

AGENDA SESSION
November 12, 2015 4:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Wright called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll call was taken. PRESENT –Alan Grattidge, Philip C. Barrett, Anita Daly, Preston Allen, Jean Raymond, Paul Lent, Paul Lunde, Arthur Wright, Kevin Tollisen, Paul Sausville, Thomas Richardson, Daniel Lewza, Preston L. Jenkins, Jr., John Collyer, Thomas N. Wood, III, Matthew E. Veitch, Peter Martin, Edward D. Kinowski, – 18. ABSENT – Patrick Ziegler, Richard Lucia, Willard H. Peck, John Lawler, Arthur J. Johnson - 5.

On a motion by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Collyer the minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hellwig presented the following:

EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT

Amending Resolution 200 of 2014 to authorize further corrections to the 2014 tax bills and authorizing additional tax credits.

Granting of an extension of time for the payment of the balance due on the auction sale of a tax parcel in the Town of Ballston.

PERSONNEL & INSURANCE

Authorizing amendments to the County's Policy and Procedures Manual to provide a revision of the parking policy and for the revision of the Civil Service Requirements Policy.

Authorizing renewal of the labor relations agreement with Girvin and Ferlazzo for their services as part of labor negotiations.

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Authorizing 2016-2017 Annual Implementation Plan in Office for the Aging and authorizing the 2016 subcontracts necessary to carry out the plan.

Authorizing an agreement with the Town of Halfmoon to provide a portion of funding for a senior van.

Approving Four Year Service Plan for Office for the Aging.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Accept additional State funds for the following programs: Children with Special Health Care Needs, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Rabies and Immunization Action Plan.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Accepting an Aid to Prosecution Grant in the District Attorney's Office. This is an annual grant received from the State of New York to offset some of the costs associated with prosecution of violent felonies.

Accepting a statewide interoperable communications grant from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. The additional funding will be used for an upgrade to the computer aided dispatch software as well as equipment associated with the 911 call system.

PUBLIC WORKS

Accepting a portion of Luther Forest Boulevard Extension from the Town of Malta. This is another piece the Town asked by resolution for the County to assume as well.

Setting a public hearing to accept the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan for pedestrian facilities in the public right of way.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Acceptance of three NYSDOT matching grants for three projects at the County Airport.

LAW AND FINANCE

Establishing a Proprietary fund to segregate and track employee health care benefits.

Authorizing establishment of an Open Space Reserve Fund.

Amending the 2016 budget to appropriate from Fund Balance \$121,834 for costs associated with Farmland and Open Space Projects. There are seven projects that will be awarded for a total of \$371,834. \$250,000 is included in the current budget.

Authorizing the transfer of \$650,000 from the Self Insurance Contributory Reserve to the Self Insurance Operating account to cover anticipated year end expenses.

Adopting the 2016 Saratoga County Budget (TO BE TABLED).

Appropriating amounts finally set forth in the 2016 Saratoga County Budget (TO BE TABLED).

Setting December 1, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Board Rooms as the date, time and place for the public hearing on the revised tentative 2016 Saratoga County Budget.

Approving the 2016 Tax Bill Flyer, pursuant to Local Law introductory #1, Print #1 of 2012, establishing Truth in Taxation in Saratoga County.

Mr. Grattidge clarified that there are seven projects that will be awarded under the Open Space Program. Funding for two old projects that were not completed is included in the \$371,834 figure in the item under Law and Finance.

On a motion by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Martin the agenda was set for the November 17, 2015 Board meeting.

Public Input:

Bill Hoffman – Buckingham Court, Clifton Park Re: Kinns Road Park. Mr. Hoffman said he lives in the Sherwood Forest neighborhood which abuts the Kinns Road Park. He is concerned with the plan to remove trees in this park. He said he spends time there and said there are a lot of ribbons marking trees. It's his understanding the park would be closed for two months when the trees are being taken down. He feels that is too long to have the park closed. He also questioned why the trees have to be chopped down and taken away. He would like to see the trees chopped down and left there for nature to take care of. He believes the decision was made because of the monetary amount associated with the taking of the trees. He believes there must be a less intrusive resolve. Mr. Hoffman added that a little notice should have been given to neighbors of the park.

Mr. Barrett asked for clarification on the two month time limit. It is his understanding that the park must be closed for the timbering process to take place. Mr. Kemper replied that was correct. Mr. Barrett asked if he was correct in saying that depending on the amount of timber that was removed would dictate how long the park would be closed. Mr. Kemper said that and the acreage.

Judy Karmiohl Ehrlich – Plaid Place, Clifton Park Re: Kinns Road Park. Ms. Karmiohl Ehrlich said she has been using this park for eight years and understands that thinning of the forest is good for the trees. She is concerned about the money figure placed on the removal of these trees and that's the reason for this project. She said there are a lot of trees that have ribbons. She pointed out that all sorts of people use this park from teams and schools to hikers and dog walkers. She said the five or six years it would take for the park to grow back is just too long. She said it is important to look at all aspects of this situation.

On a motion by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Veitch the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Wright, Clerk of the Board