

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, April 20, 2021
AT 4:00 p.m., E.S.T.

Board called to order by Chairman Kusnierz.

Roll call was taken. PRESENT – Eric Connolly, Joseph Grasso, Philip C. Barrett, Jonathon Schopf, Richard Lucia, Preston Allen, Jean Raymond, Michael Smith, Daniel Pemrick, Arthur M. Wright, Kevin Tollisen, Darren O'Connor, Benny Zlotnick, Thomas Richardson, Theodore Kusnierz, Willard H. Peck, Sandra Winney, Thomas N. Wood, III, Tara Gaston, Matthew E. Veitch, John Lawler, John Lant - 21. ABSENT – Edward D. Kinowski - 1.

The invocation was given by Thomas N. Wood, III, Chaplain. “Let Us Pray. Our heavenly father we thank you for all of the blessings that you have given us and may we always appreciate the rich and bountiful life that you make possible. May we be grateful for and enjoy the new life and changes which the spring season brings. Change is a constant part of all of the aspects of our life and may we accept and embrace the changes that we both initiate and with which we are presented. Changes provide us with new challenges and the opportunity to grow and pursue new directions. As we start the second quarter of the year, let us take a moment and reflect back on our accomplishments that we are thankful for during the first quarter including: the ability to provide a great number of Covid vaccinations, providing the needed social services to our residents, and the ability for all departments of County government to continue to efficiently conduct without gaps the daily business of Saratoga County. Without your help and guidance, these accomplishments would not have been possible. We are thankful for the hard work and dedication of all county employees and look forward to the second quarter of the year to continue to make positive achievements. Grant us the wisdom to make good decisions and always keep things in perspective. Let us learn from any mistakes that we may make, place value on our differences, recognize our individuality, and appreciate our diversity. May we keep a positive can do attitude and believe that with your help anything is possible. We pray that you protect all of the men and women of our armed forces who daily place themselves in harm’s way so that we may be safe and live free. May they all safely return home to their families and friends. We ask this in your name, Amen.”

Mr. Kusnierz said the next item on the agenda is a presentation. He is pleased to report that Congressman Paul Tonko is with us this afternoon. He represents the 20th Congressional District including the communities of Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Saratoga Springs, and Amsterdam. He is currently serving in his sixth term after being sworn into Congress in 2009. Presently, the Congressman serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee, which is the oldest Standing Committee in the house and was created in December of 1975. And he is the first Upstate New York Democratic member to serve on the committee since Leo O'Brian resigned the post in October of 1966. He was elected by his peers in the 116th Congress to Chair the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change. He was also selected to continue his service on the Science, Space and Technology Committee as well as on Natural Resources Committee. He has previously served on the education Labor Committee, as well as the Budget Committee. Mr. Tonko represents the towns of Boston, Charlton, Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Malta Mechanicville, Saratoga Springs and Waterford. So with that, Congressman, we would like to open it up for an opportunity to address the Board of Supervisors. Congressman.

Congressman Tonko thanked Chairman Kusnierz, the members of the Board, Mr. Bulger and staff. He said he was able to cast what he believed was a historic vote for the American Rescue Plan Act, which was signed into law this past March 11. This Lifeline Law will help to crush the Covid 19 pandemic and lay a foundation for America's economic and personal recovery. Among many things, the law puts vaccines in arms by establishing the National COVID-19 vaccinating program that addresses PPE, tracing, testing, enhanced manufacturing of vaccines, and a strategic plan for vaccination. It puts people back in jobs with the EIDL Grant Program, the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, receiving \$15 billion in expansion of the Paycheck Protection Program and invest some \$28.6 billion in the restaurant, food, and beverage establishment industry because they have been so hard hit with unemployment and furloughs. The American Rescue Plan also provides a \$10 billion appropriation to the states and that will cover the cost of capital projects like broadband infrastructure. It also works to put children back into school safely. By investing \$130 billion in state and local reopening efforts. I believe some \$440 million will come in direct Federal relief to the capital region. It will enable schools to repair and retrofit ventilating systems, reduce class size to make social distancing easier for students, allowed for

purchasing of PPE, COVID testing and other education expenses that come their way. American rescue plan also addresses local needs. So state and local governments, services, essential services that must continue in order to advance and respond to the quality of life components of our communities. That means \$360 billion in emergency funding for our states or localities, our territorial and tribal governments. In a rough outline, and again, these are not hard numbers, there are forecasts, but it looks like some \$400 million for the 20th Congressional District and about \$44.5 to \$45 million for Saratoga County. Our Bipartisan Cares Act passed in December, created the Landmark Paycheck Protection Program. And it delivered low interest loans to struggling small businesses. The Rescue Plan, signed in March invests an additional \$7.25 billion towards the PTT program so that we can address those small businesses that were hardest hit in our community. As mentioned, a \$28.6 billion restaurant revitalization funds, which has been very favorably received by our restaurant industry. Then there is a Save Our Stages Act which is now referred to us the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant that speaks to the arts components in our communities. They will be able to file for assistance based on revenue loss from 2019 to 2020, or from the year beginning to year-end through COVID. We also built upon the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program that came out of the USDA that was providing relief to farmers impacted by COVID-19. We had another \$3.6 billion dollars to respond to disruptions in the food supply chain and to provide for debt relief to socially disadvantaged farmers. These funds are a step in the right direction. We must work to ensure that they are distributed equitably. He has been actively pushing both the Biden Administration and before that the Trump Administration on this issue. He wants our local small farms to get a lot of the assistance. If you saw anything in the TU of late, it talked of that on Sunday about the inequity of how the farms were receiving this that went to a lot of large corporate farms. Also, we're building on an actual nationwide vaccination system to provide existing lifelines for our farmers as small businesses so that we can get some of those struggling families back on their feet. In short, the American Rescue Plan is our down payment on a sustainable energetic American recovery. Make no mistake about it this work remains unfinished. Congress is in the process of turning our attention to the President's recently unveiled American Jobs Plan that deals with infrastructure, including our aging public water systems, our expanding broadband Internet access needs, fixing our crumbling roads and bridges, and developing priorities that will help us deal with some of the disruptions that have come into everyday life. We have seen that some of the water issues addressed in Flint, Michigan, Newburgh, New York and in our neighborhood of Hoosick Falls, and knowing firsthand what the toll of that failure means to local businesses, local economies and governments and certainly to the families. In the Infrastructure Bill, the President has included a \$50 billion appropriation for the National Science Foundation, including a reported \$37 billion for the United States semiconductor industry. The spending that could be that could lead to a new computer chip factory in Saratoga County, and could lead to federal semiconductor research work done in Albany. He is looking forward to working with the administration and my colleagues in Congress and both Houses, both parties to promote America's global competitiveness in the global semiconductor industry. He has continued to push additional COVID Rescue Legislation beyond the Rescue Plan, and beyond the American Jobs Plan. His one Bill deals with the Mental Health Research Act he authored, that would jumpstart a nationwide assessment of the mental health impacts of the pandemic, especially on children and frontliners, who we see are suffering uniquely. Our efforts will be to get a blueprint on how best to use the mental health dollars in the rescue package and apply those dollars in the most effective, most meaningful manner. He also has a Bill that he's promoting, that is the Mainstream Addiction Treatment Act, the MAD Act, and the Medicaid Reentry Act both of which provide significant expansion in health care and substance use disorder treatment with the opioid epidemic, which was beginning to plateau, if not dip somewhat. It went from 77,000, up to 80,000 to 85,000, with COVID. Many are forecasting it will surpass 100,000 in terms of lives taken cause of that epidemic. He will continue to push for more community health providers to be able to provide vaccines for more of our New York farms and small businesses to be able to access vital rescue funding to bridge the gap, and to make certain that we survive and grow our economy in the post COVID environment. So with that, that's a quick rundown. He apologized for being somewhat quick in that review. But we're just starting about and he is trying to commit to the work that he promised here with Saratoga. He said he is open to any questions any of the Supervisors might have.

Mr. Kusnierz thanked the Congressman for that update on Congress. He asked if there were any questions from Supervisors. He called on Supervisor Lawler.

Mr. Lawler said he has a couple quick question relative to the federal funds that were allocated. Do you have any idea when we can expect to see clarity and detailed guidance from the Department of Treasury?

Mr. Tonko said they were fine-tuning in terms of the exact amount of money and then the available use is coming. He hears very soon down the road because the effort was to get it out there as quickly as possible. He did not have a date per se but would try to get an update.

Mr. Kusnierz asked if there were any other questions for the Congressman. He called on Supervisor Gaston.

Ms. Gaston said she was just wondering if the Congressman had any idea on what we were looking at for a timeline for any approval for vaccines for younger children. She said we all want our schools to be fully open and all the kids to be able to go safely. And she think that's a part that a lot of people are looking for.

Mr. Tonko said he thought that, within the limit, or the age threshold coming down to 16, they seem to be going in batches of most vulnerable. He thinks the next step would be to make the opportunity for vaccinations to below the 16th level in the near future. He said he knew that recommendations were coming for opening school safely, that they were encouraging teacher vaccinations and social distancing for students.

Mr. Kusnierz thanked the Congressman and asked if there were any more questions. There were none. Mr. Kusnierz thanked the Congressman for taking time out of his busy schedule to be on the phone with an update.

Mr. Kusnierz said the next item on the agenda was public input. There is one person signed up to speak. He called Ms. McGraw to speak.

Ms. McGraw thanked the Chairman and the Board for giving her the time to speak. She said she would like to see a merge of the Saratoga County Public Health Programs and would like the name of the Mental Health Clinic changed. She suggested Behavior Health rather than Mental Health. She wanted to address the fact that our "mental health system" has been lacking, especially during this pandemic. Some have gone into the legal system. They have gone into the system of homeless because they did not get appropriate care. Nobody was checking in on them physically and now they're going up into the criminal justice system. She wanted to address that in the fact that programs are around Skidmore College and Route 50. The County doesn't seem to have much outside as far as access to the buses. On a positive note, she wanted to say thank you very much for giving her a chance to speak and she appreciates what the County has done now, during their pandemic, where we can come to speak. Thank you.

Mr. Kusnierz said thank you very much, Miss McGraw and well said. He said he could say that her points are well taken. He is committed and is working with the Chairwoman of Health and Human Services, Supervisor Gaston that as we move through this year, we will be looking to provide additional assistance for the mental health issues that our County faces. That remains a priority.

On a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Lant the minutes of the March 16, 2021 Board meeting was unanimously approved.

The Clerk presented the following:

Communication from Jean Raymond resigning from the Local Government Review Board.

Received and Filed.

Communications from Kevin Veitch and Eric Butler resigning from InterCounty.

Received and Filed.

Letter from Senator Dan Stec acknowledging receipt of Saratoga County Resolutions 51 & 52.

Received and Filed.

Letter from NYS Agriculture & Markets acknowledging receipt of Resolution #47 of 2021 a report and plan to modify Saratoga County Agricultural District No. 2 and certifying the inclusion of the lands proposed.

Received and Filed.

Letter from County Attorney Michael Hartnett making the following appointments effective April 1st 2021 to December 31st 2021: Michelle W. Granger, First Assistant County Attorney; Hugh G. Burke, Assistant County Attorney and certifying the following appointments: Vida L. McCarthy-Cerrito, Alexis M. Osborne and Michael P. Naughton, Sr. as Assistant County Attorney's effective April 1st 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Chairman Kusnierz congratulated the employees. Received and Filed.

Letter from County Administrator Steve Bulger appointing George Sexton as Assistant Conflict Defender for a term of April 2, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Chairman Kusnierz congratulated Mr. Sexton. Received and Filed.

2020 Annual Report from the Saratoga County Department of Public Works.

Received and Filed.

Mr. Veitch said out of the Buildings & Grounds Committee, the Woodlawn Avenue property is currently receiving bids through Auction International. This is ongoing and will end in just over a week. He is hoping in the next month to provide further updates from this for the Board to consider.

Mr. Kusnierz pointed out that this afternoon there are a significant number of resolutions for consideration. He would like to, without objection, waive the reading of the resolved paragraphs and have the Clerk and Deputy Clerk read the titles of the resolutions and the budget impact statements. If there are no objections, we will move forward.

On a motion by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Mr. Connolly, Resolutions 108 through 141 with the exception of Resolution #'s 130, 131, 132, 133, 139 were adopted by a unanimous vote. Mr. Kusnierz postponed Resolution #141.

RESOLUTION 108 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Connolly, Kinowski, Lawler, Peck, Pemrick, Smith and Wright

CORRECTING 2021 TAX BILL IN THE TOWN OF BALLSTON (Tax Map # 248.-1-100)

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §554 provides the procedure for the correction of errors on the tax rolls, and Real Property Tax Law §556 authorizes the provision of a credit against outstanding tax owed on a corrected tax bill; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §550(3)(b) defines a "error in essential fact" as an incorrect entry on the tax roll of the assessed valuation of an improvement to real property which was not in existence; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the following property have timely submitted proof of an error in their 2021 tax bill, to wit: the Town of Ballston Assessor incorrectly valued a parcel for a home that was incomplete and for an improvement that was not in existence as of the taxable status date; and

WHEREAS, our Director of Real Property Tax Services recommends that the error be corrected and a new tax bill generated for said property which reduces the taxable assessed value to \$103,000, and; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the application of the following property owners for correction of the 2021 tax rolls be approved, and the tax rolls are so corrected:

<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>S/B/L</u>	<u>CORR. TAX</u>
David King	Ballston	248.-1-100	\$3,138.68
Hanna King			

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the property owners shall have eight (8) days from the date a corrected 2021 tax bill is mailed to them to pay the corrected tax without additional penalties and interest; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Town Tax Collector of the Town of Ballston and the Saratoga County Treasurer.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 109 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Connolly, Kinowski, Lawler, Peck, Pemrick, Smith and Wright

CANCELLING DELINQUENT TAXES IN THE TOWN OF HALFMOON

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 1138(6), a taxing district may cancel a delinquent tax lien if the taxing district determines that there is no practical method to enforce the collection of the delinquent tax lien and that a supplementary proceeding to enforce collection of the tax would not be effective; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 and 2005 subdivision maps were filed with the Saratoga County Clerk’s Office creating tax parcel 266.8-1-41 as part of “lands to be conveyed to the County of Saratoga;” and

WHEREAS, tax parcel 266.8-1-41 was obtained Saratoga County through an In Rem Tax Proceeding in 2015 and the tax parcel continues to be owned by Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 and 2005 subdivision maps were filed with the Saratoga County Clerk’s Office creating tax parcel 266.8-1-98.1 as part of “lands to be conveyed to the County of Saratoga;” and

WHEREAS, tax parcel 266.8-1-98.1 was obtained Saratoga County through an In Rem Tax Proceeding in 2015 and the tax parcel continues to be owned by Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 and 2005 subdivision maps were filed with the Saratoga County Clerk’s Office creating tax parcel 266.8-2-98 as part of “lands to be conveyed to the County of Saratoga;” and

WHEREAS, tax parcel 266.8-2-98 was obtained Saratoga County through an In Rem Tax Proceeding in 2015 and the tax parcel continues to be owned by Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Enforcement Officer has determined there is no practical method to enforce the collection of delinquent tax liens on the aforementioned properties and a supplementary proceeding to collect the taxes would be ineffective; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §1138(6) allows the County to cancel the tax liens, whether delinquent, current or prospective, on these parcels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that any delinquent, current or prospective tax lien on the following parcels are hereby cancelled pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1138

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>PARCEL #</u>
Halfmoon	266.8-1-41
Halfmoon	266.8-1-98.1
Halfmoon	266.8-2-98

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tax Enforcing Officer shall issue and file a certificate of cancellation prospective taxes on said parcels and file a copy of said certificate with the assessors of said towns and with the Director of Real Property Tax Services; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga County Treasurer shall cause the said delinquent taxes which have been credited to said towns to be charged back to the town so credited.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 110 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Connolly, Kinowski, Lawler, Peck, Pemrick, Smith and Wright

AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF TAX-ACQUIRED LANDS

WHEREAS, unpaid taxes resulted in the County's acquisition of certain lands in various towns; and

WHEREAS, certain former owners have requested the pre-auction conveyance of one or more of said parcels in consideration of the payment of an amount equal to the unpaid taxes, penalties, interest and charges; and

WHEREAS, our Real Property Tax Committee recommends the approval of these requests; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors convey by quitclaim deed to the following parties or their designee, the lands described below, upon payment of the indicated amount, which includes penalties, interest and charges:

<u>CONVEY TO:</u>	<u>TAX YEAR</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>S/B/L</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Glendale P & R, Inc. 2296 Monaco Lane, #10 Clearwater, FL 33763	2017	Malta	216.-1-25.1	\$35,562.93
Glendale P & R, Inc. 2296 Monaco Lane, #10 Clearwater, FL 33763	2017	Malta	216.-1-25.2	\$ 9,267.14

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: The above amounts include all penalties and interest.

RESOLUTION 111 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors O'Connor, Grasso, Lant, Richardson, Schopf, Veitch and Wood

AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION EXCESS LIABILITY COVERAGE

WHEREAS, Resolution 70-2020 authorized renewal of the third party employer excess liability insurance coverage for Workers' Compensation for the County's Workers' Compensation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County's third party employer excess liability coverage for Workers' Compensation is due to expire on April 15, 2021 and the continuation of such insurance coverage is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, our Human Resources and Insurance Committee has recommended that such excess liability coverage be continued through Capitol Indemnity Corporation for the annual premium of \$23,868; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga County Workers' Compensation Plan renew its third party employers' excess liability coverage for Workers' Compensation through Capitol Indemnity Corporation of Madison, Wisconsin for the annual premium of \$23,868, covering the policy term April 15, 2021 to April 15, 2022.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. Funds for the renewal are included in the 2021 budget.

RESOLUTION 112 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors O'Connor, Grasso, Lant, Richardson, Schopf, Veitch and Wood

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE COVERAGES THROUGH MAY 8, 2022

WHEREAS, Resolution 85-2020 authorized the award of insurance coverages for the County through May 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County’s insurance agent, Cool Insuring Agency, Inc., and the County’s insurance broker, Marshall & Sterling, Inc., have recommended that the County continue its coverages with its current insurance carriers through May 8, 2022 on the basis that said carriers are providing the most competitive rates for the insurance coverages required by the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board accept the proposals of Cool Insuring Agency, Inc. and Marshall & Sterling, Inc. for the County's insurance coverages by the carriers listed below, through May 8, 2022, at a cost of \$918,393:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Deductible</u>	<u>Premium</u>
Property	Chubb	\$312,781,633	\$25,000	\$234,489
Boiler/Machinery	Chubb	\$312,781,633	\$25,000	Included-Prop
Inland Marine	Chubb	\$ 20,489,021	\$5,000	\$ 25,896
General Liability	Travelers	\$1M/\$3M	\$50,000	\$ 91,157
OCP	Travelers	\$1M/\$2M	None	\$ 750
Airport Liability	Ace	\$20,000,000	None	\$ 11,615
Law Enforcement Liability	Travelers	\$1M/\$1M	\$100,000	Included-GL
Public Officials Liability	Travelers	\$1M/\$1M	\$100,000	Included-GL
Crime	Travelers	\$1,000,000	\$10,000	\$ 5,196
Automobile	Travelers	\$1,000,000	\$50,000	\$151,687
Umbrella	Travelers	\$10M/\$20M	\$10,000	\$101,478
Drone	Global Aerospace	\$1M	5%	\$ 5,135
<i>Healthcare</i>				
General, Professional & Umbr. Allied		\$1M/\$3M	None	\$ 95,598
TOTAL				\$918,393

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that an additional premium allowance in the amount of \$5,000 is hereby authorized to cover aggregate premium charges resulting from changes to covered inventories, such as County vehicles and equipment, occurring prior to the policy renewal date of May 8, 2022; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Public Officers Law §11(2) this Board approves the form and sufficiency of the foregoing Crime policy issued as Policy Number 106291261 by Travelers Insurance Company in the amount of \$1,000,000 coverage for all County officers and employees, providing employee dishonesty coverage and faithful performance of duty coverage for said officers and employees as required by Public Officers Law §11, including those County Officers required to execute and file undertakings pursuant to the County Law of the State of New York; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be attached to a copy of said Crime policy (Travelers Policy #106291261) and filed in the Office of the County Clerk.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. The renewal represents an 8.3% increase from the expiring policies due to the extreme market volatility created by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

RESOLUTION 113 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors O’Connor, Grasso, Lant, Richardson, Schopf, Veitch and Wood

AMENDING THE 2021 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE TO CREATE AND RECLASSIFY CERTAIN POSITIONS UNDER COUNTY TREASURER AND ABOLISH CERTAIN POSITIONS UNDER COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Human Resources and Insurance Committee, the Director of Human Resources, and the County Treasurer have recommended that the 2021 Saratoga County Compensation Schedule be amended under County Treasurer to reclassify (1) Foreclosure Supervisor to (1) Foreclosure Specialist at the base salary of \$44,069; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources and Insurance Committee, the Director of Human Resources, and the County Treasurer have recommended that the 2021 Saratoga County Compensation Schedule be amended under County Treasurer to Create (1) Paralegal Specialist, Grade 10, Base/Step 1 at the salary of \$53,025; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources and Insurance Committee, the Director of Human Resources, the County Treasurer and the County Attorney have recommended that the 2021 Saratoga County Compensation Schedule be amended under County Attorney’s Office to Abolish (1) Legal Assistant – Real Estate, incumbent current salary of \$50,910; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Saratoga County Compensation Schedule is amended effective as of April 21, 2021 as follows:

UNDER COUNTY TREASURER:

Reclassify (1) Foreclosure Supervisor to (1) Foreclosure Specialist, Base Salary \$44,069
Create (1) Paralegal Specialist – Grade 10, Base 1/Step 1, Base Salary \$53,025

UNDER COUNTY ATTORNEY

Abolish (1) Legal Assistant – Real Estate - Incumbent Salary \$50,910

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No Budget Impact. Reclassifications will result in cost savings of \$40,371.

RESOLUTION 114 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors O’Connor, Grasso, Lant, Richardson, Schopf, Veitch and Wood

AMENDING THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL TO ADD A “PETTY CASH POLICY” POLICY

WHEREAS, Resolution 330-82 adopted a manual of Policies and Procedures for the conduct of Saratoga County government; and

WHEREAS, since adoption, the Board of Supervisors has enacted several amendments to the Manual; and

WHEREAS, County Law §371 provides for the establishment of a petty cash fund and petty cash policy by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has drafted a new “Petty Cash Policy,” which if adopted by this Board will bring the County’s purchasing procedures into compliance with the requirements of County Law §371; and

WHEREAS, copies of the proposed “Petty Cash Policy”, were provided to each member of this Board; and

WHEREAS, our Law and Finance Committee has recommended that the Saratoga County Policies and Procedures Manual be amended to add the new “Petty Cash Policy”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga County Policies and Procedures Manual is amended to add the County of Saratoga’s “Petty Cash Policy”, as follows:

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ORIGINALLY ADOPTED</u>
2	N	Petty Cash Policy	New

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Human Resources Department distribute copies of these amendments to all County departments and agencies, and shall post the new policies on the County’s Intranet website.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 115 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Gaston, Barrett, Connolly, Grasso, Lant, O’Connor and Wood

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Mental Health (“OMH”) has made funding available for the development and implementation of three community-based mental health intervention services, including a Tri-County Mobile Mental Health Crisis Team, Home-Based Crisis Intervention services and Assertive Community Treatment in Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services will reduce avoidable Emergency Department visits and inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, Mobile Mental Health Crisis Team and Home-Based Crisis Intervention services have been delivered with success under existing intermunicipal agreements between the Counties; and

WHEREAS, Assertive Community Treatment services will be added to these community-based mental health intervention services; and

WHEREAS, Warren County, through its Office of Community Services, has agreed to accept the OMH grant monies and oversee the administration of all three programs for all three Counties; and

WHEREAS, our Health and Human Services Committee and the Commissioner of the Saratoga County Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services have recommended that the County, acting on behalf of the Community Services Board, enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the County of Warren for the development and operation of the three programs, and their administration by Warren County, acting on behalf of Warren and Washington Counties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board and the Saratoga County Community Services Board are hereby authorized to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the County of Warren for the development and implementation of a Tri-County Mobile Mental Health Crisis Team, Home-Based Crisis Intervention services and Assertive Community Treatment to provide community-based mental health intervention services for children, youth and adults within the Counties of Saratoga, Warren and Washington, with the form and content of such agreement to be subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Office of Community Services is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the County of Saratoga for the limited purpose of accepting and administering the OMH grant funds for these programs and overseeing the administration of these programs.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 116 - 2021

Introduced by Gaston, Barrett, Connolly, Grasso, Lant, O’Connor and Wood

AMENDING RESOLUTION 69-2021, AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE INCREASES IN STATE-FUNDING AND AMENDING THE 2021 COUNTY BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO

WHEREAS, Resolution 200-2020 authorized ongoing contracts for mental health services, subject to State appropriations therefor; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 200-2020 further authorized the Health and Human Services Committee to accept additional grant funds from the State of New York in support of the services to be rendered by the contracting agencies listed in Resolution 200-2020 provided the additional grant funds accepted did not exceed 10% of the contract amounts set forth in Resolution 200-2020; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 69-2021 authorized amendments to contracts for mental health services to include state-funded cost of living increases; and

WHEREAS, additional funds have become available from the New York State Office of Mental Health (“OMH”) totaling \$11,400 for the provision of OMH supported housing services; and

- A) From OMH the amount of \$11,400 for the provision of OMH supported housing service; thereby increasing provider contracts by the following amount:

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc.	\$ 1,200

Transitional Services Association, Inc.

\$ 10,200

; and

WHEREAS, our Health and Human Services Committee has authorized the acceptance of the forgoing additional grant funds from the State of New York in accordance with its authority to accept additional State grant funds that do not exceed 10% of the contract amounts set forth in Resolution 200-2020 as amended by Resolution 69-2021; and

WHEREAS, an amendment of the 2021 County Budget is needed to accept these funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board and/or Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services are hereby authorized to execute any agreements and documents needed to accept such additional funding awarded by OMH in the combined amount of \$11,400; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Resolution 200-2020 and Resolution 69-2021 is hereby amended to increase the authorized contract amounts for the following providers by the amounts set forth in this Resolution: Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. and Transitional Services Association, Inc.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Saratoga County Budget is amended as follows:

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES:

Appropriations

Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8732.078 RSS SH	\$ 1,200
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8726.078 Transitional Services SH	\$ 9,200
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8726.200 TSA RF	\$ 1,000
	\$ 11,400

Revenues

Increase Acct. #A.43-3491 MH – Supported Housing	\$ 10,400
Increase Acct. #A.43-3469 MH RIV – Reinvestment	\$ 1,000
	\$ 11,400

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. 100% State Aid.

RESOLUTION 117 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Gaston, Barrett, Connolly, Grasso, Lant, O’Connor and Wood

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$91,165 IN STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING FOR THE PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR SARATOGA COUNTY VETERANS, AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 COUNTY BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 227-12, this board authorized the acceptance of New York State Office of Mental Health funding in the amount of \$180,000 for the implementation of the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer counseling program to be administered by the Saratoga County Veterans’ Services Agency to assist Saratoga County veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga County’s Peer-to-Peer program has been continually recognized for its excellence in helping veterans and serves as a model for the entire state; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Mental Health (“OMH”) has advised our Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services that a Legislative Item Grant in the amount of \$185,000 has been released effective April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022, for the continued funding of the program; and

WHEREAS, currently the 2021 county budget allocates \$93,835 for this program and with the acceptance of an additional \$91,165, this resolution will provide a total of \$185,000 in funding for the program; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this additional funding requires our approval and an amendment to the 2021 county budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board, the Director of Saratoga County Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Director of the County Veterans’ Services Agency are hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements and documents necessary to accept New York State Office of Mental Health funding for the continuation of the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer counseling program by the Saratoga County Veterans’ Services Agency to assist Saratoga County veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the form and content of all such agreements and documents shall be subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 county budget is amended as follows:

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Appropriations:

Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-7001	Emp Mileage Reimb	\$ 1,000
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-7002	Transportation Reimb	\$ 100
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8160	Data Processing Fees	\$ 1,500
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8190	Other Professional Fees	\$ 1,735
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8200	Dept Supplies	\$ 500
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8211	Food/Food Supplies	\$ 2,000
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8291	Equipment Rental	\$ 500
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8350	Client Transportation	\$ 50
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8410	Advertising	\$ 2,500
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8480	Entertainment	\$ 2,000
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8513	Meeting Expenses	\$ 5,000
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8514	Publications	\$ 500
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8531	Postage	\$ 20
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8531.i	Postage Internal	\$ 100
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8533	Telephone	\$ 500
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8543	Office Equipment Rental	\$ 74
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8550.i	Office Supplies Internal	\$ 1,000
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8560	Printing	\$ 1,000
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8560.i	Printing Internal	\$ 200
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8614	Mile Reimb Volunteers	\$ 500
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8621	Rent of Space	\$ 10,000
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8622	Heating Expense	\$ 1,000
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-8623	Electricity	\$ 1,500
Increase Acct.: # A.43.438-9000	Unallocated	<u>\$ 57,886</u>
		\$ 91,165

Revenues:

Increase Acct.: # A.43-3465	Veteran P2P	\$ 91,165
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. 100% State aid.

RESOLUTION 118 - 2021

Introduced by Gaston, Barrett, Connolly, Grasso, Lant, O'Connor and Wood

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DELAYED NEW YORK STATE 2020 STATE-AID WITHHOLDS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL AND NON-MEDICAID PROGRAMS ON BEHALF OF COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, AND AMENDING THE 2021 COUNTY BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO

WHEREAS, the New York State 2020-2021 Budget required the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) and NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to withhold 20% of payments to local government units for non-residential and non-Medicaid programs as a result of the impacts on the state budget stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, OMH, OASAS, and OPWDD have authorized the release of 2020 funding for Quarter 3 and Quarter 4, effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, our Health and Human Services Committee and the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services have recommended the acceptance of the forgoing state-aid withholds from the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, an amendment of the 2021 County Budget is needed to accept and appropriate these funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board and/or Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services are hereby authorized to execute any agreements and documents needed to accept such additional state-aid funding in the combined amount of \$230,127; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Saratoga County Budget is amended as follows:

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES:

Appropriations

Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8741.200 Northeast Parent & Child Society	\$	1,284
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8732.200 Rehabilitation Support Services	\$	6,758
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8733.037 Saratoga Bridges NYSARC	\$	820
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8733.965 Saratoga Bridges NYSARC	\$	20
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8728.046 Captain Community Human Services	\$	1,676
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8728.200 Captain Community Human Services	\$	1,260
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8728.965 Captain Community Human Services	\$	96
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8734.034 Shelters of Saratoga	\$	3,844
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8730.200 Community Work & Independence	\$	856
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8749.037 The Workshop/Northeast Career	\$	1,372
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8749.965 The Workshop/Northeast Career	\$	14
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8727.014 Unlimited Possibilities	\$	23,068
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8727.037 Unlimited Possibilities	\$	2,826
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8727.039 Unlimited Possibilities	\$	3,880
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8727.040 Unlimited Possibilities	\$	11,004
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8727.200 Unlimited Possibilities	\$	17,766
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8727.965 Unlimited Possibilities	\$	1,276
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8731.001 Saratoga Center for the Family	\$	754
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8729.001 Mechanicville Area Comm. Svc. Cntr.	\$	928
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8729.014 Mechanicville Area Comm. Svc. Cntr.	\$	40
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8729.965 Mechanicville Area Comm. Svc. Cntr.	\$	28
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8726.014 Transitional Services Association	\$	350
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8726.034 Transitional Services Association	\$	4,024
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8726.039 Transitional Services Association	\$	168
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8726.200 Transitional Services Association	\$	24,090
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8726.570 Transitional Services Association	\$	25,486
Increase Acct. #A.43.441-8726.965 Transitional Services Association	\$	798
Total OMH	\$	<u>134,486</u>
Increase Acct. #A.43.443-8735.013 Franklin Community Center	\$	5,590
Increase Acct. #A.43.443-8738.013 The Al. & Subst. Abuse Prev. Cnl.	\$	64,962
Increase Acct. #A.43.443-8650.013 Albany Diocesan School Board	\$	2,750
Increase Acct. #A.43.443-8726.013 Transitional Services Association	\$	13,095
Total OASAS	\$	<u>86,397</u>
Increase Acct. #A.43.442-8733.001 Saratoga Bridges NYSARC	\$	9,244
Total OPWDD	\$	<u>9,244</u>
<u>Total Appropriations</u>	\$	<u>230,127</u>

Revenues

Increase Acct. #A.43-3469 MHRIV	\$	52,014
Increase Acct. #A.43-3470 Health Homes	\$	25,486
Increase Acct. #A.43-3473 Agency OPWDD	\$	9,244
Increase Acct. #A.43-3474 Family Support	\$	1,676
Increase Acct. #A.43-3475 IJR Clinical Infrastructure	\$	11,004
Increase Acct. #A.43-3476 Special Employment	\$	9,066
Increase Acct. #A.43-3479 COLA MH	\$	2,232
Increase Acct. #A.43-3483 ASAPC (Prevention Council)	\$	64,962

Increase Acct. #A.43-3489 SA OASAS	\$ 21,435
Increase Acct. #A.43-3494 Community Support Services	\$ 23,458
Increase Acct. #A.43-3495 Intensive Case Management (ICM)	\$ 7,868
Increase Acct. #A.43-3497 Local Agency Assistance	<u>\$ 1,682</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 230,127</u>

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. 100% State Aid.

RESOLUTION 119 - 2021

Introduced by Gaston, Barrett, Connolly, Grasso, Lant, O'Connor and Wood

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN INCENTIVE FUNDING PAYMENT FROM THE NEW YORK E-HEALTH COLLABORATIVE FOR ESTABLISHING DATA CONNECTIVITY, AND AMENDING THE 2021 COUNTY BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO

WHEREAS, the County Mental Health Department has taken steps to incorporate information exchange capabilities between Saratoga County Mental Health's eCR vendor (TenEleven) and the Regional Health Information Organization (HIXNY); and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2021 the County Mental Health Department received a \$13,000 incentive payment from the New York E-Health Collaborative for establishing data connectivity between Saratoga County Mental Health's eCR vendor (TenEleven) and the Regional Health Information Organization (HIXNY); and

WHEREAS, the County Mental Health Department intends to use the incentive payments to replace furnishings and equipment in addition to upgrading software and technology infrastructure to support the transition to telehealth; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of the New York E-Health Collaborative funds requires this Board's approval and an amendment to the 2021 County Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized, on behalf of the Office of the Mental Health and Addiction Services, to execute all necessary documents with the New York E-Health Collaborative for the acceptance of an incentive payment in the amount of \$13,000; with the form and content of such documents being subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Saratoga County Budget is amended as follows:

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES:

Appropriations

Increase Acct. #A.43.431-7020 Office Equipment	\$ 3,450.71
Increase Acct. #A.43.431-7033 Personal Computers	\$ 1,000.00
Increase Acct. #A.43.431-8520 Software	\$ 1,350.38
Increase Acct. #A.43.431-8521 Minor IT Equipment	\$ 4,803.11
Increase Acct. #A.43.431-8540 Minor Office Furniture & Equip	<u>\$ 2,395.80</u>
	\$ 13,000.00

Revenues

Increase Acct. #A.43-1620.DSRP Mental Health Fees & Incentive	\$ 13,000.00
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. 100% State Aid.

RESOLUTION 120 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Gaston, Barrett, Connolly, Grasso, Lant, O'Connor and Wood

AUTHORIZING CONTACT TRACING SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ASHLEY HUBBARD, CAROLINE REGALES AND MATTHEW PROCK

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 111-2020, as amended by Resolution 281-2020, this Board authorized the County Administrator to execute up to Seventy Five (75) minor contracts with individuals identified by Saratoga County Public Health Services as willing to serve and complete the required training to work as contact tracers on an as needed basis, at a rate of compensation of \$25.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into existing minor contracts with Ashley Hubbard dated December 18, 2020, Caroline Regales dated October 9, 2020 and Matthew Prock dated November 16, 2020 for contact tracer services to rapidly interview positive COVID-19 patients; identify their close contacts; interview and alert those contacts to the risk of infection; instruct the contacts to quarantine or isolate for 14 days and monitor those in quarantine or isolation to ensure their compliance and to ascertain if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as there continues to be cases of COVID-19, it is imperative to maintain the services of quality contractors to perform essential contact tracing services; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Hubbard has been a dependable contact tracer who is a college graduate who is able to work full time; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Regales, who is a college graduate, is available to perform contact tracing services on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Prock, a college graduate, is available to perform the duties of contact tracer on a full-time basis; and

WHEREAS, the cost of services performed by Ashley, Caroline and Matthew have met or exceeded their minor contract limits of \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, our Health and Social Services Committee and Commissioner of Health have recommended that the County enter into new one year agreements with the following contact tracers, effective at the signing of said contracts: 1) Ashley Hubbard, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, for a maximum of 40 hours per week, with the total contract amount not to exceed the sum of \$52,000; 2) Caroline Regales, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, for a maximum of 30 hours per week, with the total contract amount not to exceed the sum of \$39,000; and 3) Matthew Prock at a rate of \$25.00 per hours, for a maximum of 35 hours per week, with the total contract amount not to exceed the sum of \$45,500; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 201-2020, this Board accepted a New York State Department of Health grant administered by Health Research, Inc. that includes \$478,215 for temporary and contracted employees that are hired exclusively for COVID-19 response activities, which grant funds will be used to cover the cost of these three contact tracing agreements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute one year agreements with the following contact tracers, effective at the signing of said contracts: 1) Ashley Hubbard, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, for a maximum of 40 hours per week, with the total contract amount not to exceed the sum of \$52,000; 2) Caroline Regales, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, for a maximum of 30 hours per week, with the total contract amount not to exceed the sum of \$39,000; and 3) Matthew Prock at a rate of \$25.00 per hours, for a maximum of 35 hours per week, with the total contract amount not to exceed the sum of \$45,500; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the form and content of said agreements shall be subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. Costs associated with this contract will be covered by a Health Research, Inc. grant.

RESOLUTION 121 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Gaston, Barrett, Connolly, Grasso, Lant, O'Connor and Wood

AMENDING RESOLUTION 103-2021, AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH DIRAD TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR INBOUND AND OUTBOUND CALL SERVICES TO ASSIST PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES WITH COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 103-2021, this Board authorized an agreement with DiRad Technologies, Inc. ("DiRad") for the provision of inbound and outbound calling services to assist Saratoga County Public Health Services with COVID-19 vaccine distribution at a cost not to exceed \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, due to a substantial increase in calls made by DiRad registering County residents from the interest list and scheduling appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine, and New York State opening up eligibility to receive the vaccine to those individuals who are 16 years of age and older, resulting in an expectation that the number of calls being handled by DiRad will increase; and

WHEREAS, the cost of services performed by DiRad is likely to exceed the \$50,000 contract limit within the month of April; and

WHEREAS, our Health and Human Services Committee and the Commissioner of Public Health Services have recommended that an amendment to the agreement with DiRad Technologies, Inc. be authorized eliminating the \$50,000 not to exceed limit and establishing an expiration date for the contract of December 31, 2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the agreement with DiRad Technologies, Inc. of Clifton Park, New York for the provision of inbound and outbound calling services to assist Saratoga County Public Health Services with COVID-19 vaccine distribution for the period effective at the signing of the amendment and expiring December 31, 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Resolution 103-2021 is hereby amended accordingly; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the form and content of such amendment shall be subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. Funds for this service have been allocated in the 2021 budget.

RESOLUTION 122 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Gaston, Barrett, Connolly, Grasso, Lant, O'Connor and Wood

PROCLAIMING MAY 2021 AS "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" IN THE COUNTY OF SARATOGA

WHEREAS, since 1963, Older Americans Month has been a time to celebrate older Americans, their stories and their contributions; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Older Americans Month, "Communities of Strength", focuses on the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities; and

WHEREAS, older adults have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes, failures, joys, and difficulties; and

WHEREAS, our County counts among its residents more than 46,000 individuals 60 years of age or over who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors is committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes the importance of bringing together all generations and engaging in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, our County and its residents can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

- Promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living;
- Involving older adults in community planning, events, and other activities; and
- Providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proudly proclaims the month of May 2021 as "Older Americans Month" in the County of Saratoga, and urges every resident to take the time during this month to recognize our older adults and the people who serve and support them as essential and vital members of our community.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 123 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Gaston, Barrett, Connolly, Grasso, Lant, O'Connor and Wood

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT FUNDING ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING, AND AMENDING THE 2021 COUNTY BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO

WHEREAS, federal legislation passed in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, known as The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021, provides supplemental funding for Senior Nutrition Programs to assist in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic ; and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging is eligible to receive Consolidated Appropriations Act funding in the amount of \$85,315 for the grant period December 27, 2020 through September 30, 2022 for the purpose of supplementing the County’s Senior Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, the approval of this Board of Supervisors and an amendment to the 2021 Saratoga County Budget is needed to accept these Consolidated Appropriations Act funds through the New York State Office for the Aging; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts Consolidated Appropriations Act funding in the amount of \$85,315; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements and documents needed to accept Consolidated Appropriations Act funding for the grant period December 27, 2020 through September 30, 2022 from the New York State Office for the Aging; with the form and content of such agreements and documents to be subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Saratoga County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

OFFICE FOR THE AGING:

Appropriations:

Increase Acct.: #A.76.761-7761 Senior Nutrition Program \$85,315

Revenues:

Increase Acct.: #A.76-4484 Federal Aid – COVID-19 Stimulus \$85,315

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. 100% Federal Aid

RESOLUTION 124 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Veitch, Lant, Lucia, O'Connor, Richardson, Tollisen and Winney

AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET TO REAPPROPRIATE UNSPENT FUNDS RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL PROJECT

WHEREAS, unexpended 2020 funds in the amount of \$716,599 authorized for our Department of Public Works for the construction of a snow removal equipment storage building at the County Airport needs to be reappropriated to the 2021 County budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Saratoga County Budget is amended as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriations:

Increase Acct: A.50.513-7093 Airport – Bldg. Construction Cost \$ 716,599

Revenues:

Increase Acct: A.50-3592 State Airport \$ 644,939

Increase Acct: A.0599.B App. Fund Bal. \$ 71,660

\$ 716,599

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. This project was included in the 2020 budget. The budget amendment will reappropriate these previously budgeted funds into the 2021 budget. 90% of this project is covered through a state grant and the remaining 10% will be transferred from Fund Balance.

RESOLUTION 125 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Lant, Allen, Connolly, Lucia, Raymond, Schopf and Smith

ACCEPTING A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND AMENDING THE 2021 COUNTY BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) maintains a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program that is administered by New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES); and

WHEREAS, DHSES has awarded the Office of Emergency Services a HMEP grant in the amount of \$5,172 for fiscal year 2020 with a performance period of April 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this DHSES grant requires this Board’s approval and an amendment to the 2021 County Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, or the County Administrator, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Office of Emergency Services, to execute all necessary documents with NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the acceptance of a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant in the amount of \$5,172, for the term of April 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022, with the form and content of such documents being subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Saratoga County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Appropriations:

Increase Acct.: A.36.366-8150 Training	\$ 2,750
Increase Acct.: A.36.366-8590 Misc. Office Expenses	<u>\$ 3,965</u>
	\$ 5,172

Revenues:

Increase Acct.: A.36-3306 Homeland Security	\$ 5,172
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None.

RESOLUTION 126 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Lant, Allen, Connolly, Lucia, Raymond, Schopf and Smith

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL STATE AID FROM THE NEW YORK STATE STOP-DWI FOUNDATION, INC. FOR DWI CRACKDOWN PROGRAM PATROLS AND ACTIVITIES AND AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO

WHEREAS, Resolution 89-2021 authorized renewal and implementation of our local STOP-DWI program and its participation in the 2021 New York State program; and

WHEREAS, additional state funding is available in the amount of \$1,500 through the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. for use in local DWI Crackdown Program patrols and activities during the grant cycle of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, our Public Safety Committee and the STOP-DWI Coordinator have recommended acceptance of these additional program funds in the amount of \$1,500 and appropriation of the funds into Saratoga County’s 2021 STOP-DWI Program budget for the aforementioned purpose; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of these additional funds requires approval of this Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board and/or the County STOP-DWI Coordinator are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept additional aid from the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500 for use in Saratoga County’s STOP-DWI Crackdown Program patrols and activities; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 County Budget is amended as follows:

STOP-DWI

Appropriations:

Increase Account #A.33.000-7330 DWI Grants	\$ 500
Increase Account #A.33.000-7330.I DWI County	<u>\$1,000</u>
	\$1,500

Revenues:

Increase Account #A.33-3502 Traffic Safety Grant	\$1,500
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. 100% State Aid.

RESOLUTION 127 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Lant, Allen, Connolly, Lucia, Raymond, Schopf and Smith

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CPL ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND SURVEYOR, D.P.C. FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO RENOVATIONS TO THE SARATOGA COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

WHEREAS, CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architect and Surveyor, D.P.C. (“CPL”) submitted proposals for the provision of professional architectural and engineering consulting services for renovations to the main floor booking and waiting area of Saratoga County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into two minor agreements with CPL dated December 23, 2020 and March 9, 2021 for said professional consulting services and in accordance with County procurement policies the services provided under two minor agreements would be better suited as a major contract authorized by this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee and the Sheriff recommend that the County enter into an agreement with CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architect and Surveyor, D.P.C. for professional architectural and engineering consulting services related to the renovation of the main floor booking and waiting area at the Saratoga County Correctional Facility, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute an agreement with CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architect and Surveyor, D.P.C. of Rochester, New York for professional architectural and engineering consulting services related to the renovations at the Saratoga County Correctional Facility, which agreement shall replace the two aforementioned minor agreements, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the form and content of such agreement shall be subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. Funds are available in the 2021 budget.

RESOLUTION 128 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Lant, Allen, Connolly, Lucia, Raymond, Schopf and Smith

PROCLAIMING APRIL 18-24, 2021 AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK IN SARATOGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, being a victim of crime and navigating the criminal justice system can be a frightening and confusing experience; and

WHEREAS, progress in improving the treatment of crime victims has been made through the efforts of thousands of victims and survivors who have turned their own experiences into a force for positive change, ensuring that others can receive justice, meaningful assistance, and compassionate treatment before the law; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, and through the dedicated work of advocates, lawmakers, and victims service providers, there is a growing array of services and resources available to victims and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims – including the rights to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect – and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

WHEREAS, individuals' trust in the compassion, understanding, and support of their communities is achieved through sustained, deep-rooted and coordinated outreach; and

WHEREAS, identifying, reaching, and serving all victims of crime – especially those from groups that often have less access to healing services and avenues to justice – is essential; and

WHEREAS, our community's continued engagement with the challenges faced by victims of crime will ensure that the progress made to date is not lost, and that new ground is broken to gain greater justice and healing for all victims; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors is hereby dedicated to supporting victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building trust among our clients; collaborating with other service providers, and engaging our community in response efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of April 18 – 24, 2021 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Saratoga County reaffirming the County of Saratoga's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the New York State Crime Victims' Task Force, Wellspring, Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, MADD, The Prevention Council, Saratoga Center for the Family, and Parents of Murdered Children.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 129 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Lant, Allen, Connolly, Lucia, Raymond, Schopf and Smith

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE ANIMAL SHELTER TRUST FUND, AND AMENDING THE 2021 COUNTY BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO

WHEREAS, Resolution 145-07 of this Board established the Animal Shelter Trust Fund to receive funds received from donors as gifts for the benefit and use of the Saratoga County Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 254-2017 authorized annual disbursements from the Animal Shelter Trust Fund, commencing with the County's 2019 fiscal year, of up to 80% of the donations received by the Fund in the prior fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 211-2020 adopted revisions for the administration of the Animal Shelter Trust and Agency Fund to authorize, due to COVID-19 related delays, disbursements from the Animal Shelter Trust Fund in 2021 equaling up to 80% of the combined donations received by the Animal Shelter Trust Fund in 2019 and 2020 to facilitate the completion of larger projects at the Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, our Public Safety Committee and the Director of the Animal Shelter have recommended that \$155,187 in Animal Shelter Trust Fund donations be transferred to the Animal Shelter to pay for the construction of a pre-engineered covered building-animal shelter run-in; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga County Treasurer is hereby authorized to disburse the sum of \$155,187 from the Animal Shelter Trust Fund to pay for construction costs related to a new pre-engineered covered building-animal shelter run-in; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Saratoga County Budget is amended as follows:

ANIMAL SHELTER:

Appropriations:

Increase Acct. #A.35.000-7094 Building Components	\$ 77,593.50
Increase Acct. #A.35.000-7098 Professional Services	<u>\$ 77,593.50</u>
	\$155,187.00

Revenues:

Increase Acct. #A.35-1554 Donations	\$155,187.00
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. An amendment to the 2021 budget will be required for transfer of funds from the Animal Shelter Trust Fund.

RESOLUTION 134 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Gaston, Tollisen, Veitch, Winney and Wood

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ECKERT MECHANICAL LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN AIR HANDLING UNIT AT THE SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1’S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, the Air Handling Unit (“AHU-5”) on the roof of the Administration Building at the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1’s Wastewater Treatment Plant is in need of replacement in order to provide air conditioning to the Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Sewer District Commission and the Sewer District’s Executive Director solicited bids for the provision of labor, materials and supplies for the replacement of the AHU-5; and

WHEREAS, our Law and Finance Committee, the Sewer District Commission and the Executive Director of the Sewer District have recommended that the bid of Eckert Mechanical LLC for the replacement of the AHU-5 in the amount of \$57,353, the lowest bid received, be accepted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Eckert Mechanical LLC of Albany, New York, for the replacement of the Air Handling Unit on the roof of the Administration Building at Saratoga County Sewer District No.1’s Wastewater Treatment Plant at a cost not to exceed \$57,353; with the form and content of said agreement to be subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. Funds for the agreement are covered in the 2021 budget.

RESOLUTION 135 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Gaston, Tollisen, Veitch, Winney and Wood

APPROVING APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION OF THE NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER REGARDING THE PROPOSED REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT SEWER INTERCEPTOR AND RELATED FACILITIES

WHEREAS, by proceedings heretofore duly had and taken pursuant to Article 5-A of the County Law, the Board of Supervisors of Saratoga County, New York (the “Board of Supervisors”), established a county sewer district designated and known as Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1, in said County (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, the sewer interceptor and related facilities serving properties in the District are in need of rehabilitation and improvement, as described in the report prepared by M.J. Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C. dated January 2020; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted September 15, 2020, the Board of Supervisors determined that it is in the public interest of the people of the County of Saratoga residing within the boundaries of the District to undertake the rehabilitation and improvement of the sewer interceptor and related facilities (the “Improvements”), and authorized the County to undertake the Improvements, subject to receipt of permission of the New York State Comptroller in accordance with County Law Section 268; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Board of Supervisors, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors has prepared an application for permission of the State Comptroller (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached to this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors believes the contents of the Application to be accurate.
2. The Board of Supervisors has previously determined that the Project is in the public interest.
3. The real property to be assessed or charged with the cost of the proposed Improvements will be benefited by the proposed Improvements and no benefited property has been excluded.
4. This Resolution is adopted in accordance with Section 85.3 of the New York State Comptroller's Regulations.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 136 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Gaston, Tollisen, Veitch, Winney and Wood

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS USA INC. FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE UV DISINFECTION SYSTEM AT SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, Resolution 100-2018 authorized an agreement with Xylem Water Solutions USA Inc. ("Xylem") for annual preventive maintenance services of the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1's WEDECO UV disinfection system, for a term of one (1) year, with said agreement to be subject to renewal for an additional term of one (1) year upon written mutual agreement of the parties; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with Xylem Water Solutions USA Inc. has expired; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Sewer District Commission solicited competitive bids for annual preventive maintenance services of the Sewer District's UV disinfection system; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer District Commission and the Executive Director of the Sewer District have recommended that a contract be awarded to Xylem Water Solutions USA Inc., for the provision of annual preventive maintenance services for the Sewer District's WEDECO UV disinfection system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute an agreement with Xylem Water Solutions USA Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina for the provision of annual preventive maintenance services for Saratoga County Sewer District No.1's WEDECO UV disinfection system, which services shall include two (2) site visits per year, with each visit to be of four (4) days in duration, at a cost of \$18,048, and any day of service required after the fourth day of service to be provided at a cost of \$1,710 per day, for a term of one (1) year, commencing April 1, 2021, with said agreement to be subject to renewal for an additional term of one (1) year upon the written mutual agreement of the parties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the form and content of such agreement shall be subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. Funds are included in the 2021 budget.

RESOLUTION 137 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Gaston, Tollisen, Veitch, Winney and Wood

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH BARTON & LOUGUIDICE, D.P.C. AND ADVANCED ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS CORPORATION D/B/A UTILITY CLOUD FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 is committed to providing proper preventative maintenance, reactive maintenance, and asset management for the infrastructure it currently owns including 98 pump stations, approximately 275 miles of pipe, over 5000 manholes, and a 43 million gallon a day treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, a Computerized Maintenance Management System (“CMMS”) and Asset Management software program would assist in the day-to-day maintenance activities, risk management, asset life expectancy analysis and capital project planning; and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. has submitted a proposal for the provision of design and implementation of the project by defining the objectives, scope, purpose, deliverables of the project, provide a Master Schedule of Work and project management plan that provides a formal document used to guide both project execution and project control, for a total project cost not to exceed \$62,934; and

WHEREAS, Advanced Enterprise Systems Corporation d/b/a Utility Cloud has provided a proposal for the provision of a cloud based software program to assist in day-to-day preventive maintenance for both the collection system and the Wastewater Treatment Plant, for a license fee of \$40,000 annually, for a term of one (1) year effective at the signing of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Sewer District Commission and the Executive Director of the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 have recommended that the County enter into agreements with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. and Advanced Enterprise Systems Corporation d/b/a Utility Cloud for the development and implementation of an Computerized Maintenance Management System and Asset Management software program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute an agreement with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. of Liverpool, New York for the provision of design and implementation of a Computerized Maintenance Management System and Asset Management software program for the maintenance of the Sewer District’s infrastructure, for a total project cost not to exceed \$62,934; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute a software license agreement with Advanced Enterprise Systems Corporation d/b/a Utility Cloud, of Salem, New Hampshire for the provision of a cloud based Asset Management software system, for a term of one (1) year effective at the signing of the agreement, at a cost not to exceed \$40,000; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the form and content of both agreements shall be subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact. Funds for these contracts are covered in the 2021 budget.

RESOLUTION 138 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Gaston, Tollisen, Veitch, Winney and Wood

AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A SEWER LINE EASEMENT OVER COUNTY LAND IN THE TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK

WHEREAS, property owned by the County of Saratoga shown on the Saratoga County tax maps as Tax Parcel #250.-2-14, commonly known as the “Zim Smith Trail,” adjoins property owned by Douglas P. Donini and Patricia M. Donini in the Town of Clifton Park and identified on the Saratoga County tax maps as Tax Parcel #250.-2-3.112, with an address of 68 English Road, Round Lake, New York; and

WHEREAS, property owned by Anthony DiSiena and Lindsey Donini in the Town of Clifton Park and identified on the Saratoga County tax maps as Tax Parcel #250.-2-7, with an address of 69 English Road, Round Lake, New York adjoins the property owned by Douglas P. Donini and Patricia Donini; and

WHEREAS, said property owned by the County contains an interceptor sewer line owned and operated by Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, Anthony DiSiena and Lindsey Donini wish to install a sewer lateral line across the property owned by Douglas Donini and Patricia Donini and said County lands that will connect to a manhole in the Sewer District’s interceptor line for purposes of providing sewer service to their property; and

WHEREAS, the requested easement will not endanger the sewer interceptor line or in any way inhibit the use of the County’s property by the Sewer District, the County or recreational users of the Zim Smith Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Sewer District Commission has recommended that the requested sewer line easement be granted by this Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute any and all documents needed to convey a sewer line easement to Anthony DiSiena and Lindsey Donini for their installation of a sewer lateral line across County lands in the Town of Clifton Park identified as Tax Parcel #250.-2-14, which line will connect their property, identified as Tax Parcel #250.-2-7, to an interceptor manhole owned by Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1, with the form and content of such easement to be subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 140 - 2021

Introduced by Chairman Kusnierz

APPOINTING A DIRECTOR OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Soil and Water Conservations District Law §5 and Resolution 59-47, Saratoga County is a Soil and Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Soil and Water Conservations District Law §6 and Resolution 15-92, the District's seven Directors are appointed by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, due to the passing of Donald Monica, there is a vacancy on the Soil and Water Conservation District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following person is appointed Director of the County Soil and Water Conservation District for the stated term:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Janet Bartow 1080 Middle Line Road Ballston Spa, NY 12020	Grange 12/31/2022

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

Mr. Peck said he was unfamiliar with this firm. The first “whereas” talks about the specialized legal services for converting to a full health department. He asked if they have general experience or if they had worked with another county.

Mr. Hartnett said Saratoga County is the first county in approximately 20 years to be endeavoring this. It is unique legal expertise and this firm has done regulatory work and interfaced with the Department of Health. Specifically, it's once in a generation project, so to speak of, that's why that firm was procured under professional services. They've been doing some exploratory work under a minor contract. We've been very pleased with the services rendered.

Mr. Peck thanked Mr. Hartnett for the clarification. The second “whereas” talks about a need for ongoing legal representation related to the emergency rental assistance. He thought we heard last week, the states could have done that. So maybe that's not appropriate within the mass vaccination site. He was just wondering, and he thought the general consensus was we probably won't need to continue with that regard. He would make note of that. In general, we often go from minor contracts to major contracts. He was curious, looking at the background, this was the supporting documentation a week ago, they were first level engagement on January 13. Minor contract

on the 26th of January. They were amended on March 19, expand the services and April 5 updated for letter of agreement. He asked because the contract is going to a major contract, how far over the minor contract have we gone. He was just trying to get a sense of how much outside legal counsel we are paying for.

Mr. Hartnett said it was his understanding that there are invoices for approximately, at this juncture, \$7,000. We are we are anticipating that given the ramp up of that transition, that it's going to rapidly approach the \$15,000 cap. This was an anticipatory resolution.

Mr. Peck said that later on in the resolution it talks about contract review and grant administration. The only reason he is asking is that he knows generally this is done in house. He doesn't expect that we can do everything in house. This is taxpayer dollars and we should do as much as we can in house and then contract out for the expertise that we need. We have a highly qualified law department. You have excellent people up there. He wanted to be sure that we're continuing to utilize them as much as possible. That's all.

Ms. Gaston said theoretically, she would also say those are some of the questions originally brought forward to her. Public Health becoming a full service Department of Health is going to be a significant amount of time. And one of the reasons is not only the advice on the equation, but also to support some of those issues, both in the legal department and in public health that will need to be focused in other areas as we do this expansion. She has requested that they will report to the Committee on a regular basis, they will know what's taking place and how much money is being spent. Because she agree with Mr. Peck. It's important that we spend our money wisely. But she does agree that there's been some preliminary steps to see how well they could do with this work, and what they could do. And she was pleased with what they were able to accomplish especially since many of the people who've done this the last time are no longer in State government. So we're having to find a lot of things that haven't existed before. But she agree with Mr. Peck's point that we need to make sure that we're doing this in a cost effective manner. And she believes the Chairman is going to be taking some action with regards to committee in the near future to make sure that there is some more oversight than that debate. Thank you.

Mr. Lawler asked if there was a sense of the length of this engagement. It looks like this is open-ended which makes him a little nervous when there is an open ended professional contract. The contract appears to be working on specific matters. Is there any idea how long this will take?

Mr. Hartnett said it is a bit open ended on purpose because the nature of this project and the scope of this project seems to be expanding as we get into it and dig our teeth into it. The way he understands the resolution to read is that right now would be for a two-year window of time. And the idea behind that is that he can't give a definitive answer about what would be an ending, other than when the County is fully transitioned to a, what's called an Article 340 District, and also having full Environmental Health Services up and running, which is a substantial undertaking. This is why he worded it as a two-year window.

Mr. Lawler said his second question is, often on contracts like this, we have a not to exceed sum. This has no limit. But it would be good to know that there is a top figure out there that would require coming back to this board to extend that contract further, and not only in terms of duration, but in terms of costs. He is wondering if anybody had any idea of how much money this could eventually cost us? Is there an alternative way to get that information and that service?

Mr. Kusnierz said that this transition to a full service, Public Health Department, the required transition is going to be very expensive. There's no question about it. We believe and we're hopeful that we'll be able to leverage Federal dollars for that process. Legal expenses will be a component of that process. But no one knows what that figure is going to be.

Mr. Lawler said he could accept that. He didn't think that was an unreasonable answer. He understands that people might not even know how much it would cost. You don't know how long it's going to go in. It's an hourly based contract. He asked if we could agree informally that the expense of this contract, could we have a general understanding that expenses associated with this contract would be reported to the Health Committee so that they become just part of the record for the other supervisors to be aware of. So we all don't wake up one day and go, how did we get here and how have we spent that much money? He would ask if that could be incorporated not necessarily in to the resolution but in to the implementation.

Mr. Kusnierz said to that point he would be naming basically an Advisory Committee that will comprise be comprised of a couple supervisors, and individuals who have been involved in these transitions before, as well as Dr. Kuhles as our Commissioner. They will be making those recommendations for the full Board before we take additional actions, especially financial ones. It is his intent that the Board be kept apprised of that effort every step of the way beginning with that advisory group.

Ms. Gaston said "ditto". She thinks that is important because it is something that we are required to do and therefore need to be aware of the progress. The progress for accounting and what is going forward. She would make that commitment on the record that that will happen.

Mr. Barrett said this sounds like a good measure but isn't it also a fact that we need to act with expediency in this matter, based on the State and their expectations? We are running late on this conversion, is that correct?

Mr. Kusnierz said he could tell you that the County has received correspondence a year or two ago; which was not acted upon from New York State Department of Health. So yes, to answer your question there is expediency that is now required in this effort. But again, that Advisory Group reporting to the full Board will keep us apprised of every step of the way, and what the costs are going to be so we can anticipate, as we put the next year's budget together and other actions.

Mr. Barrett said he didn't know if there's any penalties involved or any additional action that the State may take. But he thought we should focus on moving as quickly as possible on this endeavor. It sounds as though we are behind as an organization, following through on this commitment and directive.

Mr. Hartnett said he would like to supplement Supervisor Barrett's statement. He would completely agree that there is some expediency behind it and the State is pushing. And this endeavor has started in earnest recently and we're very keen to it. We've had ongoing discussions with the State Department of Health about what this is going to look like to establish a timeline. And it's going to be a large process that is going to involve the budget process. It will require PR to get this concept out there that this has been on the State's radar for the better part of a decade. And we're up and running on it. And so this is an important component. And they're looking for good faith efforts towards what we've done, and working with us to establish a workable timeline, very cognizant of the fact that we're in the middle of a pandemic. So this is one of those components and why it was warranted as a resolution in anticipation of going to a major so to continue to hit the ground running.

Mr. Kusnierz if he could just add that it's actually a result of Saratoga County is a victim of its own success. And with the growth that we're experiencing, the DOH regional office out of Glens Falls does not have the ability to continue to service all the projects and growth that's happening in the County. And of course, you have the population increase, which is also a triggering mechanism. So we're doing everything right, we just had, unfortunately, we're very good at making Saratoga County an ideal place to live and work. And so now we have to take the next step to serve our residents, because the State won't be doing that shortly. Any other discussion on that?

Mr. Peck he would just make a couple comments to make the public is aware. Under the State law, the requirement is once your population hits 250,000. The State and like a lot of things, tried to push more work or more expenses down to the County and local levels. So they have been trying to do this for the better part of a decade. But we really didn't meet the statutory requirements to go there. Those discussions were ongoing, that when our former Public Health Director Cathy Duncan was retiring, they want us to seek out a medical doctor to run the department, Dr. Kuhles and to assist in that transition. So as the Chairman said we are detrimental because of our own success. But he didn't want anybody in the public to think that the County sat on their hands for 10 years. We think the County stood its ground that we were trying not to take on the expense that was that was really due the County or the State was required to cover. So as we transition, it's going to be a big project, a big process, an expensive one. We are very thankful we have Dr. Kuhles leading the effort there.

Ms. Gaston said for the most part, yeah. With regard to that, however, there are some portions of the services that are provided are not subject to that path. And the State has made it clear that they will be withdrawing their performance of some of their services despite the fact that we have not met the cap. So while we are not quite at

the 250,000 population, it is a necessity that we do move quickly on this because they are withdrawing some of the services that they can in short order. She has reviewed that we are not at the cap at this point but there is still some serious urgency.

On a motion by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Ms. Gaston, Resolution 130 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 130 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Gaston, Tollisen, Veitch, Winney and Wood

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH WLADIS LAW FIRM, PLLC FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the County Public Health Services is anticipating to transition to a Full-Service Health Department, and such transition will require extensive and specialized legal representation including regulatory, grant administration, compliance and licensing components; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic there has been a need for ongoing legal representation of the county related to special projects such as Emergency Rental Assistance grant programs and Mass Vaccination site contracting; and

WHEREAS, the County has entered into a minor contract with Wladis Law Firm, PLLC for professional legal services related to specialized and general matters including the County Public Health Services transition to a full-service health department, projects related COVID-19 Pandemic response including Emergency Rental Assistance grant programs and Mass Vaccination site projects; and

WHEREAS, the Wladis Law Firm, PLLC has demonstrated exceptional quality of legal services rendered; and

WHEREAS, the Wladis Law Firm has submitted a Letter of Engagement dated April 5, 2021, for additional legal services to provide legal counsel related to general and specialized legal matters, including, but not limited to assisting the County's Public Health Services with its transition to a Full-Service Public Health Department; general legal services relative to COVID-19 Pandemic Response including contract review, grant administration (e.g., Federal Rental Emergency Assistance Program); and other subject matters as needed and requested by the County Attorney's Office for the term April 21, 2021 through April 21, 2023 at the rate of \$325 per hour for services provided by firm partners, \$250 per hour for services provided by firm associates and \$125 per hour for services provided by paralegal staff; reimbursement for mileage and tolls; with standard hourly rates to be adjusted yearly; and

WHEREAS, the Law & Finance Committee and County Attorney have recommended that the County enter into an agreement with Wladis Law Firm, PLLC for professional legal services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute an agreement with Wladis Law Firm, PLLC of Syracuse, New York, for professional legal services related to general and specialized legal matters, including, but not limited to assisting the County's Public Health Services with its transition to a Full-Service Public Health Department; general legal services relative to COVID-19 Pandemic Response including contract review, grant administration (e.g., Federal Rental Emergency Assistance Program); and other subject matters as needed and requested by the County Attorney's Office for the term of two (2) years commencing April 21, 2021 and continuing through April 21, 2023 at the rate of \$325 per hour for services provided by firm partners; \$250 per hour for services provided by firm associates; \$125 per hour for services provided by paralegal staff; and reimbursement for mileage and tolls; with standard hourly rates to be adjusted yearly; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the form and content of such an agreement shall be subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. Anticipated expenditures are included in the 2021 budget.

Mr. Richardson said he was just looking for some sort of idea when this money may be coming out to the landlords and renters and what type of information, we'll have to get to the State or to the County to receive the funds.

Mr. Kusnierz said he asked for resolutions 131 132 133 to be included in a separate vote this afternoon. And the reason being for that is because we received unfortunate news that he would like the County Administrator to discuss with the entire Board.

Mr. Bulger said these three Resolutions 131, 132, and 133 are all interrelated. He would go through them to provide a quick overview. The Emergency Rental Program that we've been hearing about, these Federal funds were sent to the County in February, where it was anticipated the County would be overseeing their distribution to eligible renters and landlords impacted by the COVID pandemic. The new State budget, however, dramatically changes this situation. New York State now is taking over control of almost all aspects of the program, including setting up a portal for applicants, handling all funds and disbursements, handling all application approvals, denials, and appeals and taking responsibility for all reporting and usage requirements with the Department of Treasury. In short, this is no longer a Saratoga County program. It is strictly a State program that we are providing limited assistance. Supervisor Richardson to your question when these funds might be available. We are waiting to hear when the State will open the portal to start accepting applications. We were told in February that it should be in March. We were told in March, it should be early to mid-April. He heard someone speaking yesterday, and they're not sure when it's going to be now. So all the counties across the State are now going to have to go through the State system. We are all waiting now for the state to open that up. And then once that opens, they're going to be responsible for taking in the applications, determining who gets funded, how much and getting the money out to them. So we have really been cut out of the whole thing. He wanted to go through these resolutions just very quickly, too. We do have a roll here through Department of Social Services, which he wanted to cover. But in terms of the resolution 131 there's actually three components to this resolution. The first is we are accepting the Federal money into our system that they actually sent us back in February. The money has been sitting in an account. We did not want to accept it until we knew what was going on with it. Now, we are accepting into our treasury, we are then turning around and sending it back to the State, all \$6.8 million and change. And the third component of resolution 131 is we are signing the agreement with the State of New York, that we will participate in the program under their terms. So that's resolution 131. Resolution 132 is amending the compensation schedule to create positions under Department of Social Services and authorizing an amendment of the 2021 budget. So as part of this program, we're supposedly going to get up to \$680,000 in administrative fees; 10% of the money goes to administrative fees. The State has told us that for up to that amount, any administrative costs that we bear, they will reimburse us at some point. We have to take them at their word that they will do that. We feel confident they will and we've been assured by leadership at the State that this will happen. So the key for us right now is Commissioner Potter's team. They want to hire two people to work on this project to assist all of the renters and landlords that are going to want to apply for this program. So Tina's group has put together a proposal that will do that. We're hiring these two people and it's really just for the length of the funding. And by the way, we are told now there, in addition to that 6.8 million, there could be another 5 million coming sometime later this year. So it could be up to \$11 or \$12 million going to renters and landlords here in Saratoga County, which is great. And the program could run up to 2024 or 2025, at least three or four years to get the whole thing out. So we are hiring a couple people through DSS that will be paid with the administrative funds that we're getting on this to meet that need. The third component, which is resolution 133, will authorize the Chairman to enter in agreement with Shelters of Saratoga. And that is through an RFP process. Shelters of Saratoga was determined to be the best fit to do outreach to our low income communities across the County and to renters and landlords. They will make sure they are aware of the program and advise them to go on the State portal to register. Basically just assist them and make them aware of the program and get them registered in the State system once that opens up. So kind of a quick overview of three resolutions. They all do tie together. Hopefully that answer Supervisor Richardson's questions.

Mr. Richardson said yes, thank you. He asked when this all begins to happen, when the people can start to register, will the Supervisors be notified.

Mr. Bulger said absolutely. Commissioner Potter's team are gearing up right now. We will make sure that all Supervisors and really everybody in the County know. We're going to be getting questions on this from everybody. We want to be sure everybody's aware of where they have to go and what they have to do to apply for this program. Mr. Richardson thanked Mr. Bulger.

Ms. Gaston thanked Supervisor Richardson for that question. She does want to say that these resolutions are actually to allow Commissioner Potter and the County team to move forward in setting everything up so that once

the State gets the portal out, we can act immediately. She thanked Commissioner Potter for making sure that we're ready to go. She didn't think any of us enjoy waiting on the State any longer than we have to but she does appreciate that we're taking some steps ahead of time so that some of it they're ready.

On a motion by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Ms. Gaston Resolution #131 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 131 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Gaston, Tollisen, Veitch, Winney and Wood

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$6,818,071.60 IN FEDERAL AID FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2020 the Federal Government passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, which established the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to be administered through the United States Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aid is intended to provide financial assistance and housing stability services to eligible households effected by the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County has made application to be awarded Federal Aid under the ERAP Program and has been directly awarded \$6,818,071.60; and

WHEREAS, ERAP awards for counties with a population of less than 200,000 were provided directly to the New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA); and

WHEREAS, OTDA has provided for counties who were directly awarded ERAP funding to opt-in to allow New York State to administer the grant funding on a uniform state-wide basis, which provides a cost-savings to the County; and

WHEREAS, by opting into OTDA administration of the ERAP program would provide for the County to seek reimbursement of up to 10% of the grant award for administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of ERAP funding requires our approval and recognition respective to the County's General Ledger with the creation of a liability account "A-0631.ERAP - Due To Other Governments Emergency Rental Assistance Prog" where such funds will be held until remittance to OTDA; and

WHEREAS, facilitation of opting into ERAP program administration through OTDA requires our approval of an agreement to transfer the ERAP funding to OTDA; and

WHEREAS, facilitation of opting into ERAP program administration through OTDA requires an agreement with OTDA for program administration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and Director of Finance are authorized to recognize acceptance of the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program funding in the amount of \$6,818,071.60; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized, contingent upon a fully executed agreement between the County and New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance, to transfer the grant award of \$6,818,071.60 to the New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance for administration of the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board, and the Commissioner of Social Services are hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements and documents necessary to opt-into and facilitate the administration of the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program by the New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. 100% Federal Aid.

On a motion by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Barrett Resolution #132 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 132 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Gaston, Tollisen, Veitch, Winney and Wood

AMENDING THE 2021 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE TO CREATE

POSITIONS UNDER DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT OF THE 2021 BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2020 the Federal Government passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, which established the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to be administered through the United States Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aid is intended to provide financial assistance and housing stability services to eligible households effected by the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA) will be administering the ERAP Program on a state-wide basis with the assistance of local departments to provide education, outreach, and application assistance related to the ERAP program for renters and landlords facing housing instability as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services, and the Director of Human Resources have recommended that the 2021 Saratoga County Compensation Schedule be amended under Department of Social Services to Create (1) Senior Social Welfare Examiner, Base Salary of \$46,455; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services, and the Director of Human Resources have recommended that the 2021 Saratoga County Compensation Schedule be amended under Department of Social Services to Create (1) Social Welfare Examiner, Base Salary of \$42,496; and

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Saratoga County Compensation Schedule is amended effective as of April 21, 2021 as follows:

UNDER DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

Create (1) Senior Social Welfare Examiner – Base Salary \$46,455

Create (1) Social Welfare Examiner – Base Salary \$42,496

(Create) (Note) *These positions will terminate upon State/Federal funding no longer becoming available

and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the 2021 county budget is amended as follows:

UNDER DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Increase Revenues

Acct.: #A.60.4612 – Emergency Rental Assistance Program \$160,252.13

Increase Expenses

Acct.: #A.60.601-6000 – Regular Wages \$ 87,631.33

Acct.: #A.60.601-6910 – Retirement \$ 13,144.78

Acct.: #A.60.601-6930 – Social Security \$ 6,703.73

Acct.: #A.60.601-6960 – Health Insurance \$ 32,730.29

Acct.: #A.60.601-7020 – Office Equipment \$ 6,620.00

Acct.: #A.60.601-7033 – Personal Computers \$ 4,800.00

Acct.: #A.60.601-7080 – Other Equipment \$ 7,722.00

Acct.: #A.60.601-8533 – Telephone \$ 900.00

Total \$160,252.13

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. 100% Federal Aid.

On a motion by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Lucia, Resolution #133 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 133 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Gaston, Tollisen, Veitch, Winney and Wood

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SHELTERS OF SARATOGA, INC. FOR EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OUTREACH, EDUCATION

AND APPLICATION ASSISTANCE AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2020 the Federal Government passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, which established the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to be administered through the United States Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aid is intended to provide financial assistance and housing stability services to eligible households effected by the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County has made application to be awarded Federal Aid under the ERAP Program and has been directly awarded \$6,818,071.60; and

WHEREAS, by opting into New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance administration of the ERAP program it would provide for the County to seek reimbursement of up to 10% of the their grant award (\$681,807.16) for administrative costs associated with program implementation; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA) will be administering the ERAP Program on a state-wide basis with the assistance of local departments including providing program outreach, education and application assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Department of Social Services solicited competitive bids to provide program outreach, education and application assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has recommended that a contract be awarded to Shelters of Saratoga, Inc., for the provision of ERAP program outreach, education and application assistance at a total cost of \$300,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Shelters of Saratoga, Inc. of Saratoga Springs, New York, for the provision of Emergency Rental Assistance Program outreach, education and application assistance at a cost not to exceed \$300,000; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the form and content of said agreement is subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 county budget is amended as follows:

UNDER DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Increase Revenues

Acct.: #A.60-4612- Emergency Rental Assistance Program	\$300,000
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Increase Expenses

Acct.: #A.60.601-7601 – ERAP – Bics Payments Emergency Rental Assistance Prog	\$300,000
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. 100% Federal Aid.

Mr. Veitch made a motion to change the time of the public hearing to 3:45 p.m. He said based on some of the public hearings held there doesn't need to be a half hour for comment.

Mr. Peck said he took a call that day and said there may be speakers at the hearing. There are organizations that were informed of this hearing and they are wondering about the timeline. He said he is making everyone aware of this because there may be speakers coming in support of the Local Law.

Mr. Kusnierz said that was his thinking when he proposed the 30 minutes for the hearing. He thought there amy be more than usual number of individuals that may want to speak.

Mr. Veitch withdrew his motion.

Mr. Kusnierz just wanted to point out before we vote on this, Saratoga County, under the leadership of our Planning Department, and some Supervisors in this room are setting the standard with this resolution, which is going to be adopted by other counties across the state. So once again, Saratoga County is leading in another category. He thanked the Planning Department and the County Attorney's office for all the good work that has been put into that. He knows Mr. Hartnett did a yeoman's work on that on your behalf. And DEC was also instrumental in making sure this this effort came to fruition. This has been a long time coming. He knows that when He worked in the Legislature, this was something that was a priority for many communities across the State

that just never came to fruition. And, as a matter of fact, New York State is the last state to take this up and adopted which, you know, we're dead last in that category. Anyway, Saratoga County is leading the effort on this. This will be the standard, as he indicated, other counties are going to adopt for resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Smith Resolution #139 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 139 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Gaston, Tollisen, Veitch, Winney and Wood

INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW IDENTIFIED AS INTRODUCTORY NO. 3, PRINT NO. 1 OF 2021, ADOPTING A PILOT YOUTH DEER HUNTING PROGRAM, AND SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, Environmental Conservation Law §11-0935, establishes a pilot program wherein a hunting license holder who is 12 or 13 years of age may hunt deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun or muzzle loading firearm in areas where and during the hunting season in which such implements may be used; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Conservation Law §11-0935 requires that in order to be an "eligible area", a county must pass a local law authorizing participation in the pilot program; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2011 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service study, the community spends approximately \$4.95 billion per year in the State of New York in pursuit of sporting activities, and sporting activities are responsible for the support of approximately 56,000 jobs across New York State; and

WHEREAS, sporting activities have a positive impact on the local and statewide economy; and

WHEREAS, public interest and participation in sporting activities, including deer hunting, has significantly increased, including the number of individuals completing hunter education programs and purchasing hunting and other sporting licenses; and

WHEREAS, the universal hunting age of 12 is supported by the 2012 – 2016 NYS Deer Management Plan and the draft 2021 – 2025 NYS Deer Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, prior to the adoption of Environmental Conservation Law §11-0935, 49 out of 50 States with New York being the exception, permitted 12 and 13 year olds to participate in hunting under varying circumstances; and

WHEREAS, hunting with youth provides quality time for parents, guardians and other mentor figures to bond with their children, other family members and friends in an outdoor setting and presents an excellent opportunity to introduce youth to nature, stewardship, conservation, and responsible wildlife management; and

WHEREAS, hunting with youth provides an opportunity to mentor and instruct youth hunters regarding safe and responsible hunting; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports Saratoga County opting-in to the provisions of Environmental Conservation Law §11-0935; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a proposed Local Law, identified as Introductory No. 3 of 2021, Print No. 1 of 2021, entitled "A LOCAL LAW ADOPTING A PILOT YOUTH DEER HUNTING PROGRAM", is hereby introduced before the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Supervisors shall hold a Public Hearing on May 18, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors at 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, New York 12020, on the matter of the adoption of such proposed Local Law, and the Clerk of this Board of Supervisors be and she hereby is directed to give notice of such Public Hearing in the manner prescribed by law.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

INTRODUCTORY NO. [__] OF 2021

PRINT NO. 1

INTRODUCED BY: Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Gaston, Tollisen, Veitch, Winney and Wood

COUNTY OF SARATOGA

LOCAL LAW NO. [__] OF 2021

A LOCAL LAW ADOPTING A PILOT YOUTH DEER HUNTING PROGRAM

BE IT ENACTED by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors as follows:

SECTION 1. Title

This Local Law shall be known as “A Local Law Adopting a Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program.”

SECTION 2. Purpose

Consistent with the provisions of Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0935, this Local Law is adopted to authorize the expansion of youth hunting and allow licensed hunters ages 12 or 13 to hunt deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun or muzzle-loading firearm when accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or mentor.

SECTION 3. Authority

This Local Law is adopted under the authority granted by:

1. Article IX of the New York State Constitution, § 2[c];
2. New York Municipal Home Rule Law, § 10; and
3. New York Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935.

SECTION 4. Definitions

1. “Eligible area” means any county within the State of New York that has enacted a local law authorizing participation in a youth hunting pilot program, and has notified the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation of such participation.
2. “Hunting license holder” means a person who has successfully completed a hunter education/safety course, and currently holds a valid hunting license issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
3. “Legal guardian” means a person legally responsible for a minor participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program who currently holds a valid hunting license issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and has at least three years of prior experience hunting deer as a hunting license holder.
4. “Mentor” means a person who (a) currently holds a valid hunting license issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, (b) is twenty-one years of age or older, (c) has at least three years of prior experience hunting deer as a hunting license holder, and (d) has been designated in writing by a minor’s parent or legal guardian on a form prescribed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to serve as a mentor to said minor for purposes of the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program.
5. “Minor” means a youth twelve or thirteen years of age who currently holds a valid hunting license issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to hunt deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzle-loading firearm within an eligible area.
6. “Parent” means a person who currently holds a valid hunting license issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, has at least three years of prior experience hunting deer as a hunting license holder, and is the parent of the minor participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program.
7. “Physical control” means that the physical proximity of a minor to a parent, legal guardian or mentor and is such that the parent, legal guardian or mentor is (a) reasonably able to issue verbal directions and instructions, (b) maintain constant visual contact, and (c) otherwise able to provide guidance and supervision to the minor.

SECTION 5. Opt-In Authorization

The youth hunting opportunities authorized by Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0935 shall be applicable within the boundaries of the County of Saratoga upon (a) the adoption of this Local Law by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Saratoga, State of New York, and (b) notice provided to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation of the adoption of this Local Law.

Saratoga County hereby elects to participate in a Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program to allow minors ages 12 or 13 to hunt deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun or muzzle-loading firearm when accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or mentor.

SECTION 6. Eligibility and Requirements.

1. A minor aged 12 or 13 may hunt deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzle-loading firearm within the County of Saratoga when accompanied by, and is under the physical control of, a parent, legal guardian or mentor as those terms are defined by Section 4 of this Local Law.
2. A minor participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program in an eligible area must be in possession of a valid New York State hunting license and valid tags, as appropriate, while afield at all times. The accompanying parent, legal guardian or mentor must also be in possession of a valid New York State hunting license at all times when supervising a minor participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program.
3. A minor and the accompanying parent, legal guardian or mentor must display either a minimum total of two hundred fifty square inches of solid fluorescent orange or pink or patterned fluorescent orange or pink consisting of no less than fifty percent fluorescent orange or pink material worn above the waist and visible from all directions, or a hat or cap with no less than fifty percent of the exterior consisting of solid fluorescent orange or pink material and visible from all directions.
4. A minor aged 12 or 13 participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program must remain at ground level at all times when hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzle-loading firearm.
5. A minor participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program must remain within the physical proximity of a parent, legal guardian or mentor which means they must be capable of receiving verbal directions and instructions, and be in constant visual contact with the supervising parent, legal guardian or mentor at all times.
6. A minor participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program must abide by all other federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to hunting including, but not limited to, manner of take, bag limits, hunting hours, geographical or general implement restrictions, hunting seasons, tagging, transporting and reporting requirements.

SECTION 8. Filing

In accordance with ECL § 11-0935.2, a copy of this Local Law shall be filed with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. And in accordance with Municipal Home Rule § 27, a copy shall be filed with the New York State Department of State.

SECTION 9. Severability

Should any provision of this Local Law be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Local Law as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so determined to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 10. Repeal

All Ordinances, Local Laws and parts thereof inconsistent with this Local Law are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. Effective Date

This Local Law shall be effective upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Ms. Gaston said she would like to say that this morning Supervisor Raymond, Supervisor Winney, and myself along with County staff, my intern Lily Rosen, launched the Saratoga County Women in Government Program. And we have a lot of good reception from it. Our state elected were there and some made remarks. Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hogan was in support of it. And the goal is to encourage more women to be engaged in local government. And to be aware of it, we've had an excellent reception as well from our department heads and other county staff who are interested in getting involved, serving as mentors or otherwise engaging with these high school young women. The way that the program is being set up, applications will come in, they will be stripped

of their personal information so that no names or anything are shared and they will go to the Supervisor that oversees where their residence is. And we understand they were are villages and towns we're working on that but everybody will have some applications that each Supervisor will pick who they believe to be the participants for their municipality. And that way, we have a distribution throughout the county and they will participate in a program that's being developed with the Soroptimist International of the county about leadership, governance and our department heads and staff will be engaged with it to apply those lessons to local government. So she appreciate all the support of her colleagues especially appreciate Supervisors Winney and Raymond, who were willing to come up and give some remarks this morning as well. The video is on the Facebook page. And we have a lot of interests. And she thinks this will be an excellent opportunity to continue to show that we're ahead of the game. And in that vein the New York State Association of Counties is supporting them with the potential as a pilot to be shared with other counties around the work state. No other county for analysis has this sort of program that focuses on bringing in young women in local government and engaging and educating them in connection with it. She thanked the members of the Board and hope they check out the video. Applications will be live on Monday. In connection with that, she wanted to bring up a proposed resolution this needs to be read in full, correct. But first she needs to move it to have it added to the agenda. Then she will read it in full. This just a resolution in recognition of Soroptimist International the 100th anniversary, they are a partner of this program. And unfortunately, she missed the law and finance deadline to submit a resolution. So she is bringing it from the floor here. She moved that. Seconded by Supervisor Veitch.

Mr. Kusnierz commended Supervisor Gaston for her leadership in bringing this pilot program forward and the efforts of Supervisors Winney and Raymond and the department heads that were actively involved. He knows it took a lot of work to put this together and it is an important program.

Mr. Schopf apologized for not being able to make the morning announcement as he was at a previously committed press event for Donate Life. He thanked all involved with this program. He thinks the opportunity to get young people involved in local government and seeing what goes on here is huge.

On a motion by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Mr. Veitch Resolution #142 was added to the agenda by a unanimous vote.

On a motion by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Mr. Veitch Resolution #142 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 142 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisor Tara N. Gaston

IN RECOGNITION OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International is celebrating 100 years of service to improve the lives of women and girls; and

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International includes over 90,000 women in membership from throughout the world;

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International of Saratoga County has, since 1979, continued the mission of the national organization through education and training; and

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International of Saratoga County unites with the greater community to fundraise, mentor, and connect with the public to serve women and girls here in Saratoga County and the surrounding areas and invites the community to celebrate its continuing success.

WHEREAS, hundreds of women and girls have benefited by Soroptimist International of Saratoga County programs such as:

- *Project Hope and Power*: The club's keystone educational workshop, located in the City of Saratoga Springs, designed to guide domestic violence survivors towards financial independence;
- *Dream It, Be It*: Career support for secondary school girls that provide access to professional role models, career education, and the resources to set and achieve goals, overcome obstacles, and move forward after setbacks or failures;
- *Live Your Dream Award*: Assists women with primary financial responsibility for their families in obtaining skills-training and education; and

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International of Saratoga County is partnering with Saratoga County officials in launching the Saratoga County Women in Government Leadership Program to increase education and engagement in public service throughout Saratoga County;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors congratulates Soroptimist International on its 100th anniversary, expresses appreciation to all Saratoga County members for their service in support of local women and girls, and invites businesses and community organizations to join in celebration and recognition of the positive impact of the organization and its members on our community.

On a motion by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Mr. Barrett for the purpose of discussions regarding proposed, pending or current legislation the Board move in to Executive Session. The Board went in to executive session by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Kusnierz said he would like to record and reflect that Supervisor Pemrick made a motion and it was seconded by Supervisor Lawler to come out of executive session. No action was taken in Executive Session. And at this time, he would entertain a motion to move Resolution 141.

On a motion by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Mr. Schopf Resolution #141 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES (141482): Eric Connolly (9776), Philip C. Barrett (18352.5), Jonathon Schopf (18352.5), Jean Raymond (1214), Kevin Tollisen (21535), Darren O'Connor (14765), Theodore Kusnierz (14728), Tara N. Gaston (13293), Matthew E. Veitch (13293), John Lant (16173).

NOES (65705): Preston Allen (856), Richard Lucia (6531), Michael Smith (3545), Daniel Pemrick (7775), Arthur M. Wright (2048), Thomas Richardson (5196), Benny Zlotnick (18575), Willard H. Peck (5087), Sandra Winney (1995), Thomas N. Wood, III (5674), John Lawler (8423).

ABSENT (8287): Edward D. Kinowski (8287)

ABSTAIN (4133): Joseph Grasso (4133).

RESOLUTION 141 - 2021

Introduced by Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Gaston, Tollisen, Veitch, Winney and Wood

AUTHORIZING CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RETAIN PRIVATE COUNSEL OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING IN RELATION TO A NOTICE OF CLAIM FILED BY SPENCER HELLWIG

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2021, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors was served with the Notice of Claim of Spencer Hellwig, dated April 6, 2021, said Notice of Claim naming the County of Saratoga, New York, Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, Phil Barrett, Eric Connolly, Tara Gaston, Theodore "Todd" Kusnierz, John Lant, Darren O'Connor, Jonathan G. Schopf, Kevin Tollisen, and Matthew Veitch as Respondents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law 4-1984, this Board adopted and conferred the benefits of Public Officers Law §18 upon the employees of Saratoga County, including any commissioner, member of a public board or commission, officer or any other person holding position by election, appointment or employment in the service of Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, Local Law 4-1984 provides that Saratoga County shall provide for the defense of the employee in any civil action or proceeding, state or federal, arising out of any alleged act or omission which occurred or allegedly occurred while the employee was acting within the scope of their public employment or duties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law 4-1984, an employee shall be entitled to private counsel of his or her choice in any civil action or proceeding whenever the County Attorney determines that a conflict of interest exists and that the employee is entitled to counsel of their own choosing, and reasonable attorney's fees and litigation expenses shall be paid by Saratoga County to such private counsel from time to time during the pendency of the civil action or proceeding with the approval of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has determined that relative to the aforementioned Notice of Claim, a conflict of interest exists as it relates to the County Board of Supervisors and Supervisors Barrett, Connolly, Gaston, Kusnierz, Lant, O'Connor, Schopf, Tollisen and Veitch, who were captioned individually by name; and, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Saratoga County will provide for the defense and indemnification of Supervisors Barrett, Connolly, Gaston, Kusnierz, Lant, O'Connor, Schopf, Tollisen and Veitch as provided in Local Law 4-1984; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Supervisors Barrett, Connolly, Gaston, Kusnierz, Lant, O'Connor, Schopf, Tollisen and Veitch, are authorized to retain private counsel of their own choosing as it relates to the aforementioned civil action and any subsequently filed civil action related to and based upon the same alleged facts and circumstances as the foregoing Notice of Claim entitled "Spencer Hellwig v. Saratoga County, et al.", dated April 6, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that reasonable attorney's fees and litigation expenses shall be paid by Saratoga County to such retained private counsel from time to time during the pendency of the civil action or proceeding with the approval of this Board, and for purposes of this resolution the term "reasonable attorney's fees" shall mean current prevailing industry standards, not to exceed an amount of \$300 per hour; and it is further

RESOLVED, that any Supervisor requesting application of the above indemnification must comply with the "Notification" requirements of Local Law 4-1984, codified as County Code §24-5, requiring written notice requesting defense be provided to the County Attorney or Chair of the Board of Supervisors as well as providing a copy of any summons, complaint, process, notice, demand or pleading within 10 days after being served.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

Chairman Kusnierz announced the following appointments:

Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council
Lauren Roberts
Jean Raymond (moving from member to alternate)
Terms Expiring: December 31, 2021

Mr. Smith said he spoke with the Agricultural Society for the County Fair, and wanted to add to the schedule for next month's meeting that they would like to make a presentation on what they are doing with the grandstand project. Thank you.

Mr. Kusnierz said just briefly, he wanted to add that Supervisor Lant, County Administrator Bulger and I were invited by New York State Office of Parks and Recreation to attend the unveiling of the solar arrays at Grant's Cottage. It was held yesterday and there was a great turnout. The State has invested \$400,000 to assist them in getting off the grid. It is the first State Historic Site in the entire State to go completely solar power. Again, that is right here in Saratoga County. He reiterated that Grant's Cottage is a gem here in the County. And he hopes that the County will be assisting financially until their income flows starts to gain. Mr. Lant thanked the Chairman and Mr. Bulger for being there and for what they said.

On a motion by Mr. Zlotnick, seconded by Mr. Smith the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Wright
Clerk of the Board