

AGENDA
April 13, 2011 5:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. PRESENT – Patricia Southworth, Alan Grattidge, Philip C. Barrett, Anita Daly, Richard Lucia, Mary Ann Johnson, Jean Raymond, George J. Hargrave, Richard Rowland, Arthur M. Wright, Mindy Wormuth, Paul Sausville, Thomas Richardson, Frank Thompson, Preston L. Jenkins, Jr., John Collyer, Thomas N. Wood, III, Matthew E. Veitch, Joanne Dittes Yepsen, John Lawler, Arthur J. Johnson 21. ABSENT –Willard H. Peck, Edward D. Kinowski 2.

On a motion by George Hargrave, seconded by Tom Wood the minutes of the March 15, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator, stated the agenda everyone has does not include the late resolution that came out of Law and Finance’s Executive Session but will be part of the package next week.

Mr. Hellwig reviewed the following items:

EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT

The first two items are tender offers and are related to properties that were set to be auctioned off in March, Mr. Hellwig explained. He said that the first is for parcels in the Towns of Moreau, Saratoga and Waterford and the second is for a parcel purchased by the Town of Stillwater. He said that the third resolution under E&A is for conveyance of the properties sold at the March auction which the County realized a profit of \$160,179 over the taxes that were owed from those auction proceeds.

Mr. Hellwig said that the next item is a correction of a 2011 tax on a Saratoga Springs parcel and that’s due to an incorrect issuance of a building permit on that parcel which is actually vacant. He said there will also be a refund in the Town of Milton for sewer charges paid in 2009 and 2010 because they were incorrectly billed for 17 sewer units when the correct number was 6 sewer units. The next two are credits to parcels in the Town of Providence and the City of Saratoga Springs; similar to the earlier resolutions the credit in Saratoga Springs was for vacant land incorrectly being tied to a building permit and in the Town of Providence there was an incorrect value listed on the file Mr. Hellwig stated. He said that the final item will be a correction to the 2011 tax roll for a parcel in the Town of Waterford. He stated that the Town of Waterford had already passed a resolution to decrease the amount owed by the property owner retroactively to coincide with the owner’s passing and the County is going to recognize that same adjustment.

LEGISLATIVE AND RESEARCH

Mr. Hellwig said that under Legislative and Research there will be two resolutions. He said the first one is urging the Governor to decommission the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor Commission and the second one is supporting the County’s participation with the Adirondack Partnership to support various economic initiatives for the northern part of Saratoga County.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Hellwig said that there will be two resolutions. He said that one is the renewal of the Excess Liability Coverage under workman’s comp and that is for claims that may be made against manufacturers of equipment that have potential to injure an employee who can’t sue the County for those injuries and in the event that the manufacturer files a notice against the County we have coverage. He said the second resolution is a renewal of the County’s Liability Coverage which is set to expire on May 8th.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Mr. Hellwig advised that there will be a resolution amending the contract with Bishop-Beaudry Construction for additional services at the Saratoga County Animal Shelter that are above and beyond the contract amount and the 10% contingency on that contract.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The County will be recognizing National Nursing Home Week from May 8th through May 14th and also acknowledging the vital role that our nursing homes and the employees provide to the people they care for Mr. Hellwig stated.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hellwig said there will be one resolution to transfer out of the Animal Shelter Trust Fund to purchase a van and an adoption trailer as well as to authorize additional payments to a veterinarian to provide spaying and neutering services in-house when the staff veterinarian is unavailable.

LAW AND FINANCE

Mr. Hellwig said that there will be three resolutions. He said that the first is a contract with Delaware Engineering for engineering to conduct inspections, evaluation, design, bid work and contract administration for the rehabilitation for the sewer plant's sludge incinerator. The second one is to authorize a contract with Delaware to conduct a feasibility study to identify suitable location to divert flows from Saratoga Springs to a new location north of the plant in Mechanicville he stated. Mr. Hellwig said the final resolution will be to authorize Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner to take all appropriate action necessary to pursue an appeal of Judge Ferradino's recent decision in the Hudson River/Black River Regulating District litigation. He said that this will be done at a cost not to exceed \$6,000 and is contingent upon the participation of the five (5) counties that have been involved in the lawsuit up to this point.

Vice Chairman Thompson acknowledged Mary Ann Johnson. Mrs. Johnson said she wanted to remind all the supervisors that next Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Wesley Health Center there will be a special ceremony for Captain Clarence Dart who retired from the Army and that he was part of the Tuskegee Airman in WWII. She asked supervisors to notify Jen if attending.

Vice Chairman Thompson acknowledged Patti Southworth. Mrs. Southworth said she placed a flyer at the supervisors' seats reminding them that PYX106 will be hosting a fundraiser for the Guardian House which costs \$10 a person and will be held at Vapor Night Club on April 15th.

Vice Chairman Thompson acknowledged Alan Grattidge. Mr. Grattidge said on behalf of the Public Works Committee he would like to thank the crew and staff of the Public Works Department for the work they did on North Shore Road. He said that the original estimate had the road closed for 5 or 6 weeks and they were able to get the road back open in 15 days from when the wash-out happened. He stated it was a critical section of highway for that end of the county and the three supervisors from that area appreciated the hard work that the County staff put in. Mr. Grattidge wanted to publicly thank Joe Ritchey and his whole staff for handling the situation. Mr. Thompson said Mrs. Johnson was going to do that at the Board Meeting. Mrs. Johnson said that she was but sent out her kudos and said it saves her a lot of time and fuel.

On a motion by Art Johnson, seconded by Preston Jenkins the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Hargrave, Clerk