

Law and Finance Committee Minutes  
July 12, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Collyer; Committee members Paul Lent, Dan Lewza, Mo Wright; Supervisors Phil Barrett, Vince DeLucia, Alan Grattidge, Art Johnson, Dick Lucia, Peter Martin, Bill Peck, Tim Szczepaniak, Tom Wood and Chairman of the Board Ed Kinowski; Spencer Hellwig, Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Brian O’Conor, Auditor; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Jason Kemper, Planning; Keith Manz, Public Works; Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Dan Rourke, Sewer; Andrew Jarosh, Treasurer; Lisa Scaccia, WIOA; J. Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Chris Du, Town of Clifton Park Student, Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Lewza, seconded by Mr. Lent, the minutes of the June 14, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Authorizing the transfer of 2016 trails grant funds from the county trails development reserve fund to the Town of Hadley for Phase 2 of their Canoe Take-Out Trail project and amending the budget in relation thereto.
- Authorizing the Saratoga County Association of Snowmobile Clubs Inc. to apply for a grant under the Recreational Trails Program to provide State funding for the purchase of a trails groomer.
- Authorizing an extension to the Washington County EOC Youth Contract for 1 additional year per the recommendation of the Work-Force Development Board and new interpretation of the WIOA Law from the NYS Department of Labor.

Mr. Hellwig said that the amount being transferred from the trails grand fund is \$11,250. For the second item, the maximum grant amount is \$200,000.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lewza, the following resolution was approved unanimously.**

RACING & GAMING

- Honoring thoroughbred trainer Chad Brown for his racing stable's dramatic victory in the 142nd Preakness Stakes (G1) at Pimlico Race Course with three-year old colt Cloud Computing.

Mr. Hellwig said that Chad Brown is a Mechanicville native. Mr. Brown pursued a degree in Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University and upon graduation decided to pursue a career in training. Mr. Brown has had a meteoric rise in the thoroughbred racing industry winning the first race he ever ran at Saratoga and also won with a first time starter in a 2008 Breeders Cup race.

**On a motion made by Mr. Lewza, seconded by Mr. Lent, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.**

#### EQUALIZATION & ASSESSMENT

- Approving auction sale of county-owned lands acquired for unpaid taxes.
- Authorize correcting 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 tax bills for a parcel in the Town of Halfmoon (696.-1-1) and authorizing a tax credit for those years.
- Authorize the correction of a 2017 tax bill for a parcel in the village of Round Lake and authorize a tax credit in the amount of \$279.36.
- Authorize the cancellation of 2017 taxes under Real Property Tax Law for a parcel in the Town of Halfmoon that was acquired by the State of New York.

Mr. Hellwig said that for the first item the parcel in the Town of Clifton and is being awarded to the under bidder due to the first bidder not following through with the sale and forfeiting their deposit. For the second item, the parcel is actually sewer infrastructure which was not listed as tax exempt from the Ambulance district. The credit is in the amount of \$5,487.47. For the third item, the parcel is vacant parkland and was inadvertently charged for a sewer unit.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lewza, the following resolution was approved unanimously.**

#### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- Setting a public hearing for August 9th, 2017 at 4:40 pm on the proposed lease extensions through December 31, 2037 for North American Flight Services East and West Facilities leases and the new 6 bay T-hangar at the Saratoga County Airport.

Mr. Hellwig said that the construction of a 6 bay hangar is anticipated to cost approximately \$1.1M and the County and State will be picking up \$700K of the project cost, in return for the lease extension, North American Flight Services has agreed to come up with the additional \$400K to make up the shortfall.

**On a motion made by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.**

#### SOCIAL PROGRAMS

- Authorizing the Youth Bureau's 2017 funding applications and contracts.
- Authorizing a 3-year contract with Upstate Transit of Saratoga, LLC to provide transportation services for preschool children with special needs.

Mr. Hellwig said that the first item is for various municipal and human services agencies that provide delinquency prevention programs throughout the County. The funding is down about 1% from last year. For the second item, Upstate Transit was the only bidder.

Mr. Hellwig announced that there will be Public Safety item on next week's agenda after a public hearing is held. The item is Adopting a Local Law repealing the wireless communications surcharge authorized by Article Six of the County Law of the State of New York; and imposing the wireless communications surcharges pursuant to the authority of Tax Law §186-g.

**On a motion made by Mr. Lewza, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.**

#### LAW & FINANCE

- Authorize a contract with J&K Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$1,418,000 and a contract with Spring Electric in the amount of \$91,150 for a project at the treatment plant to upgrade the odor control system.
- Offering an advisory recommendation to the Saratoga County Shared Services Panel on the Saratoga County Shared Services Plan.

Mr. Hellwig said that the incinerator has been out of commission for a while and these improvements will deal with the odors that would otherwise be handled by the incinerator. The second item will satisfy the requirement of the shared services law by giving the Board of Supervisors the opportunity to submit an advisory recommendation to the CEO relative to the contents of the plan. The plan has to be certified by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Right now based on the combined purchasing agreement and the towns and cities taking advantage of the county rates for Medicare advantage policies they have come up with approximately \$556K in savings, the county will need to incur additional personnel costs of approximately \$60K in order to deal with the additional caseload leaving a net savings of approximately \$496K.

Mr. Collyer said that last month there was a slight glitch in the agenda session. Mr. Collyer will go back to allowing three minutes for Supervisors to review the items and ask any questions they have rather than having Mr. Hellwig go through all of the items again. Mr. Collyer said that a presentation from Captain is scheduled at the agenda session also.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lent, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly

Deputy Clerk of the Board