

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2024
AT 4:00 p.m., E.S.T.

Board called to order by Chairman Barrett.

Roll call was taken.

PRESENT – Eric Connolly (11831), Joseph Grasso (4328), Philip C. Barrett (19014.5), Angela Thompson (19014.5), C. Eric Butler (6500), James D. Arnold (3525), Kevin Veitch (8004), Arthur M. Wright (1976), Kevin Tollisen (25662), Cynthia Young (17130), Scott Ostrander (18800), Jesse Fish (16202), Willard H. Peck (5242), Ian Murray (5808), Michele Madigan (14245.5), Matthew E. Veitch (14245.5), Edward D. Kinowski (9022), David Ball (8208), John Lant (17361) - 19

ABSENT – Diana Edwards (819), Jean Raymond (1333), Thomas Richardson (5163), Sandra Winney (2075) - 4

The invocation was given by Supervisor Butler on behalf of Craig Hayner, Chaplain

On a motion by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Murray, the minutes of the December 19, 2023, and January 3, 2024 Board meetings were unanimously approved.

The Clerk presented the following:

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from County Attorney George P. Conway informing the Board of the following appointments as Assistant County Attorneys for the term January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Jacqueline C. Lombardo
Ann Flower E. Stitt
Michelle W. Granger
Nicholas M. Martin

Received and Filed

Correspondence from Public Defender Andrew C. Blumenberg informing the Board of the following appointments as Assistant Public Defenders for the term January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Joseph W. Hammer
Yannick Clayton
T. Gregory Dale
James C. Davis
Michael E. DiPresso
Jeremy A. Guarino
Kimberly Kerwin
James B. Lesperance
Thomas McDougall
William A. Nowak
Elizabeth Parizh

Received and Filed

Correspondence from Cynthia Young dated December 19, 2023 resigning from the Saratoga County Planning Board.

Received and Filed

Correspondence from Public Defender Andrew C. Blumenberg informing the Board of the following appointment as Assistant Public Defender for the term January 19, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

John D. Leggett

Received and Filed

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Barrett reported that he and other County staff members recently attended the New York State Sheriff's Institute. Mr. Barrett congratulated Deputies Simpson, Whipple and Milligan who were honored for their acts of bravery and service.

Mr. Barrett reported on the recruitment efforts for the Sheriff's Department. There has been outreach by the County regarding any NYPD who may wish to transfer to Saratoga County. Additionally 20 new Deputies have taken the oath as of last week.

Mr. Grasso reported from the Trails & Open Space Committee. The County Planning Department has sent information regarding the 2024 Farmland Protection and Open Space Grant program to all Supervisors for distribution within their Towns/Cities. The application deadline is the end of March. Mr. Grasso gave a brief overview of the grant program.

On a motion by Mr. M. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Butler, Resolutions 25 through 28 were adopted by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 25 - 2024

Introduced by Law and Finance: Supervisors M. Veitch, Edwards, Grasso, Lant, Ostrander, Tollisen, and K. Veitch

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NTS DATA SERVICES, LLC FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS VOTER DATABASE SOFTWARE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 55-2023, this Board authorized an agreement with NTS Data Services, LLC ("NTS") for the provision of maintenance and support services for the Saratoga County Board of Elections' voter database software for a term of one year; and

WHEREAS, said agreement expired on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, NTS has provided voter registration and other election services to county board of elections in New York State since 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Board of Elections desires to utilize NTS software and other NTS election-related services to facilitate its operations for the next three years initiating on January 1, 2024 and terminating on December 31, 2026 at a cost of \$70,364.00 in and for the first year (2024); \$74,586.00 in and for the second year (2025) and \$79,061.00 in and for the third year (2026) for a total overall three-year cost of \$224,011.00; and;

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Law and Finance Committee and the Saratoga County Board of Elections, now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute an agreement with NTS Data Services, LLC of Niagara Falls, New York for the maintenance and support of the Saratoga County Board of Elections' voter database software for a term of three years commencing on January 1, 2024, and terminating on December 31, 2026, at a total overall three-year cost not to exceed \$224,011.00; and it is further,

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

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department Budget.

RESOLUTION 26 - 2024

Introduced by Law and Finance: Supervisors M. Veitch, Edwards, Grasso, Lant, Ostrander, Tollisen, and K. Veitch

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO APPROVE TAX REFUNDS, CORRECTIONS AND CREDITS IN AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §554 and §556 authorize delegation to the County Auditor of legislative duties relative to the correction, refund and credit of certain taxes; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of our Law and Finance Committee, and upon the joint recommendations of the Director of the Real Property Tax Service Agency and the County Treasurer; now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED, that the County Auditor is authorized pursuant to §556 of the Real Property Tax Law to approve for payment tax bill refunds in amounts not to exceed \$2,500, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Auditor is authorized pursuant to §554 of the Real Property Tax Law to approve corrections of errors on tax rolls in amounts not to exceed \$2,500, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Auditor is authorized pursuant to §556(8) of the Real Property Tax Law to approve tax credits in amounts not to exceed \$2,500, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Auditor shall report to the Real Property Tax Committee all refunds, corrections and credits made pursuant to the authority delegated by this Resolution; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No Budget Impact.

RESOLUTION 27 - 2024

Introduced by Law and Finance: Supervisors M. Veitch, Edwards, Grasso, Lant, Ostrander, Tollisen, and K. Veitch

AMENDING THE 2024 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE TO RE-TITLE THE FISCAL MANAGER IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO AN ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has identified the position of an Accounting Supervisor to be more commensurate with the duties and responsibilities than the position of Fiscal Manager which was approved for 2024 in resolution 319-2023; and

WHEREAS, The Accounting Supervisor will be responsible for the maintenance of a variety of major accounts and financial records within the Sheriff's Office, work performed under the general direction of the Sheriff and Undersheriff; and

WHEREAS, the Law and Finance Committee, the Director of Human Resources and the County Attorney have recommended that the 2024 Saratoga County Compensation Schedule be amended under the Sheriff's Office to re-title one (1) Full-time Fiscal Manager to one (*1) Full-time Accounting Supervisor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Saratoga County Compensation Schedule is amended as follows:

UNDER SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Create (1) Full-time Accounting Supervisor, Grade 11, Base salary \$58,967

Abolish (1) Full-time Fiscal Manager, Base salary \$61,540

; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department Budget.

RESOLUTION 28 - 2024

Introduced by Law and Finance: Supervisors M. Veitch, Edwards, Grasso, Lant, Ostrander, Tollisen, and K. Veitch

ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW IDENTIFIED AS INTRODUCTORY NO.2, PRINT NO.1 OF 2023 ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE 2024 SARATOGA COUNTY COMPENSATION SCHEDULE TO PROVIDE A SALARY AND COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS"

WHEREAS, Resolution 320-2023 introduced and presented a proposed Local Law identified as Introductory No. 2, Print No. 1 of 2023, to this Board of Supervisors and scheduled a public hearing thereon for January 10, 2024, at 4:30P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY; and

WHEREAS, the scheduled public hearing was held and all persons desiring to be heard have been heard by this Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors, on this 16th day of January 2024 hereby adopts a Local Law identified as Introductory No. 2, Print No. 1 of 2023, as set forth in the annexed Schedule A; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No Budget Impact.

A motion was made by Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mr. K. Veitch, to enter into Executive Session for discussions regarding collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barrett reported that a motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. M. Veitch, to return to regular session. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barrett reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Ostrander to add Resolution #29 entitled "Amending the 2024 Compensation Schedule to create additional temporary part-time Deputy Sheriff positions" to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 29 was read into the record by the Clerk of the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mr. Kinowski to approve Resolution #29. Motion passed unanimously after discussion.

RESOLUTION 29 - 2024

Introduced by: Supervisors Lant and Ostrander

AMENDING THE 2024 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE TO CREATE ADDITIONAL
TEMPORARY PART-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Sheriff is facing staffing issues at the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, adequate staffing of the Sheriff's Office is necessary to protect the life, health and safety of residents throughout the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has opined that the shortages have resulted in a marked increase in deputies being mandated to work overtime shifts; and

WHEREAS, the recent recruits hired by the department will not be on patrol on their own until October 2024 due to law enforcement training requirements; and

WHEREAS, the hiring of part-time deputies pending the completion of training of the current recruitment class and a concerted effort to recruit lateral transfers would help in alleviating the staffing issues created by the current staffing shortages; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff, and the Director of Human Resources have recommended that the 2024 Saratoga County Compensation Schedule be amended under the Sheriff 's Office to create 8 temporary part-time Deputy Sheriff positions, at an hourly rate of \$27.10, through the end of fiscal year 2024;

WHEREAS, each part-time deputy would be permitted to work up to but not exceeding 75 hours per every two week pay period between now and December 31st, 2024 so long as the total hours for the entire group of part-time deputies does not exceed 4160 hours between now and December 31st, 2024; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Saratoga County Compensation Schedule is amended as follows:

UNDER SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Create (8) Temporary, P/T, Deputy Sheriff; Hourly \$27.10

*Temporary positions through 12/31/2024

; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department budget.

The following appointments were updated:

Public Health Professional Advisory Committee

Remove Erin Murray and add Olivia Fortune as a Member, Department of Health Employee for a term to expire 12/31/2024.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Remove Robert Williams as Member, Town of Wilton as he has retired. This seat will remain vacant. (Term ending 12/31/2024)

Youth Advisory Board

Remove Mark Marino and replace with Ross McNeil as a member representing the Town of Wilton for a term to expire 12/31/2024.

Remove Kyle Noonan and replace with Jeremy Brogan as a member representing the Town of Moreau for a term to expire 12/31/2024.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests for public input.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Butler, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Connolly
Clerk of the Board