

## Special Law and Finance Committee Meeting

September 5, 2007 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Hargrave; Supervisors Gutheil, A. Johnson, M. Johnson, Peck, Thompson, Callanan, Hunter, Janik, Wormuth, Richardson, Raymond, Daly, Yepsen, and Sausville; David Wickerham County Administrator; Scott Allen, WCGS Architects; Joe Strykiewicz, BBL Construction Services; Tom Spezial, DPW; Greg Dixon, Saratoga County Chamber; John Murray, County Auditor; John F. Nolan, County Republican Chairman; Joe Ritchey, DPW; Press.

Chairman Hargrave called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Peck to approve the minutes of August 15, 2007 with the following change: Unanimous.**

**Mr. Gutheil said for the record, he abstained on the water committee vote because at the time we did not have a water contract signed for the amount.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the following: Ayes – Hargrave, A. Johnson, M. Johnson, Peck, Thompson and Wood – Noes – Gutheil.**

**Mr. Gutheil said he has lost confidence in the level of the project.**

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

- **Authorizing a change order to the contact with Sam Greco Construction not to exceed \$120,653 for the renovation of the courtyard project.**
- **Authorizing a change order to the contract with BBL Construction Services not to exceed \$16,000 for the renovation of the courtyard project.**

- **Authorizing the change order to the contract with Woodward, Connor, Gillies and Seleman Architects not to exceed \$19,100.**
- **Amending the capital plan and 2007 county budget for change orders in an amount not to exceed \$15,040.**

Mr. Wickerham said the above items authorize the overall change order in the contract for the Courtyard renovation for a total not to exceed \$120,653

The capital plan will be amended in an amount not to exceed \$15,040.

Mrs. Johnson thanked the county for taking on this massive project. This has been a problem for approximately 35 years and finally it will be fixed. This project is almost a million-dollar project and is approximately 75% complete. Some problems have arisen and are before us today. Mrs. Johnson thanked Mr. Gutheil, Ms. Raymond, and the change order committee, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Hargrave in looking into the resolution that was brought forward last month and exceeded expectations considerably. By taking this back to the contractors the amount was reduced by nearly \$100,000.

Mr. Gutheil said the original contract with BBL Construction was for \$64,000 at \$80/hr with an anticipated work schedule of twenty weeks. It has now been brought to the committee that it will be \$4,000 a week for four weeks, which is \$1,000/hr for a week, versus \$3,200 a week. Mr. Gutheil asked what has happened since the contract was signed?

Mr. Strykiewicz said there was 10 hours of time added for the project manager's time. Originally, a full time superintendent was included at 40/hrs a week for twenty weeks.

Mr. Ritchey said the original proposal for on site work was for \$3,200 for a week. For this proposal they are suggesting not only a full time on site worker, but Mr. Strykiewicz has put in 10 hours a week to handle this specific change order for professional work that he has done and will continue to do through the rest of the issue.

Mr. Gutheil questioned why the committee was not made aware of this change.

Mr. Gutheil said there was discussion on the contract about the architect's contract and marking up consultants, at one point, two times. Mr. Connors said that was their right to mark up consultant contracts by 20%. Mr. Gutheil presented a contract that he signed in 2006 and that was eliminated from the contract, he said.

Mr. Strykiewicz said the top elevation of the underlayment material was lowered by a half-inch in order to reduce the quantity. This still results in zero to an inch and a half deep, with an average of three-quarters of an inch..

**A motion was made by Mr. Gutheil, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the following. Unanimous.**

- **Designating the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce as the County TPA (Tourism Promotion Agency) and Authorizing them to apply for \$263,850 in I Love NY Tourism Grants for 2007-2008.**

Mr. Wickerham said the county will be applying for \$262,850, which is the total for the entire region. The county will most likely receive between \$60,000 - \$65,000. It is important to apply for all of it, because if any other county does not apply we would pick up their share as well, he said.

Mr. Gutheil commended the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for doing an excellent job.

**On a motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Peck the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom