

Board of Supervisors Meeting 9/21/2021

SPEAKERS

Anthony Zanella, Mo Wright, Mike Smith, Bill Peck, Dan Pemrick, Matt Veitch, Bridget Rider, Jean Raymond, Scott Ostrander, Tara Gaston, Darren O'Connor, Phil Barrett, Jonathan Schopf, Benny Zlotnick, Jack Lawler, Dick Lucia, Therese Connolly, Theodore Kusnierz, Matt Rose, John Lant, Joe Grasso, Several Supervisors, Tom Richardson, Tom Wood, Kevin Tollisen

Theodore Kusnierz

Good afternoon, everyone. I'd like to welcome you to a regular Board of Supervisors meeting for September 21 2021 on a beautiful day after yesterday's Harvest Moon. With that, ask the Clerk to please call the roll.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Allen is excused. Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Here.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Connolly is excused. Supervisor Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Here.

Bridget Rider

Grasso.

Joe Grasso

Here.

Bridget Rider

Kinowski, Kinowski? Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

Here.

Bridget Rider

Lant.

John Lant

Here.

Bridget Rider
Lawler.

Jack Lawler
Here.

Bridget Rider
Lucia.

Dick Lucia
Here.

Bridget Rider
O'Connor.

Darren O'Connor
Here.

Bridget Rider
Peck.

Bill Peck
Here.

Bridget Rider
Pemrick.

Matt Rose
Supervisor Pemrick. Looks like you're on mute right now. Just hit star six.

Dan Pemrick
I'm here.

Bridget Rider
Raymond.

Jean Raymond
Here.

Bridget Rider
Richardson.

Tom Richardson
Here.

Bridget Rider
Schopf.

Jonathan Schopf
Here.

Bridget Rider
Smith.

Mike Smith
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Bridget Rider
Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen
Here.

Bridget Rider
Veitch.

Matt Veitch
Here.

Bridget Rider
Winnie, Winnie? Wood.

Tom Wood
Here.

Bridget Rider
Wright.

Mo Wright
Here.

Bridget Rider
Zlotnick.

Benny Zlotnick
Here.

Bridget Rider
Quorum is present.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you very much. And I'd like to ask for everyone to please rise for attention to the flag and remain standing for Chaplain Supervisor Wood.

Several Supervisors

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Tom Wood

Let us pray, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the beautiful Fall season, and for the many successful events that have recently occurred. Let us remember our recent celebration of Labor Day. Let us be mindful of the contributions and sacrifices that our labor force has made. And let us acknowledge their role in making our county and country the best in the world. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Saratoga County, and ask that you give us renewed strength and wisdom to work on the complex and demanding issues and challenges that lie ahead. As we make the difficult choices, let us accept reality and move forward. It's what's ahead that's more important than what's behind. In our recent 9/11 remembrance ceremonies, in which we reflected on the horrific events and tragic loss of life, we were reminded of the spirit of unity that grew and prevailed in our country. May we all continue to work together renewing that same spirit of unity and cooperation, to make Saratoga County the best in the State of New York. In closing, we ask that you look after the best interests of our nation and our leaders, and may all of the members of our military be kept out of harm's way and return home safely. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you very much Supervisor Wood. A couple items, not necessarily presentations, but recognitions like to make. The first one is in reference to the summer interns that we had here at Saratoga County. We had the good fortune to have 11 college students that represented 10 different schools in the area that served as interns among several departments here at the county. They included the County Administrator's office, the Office for the Aging, the County Attorney's Office, Emergency Services, Mental Health, Sewer, and the Sheriff's office as well as Social Services. So, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors like to thank each and every one of these college students, for what they did assisting county government. And I know that they will be receiving shortly a certificate appreciation for their service. So again, thank you for those students. Also like to recognize Mike Naughton, who was very helpful and driving the interns around to various County projects that we had going at the time they included the Airport, Sewer District pump station, habitat mitigation sites in the Towns of Wilton and Northumberland, as well as the Hadley Bridge. So, thank you, Mike, for your time and assistance with that. Next item, I have, just want to mention that both myself and Vice Chairman, Supervisor Schopf have signed the celebration of Constitution Week 2021. I'll just read the first line that says; Whereas September 17 2021, marks a 234th Anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention. This proclamation was put forward at the request of Supervisor Veitch. So, thank you very much for that Supervisor. Item six on the agenda is approval of minutes. Someone like to move adoption of the minutes?

Tom Wood

So moved.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Wood seconded by Supervisor Veitch. All in favor.

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Theodore Kusnierz

Item seven on the agenda is correspondence.

Therese Connolly

Email from Jim Thompson resigning from the Saratoga County Sewer District effective August 1st 2021.

Theodore Kusnierz

Received and filed.

Therese Connolly

Letter from New York State Office of the State Comptroller regarding the Town of Ballston's establishment of Carpenters Acres Sewer District number one.

Theodore Kusnierz

Received and filed.

Therese Connolly

Letter from the New York State Department of State confirming the filing of local law number five of 2021

Theodore Kusnierz

Received and filed.

Therese Connolly

Email from the Saratoga County Self Insurance Labor Management Board informing of the resignation of Scott Brackett as president of CSEA and requesting the appointment of new president Donna Miter to the Self Insurance Labor Management Board.

Theodore Kusnierz

Received and filed.

Therese Connolly

Correspondence from Timothy F. Dunn resigning as Vice Chair and member of the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, effective September 13 2021.

Theodore Kusnierz

Received and filed.

Therese Connolly

Letter from public defender Andrew Blumenberg appointing John Delong as Assistant Public Defender effective September 17 2021, with the term expiration of December 31 2021,

Theodore Kusnierz

Received and filed.

Therese Connolly

Letter from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services notifying that the Probation State Aid Block Grant in the amount of \$228,168 for State Fiscal Year 2021 to 2022 was awarded.

Theodore Kusnierz

Received and filed.

Theodore Kusnierz

Reports of committees. I know Supervisor Richardson has one, an announcement I guess.

Tom Richardson

Yes, thank you. The honor deceased veterans schedule is back up and running. So in November, we're going to be honoring of Robert Mitchell. Who is the former Director of the Service Agency, the Veteran Service Agency, and then starting December will be the Town of Saratoga. January will be the Town of Malta. And February will be the Town of Stillwater. And we'll do this on a regular basis. So everybody realizes that their month is coming up. So thanks very much.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, Supervisor. Any other reports of committee? Hearing none, we'll move on to public input. We have two individuals that requested to speak this afternoon. Reminder that the time allotted is three minutes. And the first individual is Mr. Scott Ostrander. Mr. Ostrander, is your microphone on? There you go. Okay. Thank you.

Scott Ostrander

Want me to do it again?

Theodore Kusnierz

Oh, yes. Because individuals on the phone probably didn't hear what you said.

Scott Ostrander

Okay. All right. Thank you Chairman Kusnierz and the Board of Supervisors. My name is Scott Ostrander. I live at 617 Sunny Lane and Ballston Spa, I'd like to present a letter I wrote in reference to the Saratoga County Airport, dated today's date September 21 2021. It reads as follows. Dear Chairman Kusnierz, I'm writing to ask for yours and the Board of Supervisors assistance in helping my

fellow Town of Milton residents who live near the Saratoga County Airport. I've had many conversations with the residents in the neighborhoods near and around the airport, who are increasingly concerned with the noise and activity levels that come from the airport. This includes a growing number of helicopter flights, particularly in the evening and nighttime hours, which can be very disruptive to the neighbors and the surrounding areas. A particular concern to many of us are plans being discussed at the County level for possible purchase of additional properties, bordering the Saratoga County Airport, along with the potential upgrades of the existing facilities there, though there are as of yet no specific plans to expand the airport runways. We fear that these plans to increase the buffer zone between the homes and the runways is a prelude to eventual airport expansion, which would be not only pose a threat to dozens of homes surrounding the property, but also an increase in the associated problems of noise and traffic to the community. To that end, I would humbly request that you Chairman appoint a Milton Airport Citizens Advisory Committee that will enable taxpayers and citizens who live in nearby towns to provide the Board of Supervisors with relevant information and feedback to what is occurring at the airport now and in the future. And have an effective voice and input to any changes that are being considered. Such a Citizens Committee would be a welcome step for us here in Milton. As we insist that our concerns are heard, and our viewpoints are taken seriously in any airport decision makings that occur in the future. Sincerely, Scott Ostrander. Thank you for your time.

Scott Ostrander

Thank you very much, Mr. Ostrander.

Scott Ostrander

Chairman, I've also given a copy to your secretary. Okay?

Theodore Kusnierz

So we will make your comments, or your letter to myself available to my colleagues. Just briefly, we're all aware of the issues surrounding the airport and the impact it's having on residents. I'd be happy to meet with you to discuss your proposal. Do you want to reach out to my office we can go from there. How's that? Next individual is Mr. Anthony Zanella.

Anthony Zanella

Thank you Supervisors. My name is Anthony Zanella. I live in the Town of Milton. And I'm here as a taxpayer of the Town of Milton to express my dissatisfaction with the present and some of the past Supervisors brand of governing our Town. As the Board Supervisors, I feel that this Board should take immediate action require our present Town Supervisor to give us an update on the completion of the Town Hall, because the longer we wait, the more expensive it is going to be. Thank you.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you very much, Mr. Zanella. Does anyone else wish to be heard from the public at this time? If not, we'll move on to resolutions.

Therese Connolly

Resolution 249. Introduced By Government Review & Efficiency. Introducing A Proposed Local Law Identified As Introductory No. 6 Of 2021, Print No. 1, Entitled "A Local Law Adopting Applicability Of

County Law 373 To The County Of Saratoga” And Setting A Date For A Public Hearing Thereon.

Budget Impact Statement: No Budget Impact.

Resolution 250. Introduced By Health & Human Services. Authorizing An Amendment To The Agreement With Rejha Group, LLC For Transportation Services For Preschool Children With Special Needs. Budget Impact Statement: No Budget Impact. There Are Sufficient Funds In The 2021 Youth Bureau Budget To Cover This Agreement Amendment.

Resolution 251. Introduced By Health & Human Services. Authorizing The Acceptance Of 2021 State Aid Allocation From The Office Of Children And Family Services For Youth Development And Runaway Homeless Youth Programs And Services Budget Impact Statement: No Budget Impact. 100% State Aid.

Resolution 252. Introduced By Health & Human Services. Authorizing A Reappropriation Of State Aid Youth Development Program Funding. Budget Impact Statement: None. 100% State Aid.

Resolution 253. Introduced By Public Safety. Authorizing The Chairman To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services To Accept A \$138,956 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Grant To Offset Certain Operating Expenses Associated With PSAP Operations In The Sheriff’s Department Budget Impact Statement: None. 100% State Aid.

Resolution 254. Introduced By Public Safety. Authorizing The Chairman To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services To Accept An Indigent Legal Services Grant. Budget Impact Statement: None. 100% State Aid.

Resolution 255. Introduced By Public Safety. 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. Budget Impact Statement: None. 100% State Aid.

Resolution 256. Introduced By Public Safety. Proclaiming October 2021 As “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” In Saratoga County. Budget Impact Statement: No Budget Impact.

Resolution 257. Introduced By Human Resources & Insurance. Approving The Restructuring Of Certain Departments. Budget Impact Statement: No Budget Impact.

Resolution 258. Introduced By Human Resources & Insurance. Amending The 2021 Compensation Schedule Under Public Health Services. Budget Impact Statement: No Budget Impact.

Resolution 259. Introduced By Human Resources & Insurance. Authorizing A Transfer Of Funds To The Human Resources Department To Pay For Expenses Related To Article 18-B Attorney Services, And Amending The 2021 Budget In Relation Thereto. Budget Impact Statement: A Transfer From Fund Balance In The Amount Of \$160,000 Will Be Required To Cover Current And Anticipated Expenses Under 18-B.

Resolution 260. Introduced By Law & Finance. Authorizing The Chair To Execute A Contract With Mazzone Hospitality, Llc For The Senior Nutrition Program. Budget Impact Statement: None. Funds Are Available In The 2021 Budget.

Resolution 261. Introduced By Law & Finance. Authorizing The Chair Of The Board To Execute And Submit The Workforce Development Area Local Plan For The Saratoga-Warren-Washington Workforce Development Board For Program Years 2021 – 2025. Budget Impact Statement: No Budget Impact.

Resolution 262. Introduced By Law & Finance. Authorizing An Agreement With MJ Engineering And Land Surveying, P.C. For Property Inspection Of A Property In The City Of Mechanicville. Budget Impact Statement: No Budget Impact.

Resolution 263. Introduced By Law & Finance. Authorizing An Amendment To The Agreement With Adirondack Environmental Services, Inc. To Provide Additional Lab Testing And Wastewater Analysis For Costs Associated With The Industrial Pretreatment Program. Budget Impact Statement: No Budget Impact. Funds Are Available In The Sewer District's 2021 Budget.

Resolution 264. Introduced By Chairman Kusnierz. Appointing A Workers' Compensation Administrator. Budget Impact Statement: No Budget Impact.

Resolution 265. Introduced By Chairman Kusnierz. Appointing A Commissioner Of Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1. Budget Impact Statement: No Budget Impact.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you very much. Are there any requests for separate vote on the described resolutions?

Tara Gaston

Chairman.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Gaston

Tara Gaston

I would like a separate vote on 257.

Theodore Kusnierz

257?

Tara Gaston

Yes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Any others? That's it? Are there any other requests for a separate vote? Hearing none, we'll take up Resolutions to 249 through 265 minus Resolution 257. Would someone like to move their adoption?

Matt Veitch

So moved.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Veitch.

Dick Lucia

Second.

Theodore Kusnierz

Seconded by Supervisor Lucia. Any discussion? Roll call vote.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Grasso.

Joe Grasso

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lant.

John Lant

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lawler.

Jack Lawler

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lucia.

Dick Lucia

Yes.

Bridget Rider

O'Connor.

Darren O'Connor

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Peck.

Bill Peck

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Pemrick.

Dan Pemrick

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Raymond.

Jean Raymond

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Richardson.

Tom Richardson

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Schopf.

Jonathan Schopf

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Smith.

Mike Smith

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Veitch.

Matt Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wood.

Tom Wood

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wright.

Mo Wright

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Zlotnick.

Benny Zlotnick

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Motion passes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, Supervisor. I'm sorry, Resolution 257. Would someone like to move that?

Kevin Tollisen

So moved.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Tollisen? Is there a second?

John Lant

Second.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Lant discussion? Supervisor Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Chairman, I just like a separate vote on this. I will be voting against it. As I indicated previously, I believe that some of these changes in here, which were not read into the record at this point, just the budget impact, are significant enough that they should require some public input. The Youth Bureau and the discussion about that has been taking place over a number of months. The County Historian, not so much publicly, although I don't see as much public concern. But at least my constituents have previously noted concerns with being able to make engagement and public comment with regards to some of the functions of the Sheriff's Department and Emergency Services. And I would like to be able to see input, so I'll be voting no on it, which is why I requested a separate vote. Thank you.

Theodore Kusnierz

Any other discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Gaston.

Tara Gaston

No.

Bridget Rider

Grasso.

Joe Grasso

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lant.

John Lant

Yes.

Bridget Rider
Lawler.

Jack Lawler
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Bridget Rider
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Dick Lucia
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Bridget Rider
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Darren O'Connor
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Bill Peck
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Tom Richardson
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Jonathan Schopf

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Bridget Rider

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Mike Smith

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Bridget Rider

Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Veitch.

Matt Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wood.

Tom Wood

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wright.

Mo Wright

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Zlotnick.

Benny Zlotnick

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Motion passes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you. Item 14 on the agenda is unfinished business and new proposals. I believe there will be a motion to remove Resolution 35 2021 from the table. It was previously tabled on January 19th of this year.

Kevin Tollisen

Mr. Chairman, I'll make that motion to remove from the table.

Theodore Kusnierz

So moved by Supervisor Tollisen Is there a second?

Joe Grasso

I'll second.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Grasso. The Resolution 35 2021 on the Compensation Schedule under discussion. I'm sorry, roll call to remove from the table.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Gaston.

Tara Gaston

No.

Bridget Rider

Grasso.

Joe Grasso

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

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Bridget Rider

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Tom Wood
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Mo Wright
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Bridget Rider
Zlotnick.

Benny Zlotnick
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Motion passes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you.

Kevin Tollisen

I'll make a motion to approve that Resolution as presented.

Theodore Kusnierz

So moved by Supervisor Tollisen. Is there a second?

Joe Grasso

I'll second.

Theodore Kusnierz

Seconded by Supervisor Grasso. Please read the title Resolution.

Therese Connolly

Resolution 35 of 2021. Introduced by Supervisors O'Connor, Grasso, Lant, Schopf, Richardson, Veitch and Wood. Adopting a Local Law identified as Introductory Number 3 Print Number 1 of 2020 entitled "A local law amending the 2021 County Compensation Schedule to provide a cost-of-living increase for certain County officials". Budget impact statement, No budget impact.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you. Any discussion? Supervisor Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Thank you. I think given the fact that we have outstanding Federal funds that we have not yet allocated, and we have not, to the public discussed the financial status lost revenue, I know that we have some, and other items, I don't think it's appropriate to be giving retroactive increases at this time. I would like to see us more fully explain to the public what our lost revenue was, what the costs are and what we're going to do with ARPA funding before we pass something like this. I'm not opposed to the increases by nature, but I don't think that now is the time. So I'll be voting no. Thank you.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, Supervisor. Any other discussion?

Jack Lawler

Mr. Chairman.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Lawler.

Jack Lawler

I can understand Supervisor Gaston's point, but I think people have waited a significant amount of time. And we do know that the financial condition of the County, and we've been briefed on this, as the

County is in a stable financial condition. And certainly the Federal funds for COVID, which I think are \$45 million. I think that those funds are more than enough, by a magnitude of many, many times to replace any revenue that was lost as a result of COVID, any shortfall in sales tax. And my understanding of the uses of those funds, that is one of the permitted uses is to recover lost revenue as a result of COVID. So I think we are made whole by this. It's not a significant expense to the County, given our financial condition. And people, not just these people, but a lot of people in this country set themselves aside, were willing to sacrifice for a while for the greater good. I commend our people for that. And I think now here we are in late September. And I think it's certainly time to reward people with the cost of living raises. This is this is not a spending power increase. This is simply representing the cost of living as it's gone up. And it's gonna go up a lot more, we all have seen, at least I assume we've all seen reports that inflation is moving quickly in the wrong direction. So I think it's important to keep our employees whole. I think, you know, we're not giving away the store here. We're simply providing people with the means to keep their income consistent with what it's been. So while I appreciate your concerns, Supervisor Gaston, I think we are in a good spot here revenue wise to go ahead and do this. Thank you.

Jack Lawler

Thank you, Supervisor. Is your light on Supervisor Gaston?

Tara Gaston

Yes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Okay, good.

Tara Gaston

Um, it's a fine line between being able to speak and you being able to see the light (unintelligible) Thank you. I understand that. I will also, there are a number of financial issues with regards to COVID that do impact on the staff of the County that have not been completed, that I would like to see handled prior to that. Additionally, there are a lot of nonprofits, a lot of housing, medical expenses, family expenses that have come to the County as well. And I just, again, it's nothing against any of the people on here, I fully support them. I just would have liked to us been able to more broadly explain our financial status, what we're spending our money, etc., before any increases are allocated. So I agree with you. I absolutely want our people made whole, but I know that there are a number of County employees that have still not yet been made whole that aren't going to be solved by this resolution. So I would like to see a more complete process. That's all. It's absolutely no disagreement with the actual item itself. Thank you.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, Supervisor. Any other discussion? Roll Call.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

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I Barrett**
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Gaston.

Tara Gaston
No, thank you.

Bridget Rider
Grasso.

Joe Grasso
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Theodore Kusnierz
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Benny Zlotnick

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Bridget Rider

Motion passes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you. Now on to the second part of agenda item 14 is new proposals. Any new proposals?
Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Mr. Chairman, just a very quick update and proposal, figure I would save the quick update until now in the agenda. In recent months, the Saratoga County Partnership has lost it's last two employees who resigned from the organization. At that time, without any employees left. We asked County Administrator Bulger's office to step in and get us through a period of time and they very ably did that. So I want to thank County Administrator Bulger, Matt Rose, who had the shortest term as President of pretty much any organization. Thank you, Matt.

Theodore Kusnierz

And he's still smiling.

Phil Barrett

Yeah, he gladly gave it up I think, but he did a great job. Appreciate it. And Audra and everybody that that helped out during that time. So we appreciate it. Basically the Partnership Board had some discussions. I know the Executive Committee of which I'm not a member had discussions about it as well, trying, you know, at a crossroads, trying to figure out the best direction to take under the

circumstances, very unique circumstances at that. So the Partnership Board, in an effort to install leadership as quickly as possible, and leadership that is certainly competent and knows the organization. They decided to hire Tim Dunn's company. Tim has a long track record in economic development. So the Partnership Board voted, I believe unanimously, to hire Tim's company on a six-month contract with a six month option. So that will provide leadership and County Administrator's office you know, going into budget time and everything else they've got enough to do. So I think it's important that the organization stand on its own, and this was the best way to go forward and do that. So, as you heard at the beginning of the meeting, Tim Dunn resigned as Vice Chair of the of the Partnership, which obviously created an opening on the Board. So I would like to move forward with a Resolution for the agenda, add to the agenda a Resolution to make a new appointment to the Partnership Board to fill the term of Tim Dunn.

Theodore Kusnierz

So that is your motion.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Is there a second on the motion to add it to the agenda?

Jonathan Schopf

I'll second it.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Schopf? Do you have a copy of the proposed Resolution? Or does the Clerk have a copy? Can you provide that to. I'm sorry, Okay, so the vote will be adding the proposal to the agenda. Any discussion? Roll call vote.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Gaston.

Tara Gaston

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Mo Wright

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Zlotnick.

Benny Zlotnick

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Motion passes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, and this time and ask the Clerk to provide a copy of the proposed Resolution to the Board. Well okay, we'll move it first and offer discussion on it. Would someone like to move that proposal?

Kevin Tollisen

Mr. Chairman.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen

I would make a motion to appoint Jeremy Connors to the vacant position on Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership Board. Jeremy has expressed an interest. Jeremy is actually a member of our Town Board in the Town of Halfmoon. He is an avid member of our Business and Economic Development Committee. He's actually Chaired that or co-Chaired that since 2014. He is very involved with our business community. He is a very active Board member and does a good job for the Town. He's in the private sector. He works in the private sector doing security and those types of things. And I think based upon his experience, he's also a certified Fire Instructor and certified Firefighter. And with that experience, I would ask that he be considered to be added to the Prosperity Partnership Board.

Theodore Kusnierz

Moved by Supervisor Tollisen.

John Lant

Chairman.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Lant?

John Lant

I also know him well too. He is a hard, hard worker. I'll second.

Theodore Kusnierz

Seconded by Supervisor Lant. We will move on to discussion but I'd like Board members have a copy of Resolution before we do that. So we'll stand at ease.

Theodore Kusnierz

While that is being distributed to the members we will have the Clerk of the Board read into the record.

Therese Connolly

Resolution 266 of 2021, Introduced by Supervisor(s) Tollisen and Lant

Appointing a Director of the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, Inc. Local Development Corporation. WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 106-2014, this Board of Supervisors authorized the formation of the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, Inc., an economic development local development corporation in accordance with Not-For-Profit Corporation Law §1411; and WHEREAS, the Certificate of Incorporation of Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, Inc. was duly executed by the Chair of this Board, and filed in the New York State Department of State on May 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the corporation's Certificate of Incorporation, the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than seven (7) nor more than fifteen (15) Directors appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the resignation of Tim Dunn a vacancy exists on the Corporation's Board of Directors for Tim Dunn's unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board has proposed a candidate to fill said vacancy on the Corporation's Board of Directors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following person is appointed as Director of the Board of Directors of the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, Inc. for the stated term:

Jeremy Connors, Term Expiration 12/31/2022. and be it further RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately. Budget Impact Statement: No budget impact.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you very much for reading that. We're under discussion now on the Resolution.

Benny Zlotnick

Mr. Chairman.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Zlotnick.

Benny Zlotnick

As a member of the Personnel Committee for the Saratoga Partnership, I will be voting no for this Resolution, mostly because as the Personnel Committee has had no, wasn't even asked to come up with a list of names for people to take Mr. Dunn's spot, and I understand it is a County appointment. And I think a common courtesy would have been to at least allow the Personnel Committee to come up

with it, at least one more alternative than another name that we haven't heard about, and now with two minutes notice we have to vote on someone who we have no knowledge of. Thank you.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, Supervisor. In my tenure on the Board of Directors, Personnel Committee has been strictly involved in the hiring process for employees of the Partnership. And you are correct, it is the Board of Supervisor's decision for the Board of Directors. So thank you. Any other discussion? Hearing none, oh, Supervisor Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Thank you. Um, so there are currently, this may be more of a question than a comment. Sorry about that. So there are currently 14 Directors, and this would be the 15th. Is that correct?

Theodore Kusnierz

Correct.

Tara Gaston

So we're not adding any more than we're already there?

Theodore Kusnierz

Correct. Statutorily, you can have no more than 15.

Tara Gaston

Right? I just. Okay. Um, and was this proposed by you? Or was it brought forward by Supervisors Tollisen and Lant? I just asked because it says the Chair of the Board, and I want to make sure that the Resolution is accurate.

Theodore Kusnierz

So as you heard, the resolution would put forward, moved by my colleagues, but as the Chairman of the Board as included in the Resolution.

Tara Gaston

Okay. I don't have a particular problem with that, although my only statement would be given the fact that there are currently no employees and apparently, our County staff is helping to serve it, I think it would do us well and do the Partnership well to consider what that might mean about their length of life. If, as an organization, if there are no employees, I know, The County Administrator and all the staff are doing a lot here at the County. And my preference would be to not see them also running an additional organization. Also, their sleep schedule might prefer that. So I would just like that statement, I would like the Partnership. I guess some of the members are here and some are not, but to consider what that means going forward. Thank you.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, Supervisor. Supervisor Lawler.

Jack Lawler

Just a question for Supervisor Barrett. Didn't, if I heard you correctly, didn't you say that the Partnership has hired Tim Dunn's company to do the day to day operations of the Partnership?

Phil Barrett

That's right.

Jack Lawler

So the administration is no longer involved in the day to day right?

Phil Barrett

They shouldn't be. They should be transitioning anything that Matt might have been working on to Tim expeditiously.

Jack Lawler

I just want to get clear with that. That's all.

Phil Barrett

Yeah.

Tara Gaston

Okay. I do appreciate that. Thank you. Good cuz that was definitely one of my, you guys are already overworked, all of our county employees are. So thank you.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you Supervisor. Any other discussion on the motion? Supervisor Lant? Thank you. Hearing none, any other? Roll call vote please.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Grasso.

Joe Grasso

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lant.

John Lant

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lawler.

Jack Lawler

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lucia.

Dick Lucia

Yes.

Bridget Rider

O'Connor.

Darren O'Connor

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Peck.

Bill Peck

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Pemrick.

Dan Pemrick

Yes.

Bridget Rider
Raymond.

Jean Raymond
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Richardson.

Tom Richardson
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Schopf.

Jonathan Schopf
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Smith.

Mike Smith
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Veitch.

Matt Veitch
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Wood.

Tom Wood
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Wright.

Mo Wright

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Zlotnick.

Benny Zlotnick

No.

Bridget Rider

Motion passes

Theodore Kusnierz

Agenda item 15, other business we do have Chairman's Appointments that the Clerk will read.

Therese Connolly

Affirmative Action Officer, Scot Chamberlain – Director of Human Resources, Term Expiring: December 31, 2021. HIPAA Administrator, Scot Chamberlain – Director of Human Resources, Term Expiring: December 31, 2021. HIPAA Privacy Officer, Jessica Poe – Healthcare Specialist, Term Expiring: December 31, 2021. HIPAA Security Officer, Eileen Bennett – Director of Information Technology, Term Expiring: December 31, 2021. Self-Insurance Labor Management Safety Board, Donna Miter – CSEA President, Term Expiring: December 31, 2021.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, any other business. Supervisor Peck.

Bill Peck

Good afternoon. I'd just like to request. I'd done this in early August and in late August to the Administrator's Office so I'm going to request it publicly here. I was seeking the Department requests, budget submissions from each department, just for my own information review. So I'm assuming that they're on digital format. If it's too large, just send me or I can bring a stick to put it on. I just want to review each of the Departments, budgets and requests. And so if I could get that at some time in the near future, I would appreciate it.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, Supervisors Peck. Supervisors Zlotnick.

Benny Zlotnick

With respect to the airport issue, I was not reappointed to the Buildings and Grounds committee this year. I remember in January respectfully asking to be reappointed to that committee since the Town of Milton is the single largest municipality in the County that has over 700 acres of County property on it. That request was not fulfilled. I then came back earlier this Spring with a letter from residents asking again, for something to be done about the noise and the airport issue, nothing was done. I was told if I, when an issue was brought up to Buildings & Grounds, I would be at least notified of it. I found out

today that there was a video on YouTube, very briefly by McFarland Johnson, with artist's rendering of how we were going to spend our grant if we were to get it, again, not notified this video was even done. I'm getting calls from residents. I think, as I stated, as a Supervisor in the Town of Milton that has the airport in it, I could have at least been notified that this video was even created or distributed. I was having a phone conversation today with another Supervisor and they have no idea how that video got out there. I would like to find out from someone how that video got out there. And with regards to this Citizens Committee as the Supervisor for the Town of Milton, I fully expect to be on that committee and at any meeting that if this committee goes forward, happens, thank you.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, Supervisor, I'll take that under advisement. As you're well aware Committee assignments are Chairman's appointment. I made them based on having what I feel are the best individuals to serve on those committees. However, any Supervisor has access to the agenda prior to the meetings, and they're certainly entitled to participate in those meetings. So while you may not have gotten an individual invitation, you're sure you're welcome to attend those meetings. Any other business? I'm sorry, Supervisor Gaston.

Tara Gaston

My only comment is I would like to second what Supervisor Peck said and I would also appreciate, I have been part of one budget meeting that my Technology and Resiliency Committee oversees, but I was also not provided with any requests until the meeting in hardcopy. So, as a Supervisor, I would appreciate having those requests. I think it lends to better discussions when we're not trying to flip through and ask questions off the cuff. It certainly does for me. So I'd just like to second that request. And perhaps if it's available, all Supervisors could have access to it, I think, for anyone who wants to look at it, and if you don't, thank you.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, Supervisor. Supervisor Richardson.

Tom Richardson

I have two quick items. One, I was in the presence of Superintendent of Schools, Bruce Potter last week. He could not say enough good things about our Doctor Kuhles. From what he's telling me, our Superintendents in Saratoga County are getting a tremendous amount of information and a tremendous amount of direction. And they're very, very happy about the meetings that he holds with them each Friday morning. He also mentioned that he knows Superintendents from counties that surround us. And they aren't getting nearly what Dr. Kuhles is giving to our Superintendents here in Saratoga County. So I just wanted to commend Dr. Kuhles and all the great work that he's doing. The next thing I'd like to mention is in Mechanicville. You may have seen it on Spectrum news this week. As of yesterday, Mechanicville has Flex Rides. I've been working with the Capital District Transportation Authority, their CEO Carm Bazile for several years now along with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner. And we've brought, CDTA has brought two vans to Mechanicville, brand new vans that are driven by CDTA drivers. And they're there to transport people not just in the City of Mechanicville, but out through Route 146 out into Clifton Park and Halfmoon. And so this bus service is something that's much needed for the City of Mechanicville and residents and I think it's going to be a great service bringing

people back and forth to Halfmoon and Clifton Park. It will go from Route 146 all the way out just short of Schenendehowa High School. And so, people will be able to go out to work, or out to shop, or out to a doctor's office or dentist's office, all of the facilities that are in Clifton Park, all of the urgent cares that are out there. And so, it just started yesterday. And so, Mechanicville is mobile once again, as we were about 40 years ago. So, I just wanted to thank CEO Carm Bazile for his help. And certainly, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner for helping Mechanicville get our population on the move again. Thank you.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, Supervisor Richardson. Supervisor Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Thank you, Supervisor Richardson for bringing that up. I did want to say I was at the New York State Association of Counties conference last week. I sit on the Public Health and Mental Health Committee. And much like Supervisor Richardson said, I will say that there were representatives from around the State that spoke very highly of both Dr. Kuhles and Dr. Prezioso and the work that our Public Health and Mental Health Departments have done particularly during the COVID crisis. And so, the work that they're being done as Supervisor Richardson said is definitely being recognized in the County but also throughout the State. So, thank you both of you.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you, Supervisor Gaston.

Tom Richardson

Motion to adjourn.

Theodore Kusnierz

Just want to make sure. Any other business? Is there a second on that motion.

John Lant

Second.

Theodore Kusnierz

Seconded by Supervisor Lant. Roll call vote.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Grasso.

Joe Grasso

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lant.

John Lant

Yes.

Bridget Rider

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Jack Lawler

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Kevin Tollisen

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Bridget Rider

Veitch.

Matt Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wood.

Tom Wood

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wright.

Mo Wright

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Zlotnick.

Benny Zlotnick

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Motion passes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you very much, everyone.