

LAW AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Hargrave; Supervisors Gutheil, A. Johnson, M. Johnson, Peck, Thompson, Wood, Janik, Raymond, Grattidge, Sausville, Trottier, Lucia and Keyrouze; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Jason Kemper, Planning; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Sam Pitcherelle, Treasurer; Wes Carr, Water Project Manager; Jack Murray, County Auditor, Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Jim DiPasquale, Sewer District; Joe Ritchey, Public Works; Dale Angstadt, Mental Health; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; Sue Lent, Self-Insurance; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Peck the minutes of the March 14, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

On a motion made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mrs. Johnson the following were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Senior Whole Health to accept their insured's with reimbursement rates of \$425 for level 1 care, \$325 for level 2 care and \$250 for level 3 care.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$24,323 New York State Department of Health grant for the Maplewood Manor for tuition assistance and nursing scholarship programs.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a renewal contract with Family & Children's Services of the Capital Region, Inc. for problem gambling treatment at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.**

On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Johnson the following was approved unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Supporting Momentive Performance Materials USA, Inc.'s application for Foreign Trade Zone Designation.**

Mr. Wickerham said Momentive Performance Materials is the successor to the General Electric Silicones Company in Waterford. They would like to have Foreign Trade Zone designation so they can save money on tariffs and continue to make product and sell it. The Foreign Trade Zone was originally located in Schenectady; however, under new regulations you can now have non-contiguous sites providing all municipalities approve. The towns of Halfmoon and Waterford have already passed resolutions, he said.

On a motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wood the following was approved unanimously.

VETERANS

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a contract with Saratoga Performing Arts Center for rental of the facility for the Army Field Band Concert scheduled for September 21, 2007 at a cost not to exceed \$11,000.**

On a motion made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Gutheil the following were approved unanimously.

EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT

- **Authorizing the conveyance of 22 parcels sold at the March auction to the high bidders.**
- **Authorizing conveyance of a tax acquired parcel to the Village of Round Lake.**
- **Authorizing the cancellation of taxes on suffixed tax parcel in the Town of Milton in the amount of \$200.63.**

Mr. Wickerham said twenty-three parcels were sold at the County Auction held in March with 22 ready for conveyance. The gross proceeds were over \$400,000 representing a profit of approximately \$365,000.

A parcel is being conveyed to the Village of Round Lake, they have agreed to pay all outstanding penalties, interest and taxes for a total of \$1,115.46.

On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Gutheil the following were approved unanimously.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- **Providing an easement to a property owner in Halfmoon to allow connection with the Saratoga County Sewer lines.**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a contract with St. John Architects for consulting services related to the replacement of roofs on Buildings 1 and 3 at a cost of \$22,200.**
- **Amending the budget to transfer \$237,200 from the contingency account to the Capital Account for the completion of the replacement of Buildings 1 and 3 roofs and amending the 2007 Capital Plan thereto.**

Mr. Wickerham said the easement on property in Halfmoon is given at no cost; however, the homeowner must provide the engineering and construction to actually access the line and meet the county standards.

Mr. Wickerham said originally building three was not scheduled to be done until 2008. The Buildings and Grounds Committee elected to have both building one and three done simultaneously. Proposals were sent out for the engineering, with the lowest bid at \$22,200.

Item three is amending the Capital Plan to include the replacement of the roof to building three and also withdrawing money from the contingency account to support the project. The total cost is \$237,200.

On a motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wood the following were approved unanimously.

WATER COMMITTEE

- **Authorizing and directing the Chairman to accept \$11.25 million in State grants for the water project and transferring those funds to the County Water Authority.**
- **Directing the Chairman to enter into a Service Agreement to underwrite the initial offering of Water Authority debt.**
- **Authorizing and directing the Chairman to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement that transfers the water project to the Water Authority.**

On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Peck the following were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Authorizing the County Animal Shelter to increase neuter deposits to \$50 for dogs and cats and increase Heartworm/Lyme/Erlichia test for dogs and Feline Leukemia/FIV tests for cats to \$10 per test.**

- **Adopting a Community Alert-Reverse 911 Policy and Procedures to establish protocol for system usage.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to sign National Information Management System (NIMS) mutual aid agreements between the County and local governments.**

Mr. Wickerham said when the new Animal Shelter is built the policy will be changed, ensuring that all Animals will be neutered before they leave the facility.

On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Gutheil the following were approved unanimously.

INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

- **Authorizing renewal of the Employers Liability Coverage through Russell Bond & Company at a premium cost of \$25,980.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into contracts for insurance coverage for the period of May 8, 2007 to May 8, 2008 at a total cost not to exceed \$1,000,000. Unanimous.**

On a motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Johnson the following was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

- **Endorsing and supporting the draft design of the Batchellerville Bridge (Alternate 5B)**

Mr. Wickerham said the Batchellerville Bridge has been designed by the State. They will build the bridge, and when it meets all the specifications it will then be turned over to the County. A public hearing will be held on April 24th. The Supervisor from the Town of Edinburg and all stakeholders have supported Alternate 5B, which calls for a 42ft. clearance from the center of the bridge.

On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Wood the following was approved unanimously.

LAW AND FINANCE

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a contract with Kinsley Power Systems for a two-year service agreement for preventative maintenance on generators at the Saratoga County Sewer District at a cost not to exceed \$16,575.**

Mr. Wickerham said this is for a two-year service agreement for preventative maintenance on generators that keep the pump houses going during power outages.

There were five responses to the proposal with the lowest at \$16,575 and the second lowest at \$18,200.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Johnson to move into Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation. Unanimous.

No Action was taken.

A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom