and established a trail permitting process, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County would like to partner with certain local entities to Administer permit supplies, including multi-use trail permits and trail maps, and

WHEREAS, the entities distributing the supplies may be provided with the use of County-owned tablets that will be available to the public to complete the process and pay exclusively through the online process, and

WHEREAS, Section 11, Subsection B of Local Law 1 for the year 2021 authorized the St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendent to designate the authority to issue a St. Lawrence County Trail permit, and

WHEREAS, Section 11, Subsection K of the Local Law stipulates that deposit all monies received from the issuance of St. Lawrence County Trail Permits for OHVs and all fees otherwise collected under the Local Law to the credit of a Recreational Trails Fund established by the St. Lawrence County Treasurer,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Superintendent of Highways to sign agreements with entities for the purpose of distributing multi-use trail permits, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

BF020895 55000 TRAIL	B TRAIL LR Sale of Permits	\$97,500
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BF079894 43007 TRAIL	B TRAIL Permits	\$97,500
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a reserve will be created for the exclusive use of establishment, maintenance, and operations of the St. Lawrence County Trail System.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 144-2021, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Haggard).

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: There were no Chair's Appointments

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Sheridan adjourned the May 24th Special Board Meeting at 5:23 p.m., as there was no further business.