

Law and Finance Committee Minutes  
November 14, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Tollisen; Committee members Preston Allen, Vince DeLucia, Dan Pemrick, Jean Raymond, Tim Szczepaniak; Supervisors Tara Gaston, Alan Grattidge, Art Johnson, Theodore Kusnierz, Dick Lucia, Bill Peck, Tom Richardson, Matt Veitch and Tom Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Chad Cooke, Brian O’Conor, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Jason Hayes, Animal Shelter; Chris Schall, Auditor; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services; Marcy McNamara, Human Resources; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health & Addiction; Jason Kemper, Planning; Steve Bayle, Probation; Keith Manz, Public Works; Andrew Jarosh, Treasurer; Ridge Harris, Gramercy Communications; Barbara Thomas, League of Women Voters; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Allen, the minutes of the November 1, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.**

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Agreeing to accept an easement from the New York State Office of General Services for the construction of a 0.5-mile section of the Champlain Canalway Trail in the Village of Schuylerville.

Mr. Hellwig said that this section of trail would be constructed over a former village landfill and it is conditioned on OGS conducting an environmental remediation.

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

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Authorizing Community Mental Health renewal contracts for 2019.
- Authorizing a contract with VNA Homecare Options, LLC for the reimbursement of County costs for meals for managed long term care clients in the amount of \$8.75 per meal.
- Authorizing an amendment to Resolution 255-2017 to increase the contract amount for Lena's Adult Day Services from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and for Bright Horizons Adult Day Services from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

- Authorizing 2019-2020 annual implementation plan and 2019 subcontracts for the Office for the Aging.

Mr. Hellwig said that the first item is an annual housekeeping item, the resolution will also authorize the Health & Social Services committee to accept changes up to 10% of additional grant funding and make changes to the affected agreements. For the second item, the meals are for dual eligible clients, in addition to the home meal program they are also receiving long term care. For the third item, the services include companionship and other services while their caregivers are working or running errands. For the final item, the subcontracts are for the agencies that provide homecare services for the elderly.

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

### **HUMAN RESOURCES & INSURANCE**

- Authorizing the County Administrator to be Designated Appointing Authority to sign MSD 426 and matters pertaining to discipline.
- Appointing David DeCelle to fill the County Coroner position vacated by Dan Kuhn due to resignation.

For the first item, Mr. Hellwig said that this form is used when the Department Head's employment status changes for matters relating to promotion, retirement, resignation or discipline. For the second item, the position for Coroner will be up for election in November 2019 and this position will be filled by Mr. DeCelle until the new term beginning January 1, 2020.

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

### **REAL PROPERTY TAX**

- Conveyance of three (3) tax foreclosed parcels to the Town of Milton.

Mr. Hellwig said that the County acquired these parcels from Heflin Builders through the foreclosure process. Two of the parcels are located on a road in the subdivision, the third parcel is a Stormwater management area. The Town wishes to acquire all three parcels from the County for the amount of the delinquent taxes, penalties and interest, which combined, amounts to \$1,951.

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

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Authorize a contract with County Waste and Recycling Service, Inc. for the transportation, processing and recovery of recyclables and scrap metal from the County's recycling centers and the Edinburg Town Highway Garage.
- Authorize the acceptance of 25,091 Sq. Ft. of property along Geysler Road from Munter Land Holdings, LLC for the purposes of maintaining the C.P. Rail access road within County R.O.W.
- Authorize a shared services agreement with NYSDOT for mutual emergency assistance to maintain state and county roads.
- Authorizing a subordination agreement with Saratoga National Bank and Trust Company for the Malta Ridge Volunteer Fire Company for 2 parcels on County Road 63 adjacent to the Malta Ridge Firehouse.

For the first item, Mr. Hellwig said that it's a 1-year contract with the option of three 1-year extensions. For the second item, as part of the development by Munter, the City is requiring a newly constructed T intersection for railroad access and CP Rail is requiring that this area be in the possession of a municipality to avoid any potential problems or property disputes should the property change hands in the future. For the third item, the agreement would provide services between the State and the County in cases where the services or materials don't exceed \$10K or an emergency declaration by the Governor. For the fourth item, the parcels have reverter clauses back to the County and this resolution will remove the clauses so that the Fire Department can obtain a mortgage from the bank.

**On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the following resolutions were approved. Mr. Tollisen recused himself from voting on the Public Defender item.**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Authorize acceptance of a NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services grant for the Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring program in the amount of \$19,865.
- Authorizing a contract with Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$421,734 for services associated with expanding the County's 800 MHz radio system.
- Authorize a renewal agreement with Jody O'Neill for Social Worker related services in the Public Defender's Office.
- Authorizing a contract with Albany Medical Center to perform forensic autopsies at a cost of \$2,000 per autopsy in addition to x-ray and lab services costs.

For the first item, Mr. Hellwig said that this will provide reimbursement to the Probation Department for expenses related to monitoring probationers that are required to participate in the program. For the second item, the County currently has 12 channels available in the southern

part of the County and 4 channels available in the northern part. Due to congestion in these channels in the northern part of the County during emergency events, two additional channels will be added. The cost will be covered by an interoperability grant. For the third item, the services provided by Ms. O'Neill include alcohol substance abuse, domestic violence and mental health. The costs will be covered through a grant from the Office of Indigent Services. For the final item, Albany Medical Center recently terminated their Morgue services agreements with Saratoga County and other Counties in the area. Based on the issues raised due to the lack of this service being provided, they reconsidered and have now offered to do the work at a rate double the current rate. The Coroner has been in discussions with various law enforcement individuals and representatives from some of the other Counties to discuss a long term plan. The cases handled by Albany Med involve decomposed bodies, cases involving criminal prosecution and children.

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

### **LAW & FINANCE**

- Authorizing a transfer from the open space reserve in the amount of \$15,805 to fund a previously approved open space projects in the Town of Moreau and amending the budget in relation thereto.
- Authorizing a budget amendment for the Public Safety Facility project to recognize the receipt of bond proceeds.
- Authorizing JP Morgan Chase Bank as a qualified bank for the purposes of facilitating transactions for the County's self-insured employee health care program with CDPHP.
- Adopting the 2019 County Budget (TO BE TABLED).
- Appropriating amounts finally set forth in the 2019 Saratoga County Budget (TO BE TABLED).
- Setting December 5, 2018 at 4:30 pm in the County Board Room as the date, time and place for the public hearing on the 2019 tentative Saratoga County Budget as amended.
- Approving the 2019 Tax Bill Flyer, pursuant Local Law introductory #1, Print #1 of 2012, establishing Truth in Taxation in Saratoga County.

Mr. Hellwig said that for the first item, the open space project was previously approved. For the second item, there was \$15M placed in this year's budget to cover costs associated with the Public Safety Facility project. These funds, along with other funds in the operating budget will be placed in the Capital Fund. There will also be a \$4M appropriation of fund balance to cover the portion of the project total being paid for, not including bond proceeds. For the third item, the account is needed to ensure health care claims are paid when the County becomes a full client of CDPHP. Under the existing policy, Board approval is needed since the bank does not have a

physical location within the County. The fourth and fifth items were tabled until after the public hearing on December 5<sup>th</sup>. For the final item, the tax bill flyer includes the definition of state and federal mandates, a brief narrative summary of the key financial impacts of those mandates and a listing of all the State and Federal officials. The flyer will be sent out with all the County tax bills.

**To be added Board's Agenda after completion of today's Public Hearing:**

- Adopting a Local Law identified as Introductory No. 3, Print No. 1 of 2018 entitled “A Local Law Requiring Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) Agreements For Solar Energy Systems Located Or Installed In Saratoga County”.

**On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Allen, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board