

## LAW AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 10 , 2009 – 4:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Peck; Supervisors Grattidge, Hargrave, Thompson, Wood, Raymond, M. Johnson, Wright, Rowland, Southworth, Veitch, Lucia and Wormuth; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Daniel Butler, Animal Shelter; John Murray, County Auditor; Janet Glenn, Public Health; Sam Pitcherale, Treasurer; Tony Scavone, Employment & Training; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Barbara Thomas, League of Women Voters; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.**

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

### **VETERANS**

- **Requesting Home Rule Legislation to designate the roadway from the NYS Veterans Museum Saratoga Springs to the Town of Waterford as the Saratoga County Veterans Memorial Highway.**

Mr. Wickerham said there is a request to designate all of routes 4 and 32, from Waterford up to the intersection of route 29 and over to the NYS Veterans' Museum in Saratoga Springs, as the Saratoga County Veterans Memorial Highway.

### **EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT**

**On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the following was approved by the following vote: Ayes Grattidge, Hargrave, Thompson and Wood; Peck Abstained. Absent: Daly and Sausville. Motion passed.**

- **Rescinding resolution No. 93-2009 relative to the corrected tax bill for a parcel in the Town of Wilton and authorizing a refund of \$9,353.12 in erroneous taxes.**

Mr. Wickerham said the above is rescinding a resolution that was passed a couple of months ago. The county corrected a tax bill for the Saratoga Hospital facility in Wilton passing it as a correction of the tax bill. Between the time of the passing of the resolution and the time it got to the hospital the bill was paid, therefore, instead of a correction a refund will be made.

**On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the following were approved unanimously.**

- **Rescinding Resolution No. 224-2008 which relieved unpaid Sacandaga Lake Maintenance assessment**
- **Waiving penalties/interest on a parcel in the Town of Stillwater due to the Town's error in collection of taxes.**
- **Accepting a tender offer in the Town of Malta in the amount of \$15,069.95.**

Mr. Wickerham said a couple times a year there are resolutions to relevy hydro's for the Hudson River/Black River Regulating District. There have been some court challenges by the hydro's against the Hudson River/Black River relative to property assessments. The challenges have been won, and the county will be rescinding the relevy.

The second item is the waiving of penalties and interest on a parcel in the town of Stillwater. This was a case where the tax bill was posted to the wrong property and through a whole sequence of unusual errors in the Town of Stillwater, the individual did not get credit for paying their taxes.

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Hargrave the following were approved unanimously.**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- **Amending the budget to transfer \$9,710 from the Animal Shelter Trust fund for activities related to the expansion of the website, spaying services and portable crates.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with NYS Department of Criminal Justice to accept a \$30,000 Domestic Violence Equipment Grant for the purchase of digital cameras and recording equipment for the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department and amending the budget in relation thereto.**

Mr. Wickerham said donations have been made to the Animal Shelter for the care of the animals, in addition to what the county does. The Animal Shelter supervisor has requested that \$9,710 be taken out of the Trust Fund to be used for the expansion of the website, portable crates for the rabies clinics, and spaying services for cats.

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

#### **SOCIAL PROGRAMS**

- **Authorizing the Youth Bureau's 2009 funding applications and contracts.**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept \$552,727 in Workforce Investment Act funds for the Program Year 2009 and authorizing funding applications and contracts.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept \$149,631 TANF Summer Youth Employment funds and amending the 2009 budget.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a renewal agreement with Saratoga Bridges to provide a Disability Navigator Program to Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties for a sum not to exceed \$75,000 and amending the budget in relation thereto.**

Mr. Wickerham said the second item is to accept \$552,727 in funds for the Employment and Training Department. The actual total of the funds is \$1.2 million, which is used for services in Warren and Washington County as well.

The third item authorizes the acceptance of the TANF Summer Youth Employment funds in the amount of \$149,631. This represents an increase of approximately 11% from last year, and provides employment for students who are qualified through the Temporary Needy Assistance Program.

The fourth item is a renewal agreement for the Disability Navigator Program. This is a federal program that was approved last year, giving employment opportunities to disabled individuals through Saratoga Bridges. The funds of \$75,000 are the same as last year and will provide services in Warren and Washington counties as well.

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

### **LEGISLATIVE AND RESEARCH**

- **Urging Governor Paterson, the State Legislature and the HRBR Regulating District to suspend the process for establishing new rules relative to access permits for Sacandaga Lake properties.**

Mr. Wickerham said the Hudson River/Black River Regulating District has been in a rule making process relative to access permits to Sacandaga Lake. DEC has proposed making the beach available to everyone. The Legislative and Research committee has requested a resolution to be sent to the State Legislature as well as the Federal Government asking them to suspend the process of establishing rules until there has been more public input.

### **CHAIRMAN'S ITEM**

- **Reappointing Edwin Vopelak, Jr. from the Town of Ballston and Stephen Porto from the Town of Wilton to the Saratoga County Planning Board for a term to expire on May 31, 2014.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Hargrave the following was approved unanimously.**

**LAW AND FINANCE**

- **Authorizing Blanket Official Undertaking for County Officers required by Law to execute and file official undertakings.**

Mr. Wickerham said at the beginning of every year the county authorizes Official Blanket Undertaking for all County Officers and a larger undertaking for the Constitutional Officers, which is required by State law. This process is revised whenever there is a new insurance policy issued.

**On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom