

Law and Finance Committee Minutes
May 15, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Preston Allen; Committee members Ed Kinowski, Scott Ostrander, Dan Pemrick, Jonathan Schopf, Tim Szczepaniak, Mo Wright; Supervisors Tara Gaston, Alan Grattidge, Art Johnson, Dick Lucia, Bill Peck, Matt Veitch, Sandra Winney, Tom Wood and Chairman of the Board Kevin Tollisen; Spencer Hellwig, Chad Cooke, Brian O’Conor, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Chris Schall, Auditor; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Jenniffer McCloskey, Employment & Training; Marcy McNamara, Human Resources; Sandy Cross, Office for the Aging; Jason Kemper, Planning; Steve Bayle, Probation; Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Dan Rourke, Sewer; Michael Zurlo, Sheriff; J. Wes Carr, STOP DWI; Andrew Jarosh, Treasurer; Barbara Thomas, League of Women Voters; Ridge Harris, Gramercy Communications; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Wright, the minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the following resolutions were approved. Mr. Schopf recused from voting on both items.

HUMAN RESOURCES & INSURANCE

- Authorizing a contract with Girvin and Ferlazzo, P.C. for professional legal services for the term from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.
- Authorizing a contract with Goldberg Segalla for professional legal services for the term from June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2021 based on hourly rates.

Mr. Hellwig said that the agreement with Girvin and Ferlazzo expired at the end of 2018. They are still involved in some matters that began last year and this agreement will allow them to conclude those services before the new labor attorney takes over. The second item is the agreement for the new labor attorney. Six proposals were received and Goldberg was selected based upon a statewide presence, range of services they provide, no retainer, and they did provide governmental rates. Mr. Hellwig said that there is an ongoing attempt in the Human Resources Department to assume as much of the labor negotiations as possible.

On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Granting a permanent easement to the Town of Halfmoon on a parcel that was acquired by the County for the Zim Smith Trail project.

- Authorizing an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Halfmoon for the Town's maintenance of the Zim Smith Trail restroom and parking lot located at the intersection of Coons Crossing Road and the Zim Smith Trail.
- Approving the Workforce Development Board budget for program year 2019-2020 for \$96,400 and authorizing agreements with Warren and Washington Counties to fund WDB services.
- Authorizing a contract with J. J. Young, LLC to provide administrative services for the Workforce Development Board.
- Authorizing an agreement with Washington County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. for the administration of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Program in Washington County.
- Authorizing an agreement with the Washington County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. to administer the Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act Title I Adult Program Services and Dislocated Workers Program in Washington County.
- Authorizing application for and acceptance of federal funds for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program for the 2019-2020 program year and amending the budget in relation thereto.

For the first item, Mr. Hellwig said that the parcel is currently the location of the Town of Halfmoon water supply pump station. For the second item, the Town of Halfmoon has agreed to maintain the parking and restrooms. The County has installed these improvements as part of the improvements in the trail project. For the third item, the budget has already received the approval of the 38 member Workforce Development Board. For the fourth item, under the Federal Act, counties are prohibited from providing these services directly. The contract amount is \$7,745. For the fifth item, this is a housekeeping item and the original agreement was approved in 2018. This is the first of two 1-year renewal options. For the final item, this year's funding is a little over \$766K and has an increase of \$74,209.

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

REAL PROPERTY TAX

- Authorizing Correction to 2019 tax bill in the Town of Malta for processing error by Key Bank for Shenendehowa CSD school tax payment.

Mr. Hellwig said that the taxes were paid to Key Bank however they failed to issue a payment to the School District which resulted in the taxes being re-levied.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Authorizing amendment to resolution #132-16 to extend the maintenance agreements for the Black Creek Integrated Systems Corporation software for inmate records and the security control system for the Sallyport due to implementation delays.
- Authorize municipal cooperative equipment loan agreements with various law enforcement agencies operating within the county.
- Approving the County's Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Performance-Based Services Plan and authorizing acceptance of State Grants for the Community Work Order and Pre-Trial Services Program.
- Authorizing renewal municipal contracts for animal shelter services.
- Authorize the acceptance of a 5-year grant from the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services totaling \$7,110,185.25.

Mr. Hellwig said that for the first item, the original agreement had the payment terms from 2017-2020 however, the implementation did not begin until 2018 so the end date needs to be pushed out to 2021. For the second item, Mr. Hellwig said that equipment such as license plate readers, golf cart, and alcohol sensors were purchased from STOP DWI funds earlier this year. The agreements will be with Ballston Spa, Mechanicville, South Glens Falls, Stillwater and Waterford. The golf cart and fatal vision goggles will be used primarily by School Resource Officers in high schools to simulate distorted vision caused by individuals under the influence. For the fourth item, the annual contracts will provide details related to various procedures and the fees that are charged for shelter calls, emergency issues, rabies related incidents as well as the intake and cremation fees. For the final item, the funds will be used over the five year period to expand the services, positions within the department to cover some of the increases driven by growing caseloads.

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

LEGISLATIVE & RESEARCH

- Opposing New York State Senate Bill 2837 and Assembly Bill 2750 of 2019.

Mr. Hellwig said that the bills include a number of provisions including requiring overtime pay for farm workers after an 8 hour day. Mr. Hellwig said that there has been a loss in farming in NYS and some of the changes that would be instilled as a result of these bills would disincentivize farming in NY and the communities within Saratoga County.

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

LAW & FINANCE

- Authorize amendments to the County's investment policy to authorize cooperative investment agreements and add NYCLASS to the authorized list of agreements.
- Authorize an amendment to Resolution 170 of 2018 to revise the SEQR action from Unlisted to Type I action.
- Authorize an amendment to the contract with Barton and Loguidice in the amount of \$90,600 for additional engineering services associated with ammonia capacity analysis and plant upgrades.
- Authorize an amendment to the contract with MJ Engineering and Land Surveying in the amount of \$101,200 for additional engineering and construction administration services associated with relining a portion of the Sewer District's interceptor sewer that intersects the Zim Smith Trail.
- Authorize a contract with Casella Waste for sludge hauling from the treatment plant at a cost of \$129 per wet ton.
- Authorize a contract with Chazen Companies in the amount of \$110,000 for engineering and construction administration services associated with upgrades to the Knox Woods pump station and Riverside #1 pump station.
- Authorize a 1-year contract with Atlas Copco for aeration system maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$33,000.

For the first item, Mr. Jarosh said that he has researched NYCLASS for approximately 18 months and historically it has been averaging investment returns of 2%, which is more than what the County is getting with some fixed interest rates. For the second item, Mr. Hellwig said that the change is consistent with a resolution recently passed in Albany County for the joint biosolids treatment project. It will also open up opportunities to be able to apply for grant funding. For the third item, there has been changing ammonia projections and in order to develop a strategy for upgrades, the analysis is necessary. For the fourth item, the work will be done prior to the paving of the parking lot at the Zim Smith Trail. For the fifth item, two bids were received and this is the lower of the two. The expiring contract was for \$93/ton and this will result in another \$700K in expenses for the Sewer District this year. They are currently talking with Albany County about the possibility of hauling sludge to their incinerator with our own tankers. If that option works out, the cost will probably go from \$2.7M this year to \$1.7M. Ultimately, once the biosolids plant is up and running, the sludge will not need to be hauled to a landfill. For the sixth item, an RFP was sent out and seven proposals ranging from \$94K to \$164K were received. Based upon review of the Sewer Commission, this vendor was selected as being the best value.

On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board