

Law and Finance Committee Minutes
January 10, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Tollisen; Committee members Preston Allen, Vince DeLucia, Paul Lent, Dan Pemrick, Tim Szczepaniak, Mo Wright; Supervisors Phil Barrett, Tara Gaston, Art Johnson, Dick Lucia, Jean Raymond, Tom Richardson, Matt Veitch, Sandra Winney, Tom Wood and Chairman of the Board Ed Kinowski; Spencer Hellwig, Chad Cooke, Brian O’Conor, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Chris Schall, Auditor; Lisa Scaccia, Employment & Training; Marcy McNamara, Human Resources & Insurance; Jason Kemper, Planning; Michelle Wood, Public Health; Keith Manz, Public Works; Dan Rourke, Sewer; Andrew Jarosh, Treasurer; Barbara Thomas, League of Women Voters; Press.

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

Mr. Tollisen announced the appointment of Mr. Lent as the Committee Vice-Chair.

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak, the minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

On a motion made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. Allen, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

REAL PROPERTY TAX

- Authorize the acceptance of a tender offer for a parcel in the Town of Clifton Park totaling \$11,259.82.
- Authorizing the County Auditor to approve tax refunds and corrections in amounts not to exceed \$2,500.

Mr. Hellwig said that the tender offer is for back taxes from 2015, 2016 and 2017. The second item is an annual housekeeping item, any amount over \$2,500 will go through the Real Property Committee.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Set a public hearing on Wednesday, February 14, at 4:25 pm for amendments to the Saratoga County Agricultural District #2.
- Authorize an amendment to Resolution 168-2011 to increase the purchase price for the Zim Smith Trail Extension ROW Acquisition to a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000.

- Authorize the Washington County EOC to operate the Adult and Dislocated Worker Program in Washington County.

Mr. Hellwig said that the changes to the Ag. District involve two parcels in the City of Saratoga Springs and one parcel in the Town of Malta. Total acreage is approximately 266 acres. The second item will increase the amount from \$180K up to \$250K. The increase is due to appraisals and an increase in acreage. The funds are in the open space fund. For the final item, the Adult and Dislocated Worker Program is run through Employment and Training Department in Saratoga County, Washington County contracts with the EOC for their program.

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the following resolution was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Authorize an amendment to the 2018 budget to reappropriate unspent funds for public works projects totaling \$1,453,224.

Mr. Hellwig said that the funds will be spent on a variety of bridge and road projects, primarily engineering and construction costs. Approximately \$27K will be spent toward the construction of a salt shed at the Northern garage.

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

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- Authorize an amendment to the 2018 budget to reappropriate unspent funds for buildings and grounds projects totaling \$829,680.
- Authorize an amendment to the 2017 budget to transfer unspent funds in the amount of \$264,000 to the Public Safety Building capital funds account for professional services associated with the Public Safety Facility project.
- Designating the new Public Safety Facility project as an unlisted action, declaring Saratoga County as lead agency and recommending a negative declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.
- Authorize a commercial sublease with Genoa Healthcare, LLC effective 2/1/18 through 2/1/21 with a 2-year renewal option for an on-site pharmacy located within the County's Mental Health and Addiction Services Building.

Mr. Hellwig said that for the first item, projects include duct cleaning for the County Jail, costs related to the Airport Master plan and the completion of the Aircraft Tie Down project. 90% of the airport costs is Federal Aid with a 10% local share which is split between the County and the State of New York. For the second item, the funds will be used toward architectural services and

other costs related toward the Public Safety Facility. For the final item, the pharmacy will take up approximately 300 square feet of space in the Mental Health Facility.

On a motion made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Authorize an agreement with Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. to administer six (6) supported housing beds and associated services in the amount of \$125,923 and amending the budget in relation thereto.
- Authorize an amendment to the agreement with Transitional Services Association, Inc. in the amount of \$13,000 to supplement salary and fringe benefits for a Community Mental Health Nurse.
- Authorize a Professional Services Agreement, effective 2/1/18 through 2/1/21 with a 2-year renewal option, with Genoa Healthcare, LLC to facilitate delivery of onsite pharmaceutical services to Mental Health Center patients.
- Authorize an amendment to the 2018 budget to reappropriate unspent grant funds for Lead, IAP, CSHCN and Rabies Programs in the Public Health Services Department in the amount of \$7,885.13.

For the first item, Mr. Hellwig said that 100% of the costs will be covered by State Aid. For the second item, it has been difficult to find a qualified nurse to fill the role and by increasing the salary and related benefits its hoped that they will have greater success in filling the position. The third item is tied to the resolution under Buildings and Grounds, this item will authorize Genoa to provide the pharmaceutical services. For the final item, the Department has until March 31st to spend the remaining funds.

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

LAW & FINANCE

- Approving the issuance of tax-exempt bonds by the Saratoga County Capital Resource Corporation to carry out the construction of a new 3-floor, approximately 60,000 square foot addition to the Skidmore College Center for Integrated Sciences.
- Authorize an amendment to Resolution 222-2015 to reduce the acreage and cost of an open space project in the Town of Malta.
- Authorize an amendment to Resolution 249-2016 to reduce total project cost for an open space project in the Town of Galway.

- Authorize an agreement with Adirondack Environmental Services, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$45,000 for the contract period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 for SPDES permit and compliance testing of wastewater effluent.
- Introduce a Local Law for opioid cost recovery and public nuisance legislation and setting a Public Hearing for February 14 at 4:28pm.
- Authorize a litigation settlement with Jett industries, Inc. in the amount of \$230,000 for matters pertaining to the 2010 Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project.

For the first item, Mr. Hellwig said that the CRC will issue the revenue bonds for this project and the purpose of this resolution is grant approval for the issuance of the bonds, which will then result in the interest on these bonds being excluded from federal income taxes. For the second and third items, the original resolutions were to expand the existing trail networks in the Towns. For the Town of Malta, the acreage is reduced from 23 acres to 22.5 acres. For the fourth item, the reason for the request is that the Defendants have expressed that the County should not be entitled to reimbursement for the costs incurred as a result of their negligence and how the drugs were marketed. For the final item, this settlement addresses a negotiated amount with regard to Jett's services addressing main sewage pump repairs following the upgrade project.

HUMAN RESOURCES & INSURANCE

- Adopting a Local Law amending the 2018 County Compensation Schedule.

Mr. Hellwig announced that at the December meeting a public hearing was set for today and as a result the Local Law extending the terms of the CSEA agreement for County officers who are in a term will be added to the Board meeting next week once the public hearing has taken place.

Mr. Tollisen said that a meeting was held recently that included members from the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, Supervisor Kinowski, Supervisor Richardson, Mayor Baker and others and a heroin opiate educational forum will be held on February 5th at the Mechanicville School District. This is another component trying to provide education, awareness and solutions to the ongoing Heroin epidemic. Panelists will include David Zon, Director of the DEA for this area, a medical director from Albany Med. and a mother who has dealt with the death of her child due to this. Mr. Tollisen said that as part of the County's progress this year, they would like to keep this issue on everyone's radar. Mr. Kinowski said that information on the event will be sent out via email to all Supervisors.

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

Respectfully submitted,
 Therese Connolly
 Deputy Clerk of the Board