

2014

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 18, 2014

The Board convened at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Chambers at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, with the Chairman, William G. Farber presiding. Mr. Farber led the members of the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and an opening prayer.

The Clerk, Mrs. Laura Abrams, called the roll with the following Supervisors answering:

Arietta	Richard A. Wilt
Benson	ABSENT
Hope	ABSENT
Indian Lake	Brian Wells
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Neil P. McGovern
Long Lake	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Brian E. Towers

Also present: Frank Mezzano

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. Frey: Reported we are continuing to work on the budget and have a tough day ahead of us looking at salary increases for department heads and employees.

Mr. Wilt: Mr. Mark Hoppe from Blue Wing will be here on Thursday to do surveying along the roads.

The Chairman asked which tower we are looking at; Blue Mountain?

Mr. Wilt stated no, we will find out Thursday.

Mr. McGovern: Reported he and the Chairman are working on some additional things with Mr. Dean Nervik and ROOST to confirm who is doing what work. ROOST has been very helpful trying to work through this and learn more about us.

The Chairman reported there is a resolution on today's agenda for Matching Funds. They are also working on a contract for the future. The Matching Funds application is time sensitive and ROOST has the expertise to move forward with it. ROOST has been working well with the local chambers.

With respect to Mr. Nervik we need to formally update his job description and make it clear what is expected of him. Discussion continued.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 305-14

**CONTINUATION OF TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY FOR HAMILTON COUNTY
AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR
PROMOTION OF TOURISM**

DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2014

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Economic Development is empowered to approve application from local governments for matching funds to be used for promoting tourism therein, and

WHEREAS, the President of the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism has recommended that an application for such funds be submitted to the Department of Economic Development for matching funds up to the amount appropriated therefore within the New York State budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the, President of the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to submit an application to Marisa Finn, Tourism Matching Funds Director, Empire State Development Division of Tourism, Albany, New York 12245, for matching funds in an amount up to Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) to be used for the promotion of tourism in Hamilton County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said James B. McKenna, President of the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism, is hereby named Project Director in relation thereto, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies to the New York State Department of Economic Development that both the County of Hamilton and the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism have been in existence for more than three (3) years, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in order to comply with Commerce Law, Article 5-A (New York State Tourism Promotion Act) that the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism be the duly designated tourist promotion agency for the County of Hamilton for the calendar years of 2014 and 2015, and the County Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. Seaman and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER AND EDWARDS

RESOLUTION NO. 306-14

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES - BUILDING

DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2014

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 247-14 authorized the hiring of a Full-Time Buildings Laborer for Indian Lake, and

WHEREAS, the County Building Superintendent did not transfer enough funds to cover the salary until the end of the fiscal year, be it

RESOLVED, that \$4,500.00 be transferred from Account No. A1620.410 Cleaner Indian Lake to Account No. A1620.108 Laborer to fund the account for the remainder of 2014 and the Treasurer be so authorized and the Personnel Officer, Clerk of the Board and Building Superintendent be so notified.

Seconded by Mr. Wells and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER AND EDWARDS

RESOLUTION NO. 307-14

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE HOSPICE REFERRAL EXTENSION AGREEMENT

DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2014

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 169 adopted August 6, 1992, the Chairman was authorized to sign referral agreements with High Peaks Hospice, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Nursing Service and Department of Social Services is in receipt of an extension agreement with High Peaks Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. for the period of November 1, 2014 through November 1, 2015, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the extension agreement with High Peaks Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

Seconded by Mr. McGovern and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER AND EDWARDS

Review of the 2015 tentative budget:

Budget Officer Mezzano stated 8020.102 and 8020.103 under Planning did not factor in the step increases for 2015. The new figures for 8020.102 should be \$38,446 and 8020.103 should be \$30,400.

Sheriff – The Sheriff requested to hire Deputy Knapp full time. He was asked to look at his budget and come up with some lines that might have some savings.

The Chairman gave a quick overview of the Sheriff's overtime and holiday pay with respect to the Jail and filling in for Corrections as needed to cut overtime as well as holiday overtime. What was identified was approximately \$23,500 worth of savings by doing this. Deputy Knapp's salary coming in would be \$38,295. Part of the reasoning for this is based on the Sheriff's strong belief that Deputy Stuart will be leaving by June so there is an assumption that there will be a second half of the year savings. If for some reason Deputy Stuart doesn't leave in June we will have to sit down with the Sheriff and have a candid conversation and look at the options and decide where we go from there.

Mr. Towers asked if the money that the Sheriff found to make this work is all in the .1 accounts.

Budget Officer Mezzano stated yes.

The Chairman stated the Sheriff feels that under Other Corrections there is extra money that he might not need. The Chairman discouraged him from taking it out of there because that is the line we use to house out prisoners. Also this doesn't directly relate and it is so unpredictable.

The Chairman's suggestion was during the summer months, if Deputy Stuart doesn't go, would it make sense to use Deputy Knapp for navigation as a deputy.

Mr. Wilt asked when Dan Moran was retiring.

The Chairman stated at the end of next year.

Budget Officer Mezzano announced the budgetary impact after all they have talked about is just shy of \$15,000. If you look at line 3110.111 - Part-Time – decrease \$5,000 to make a total of \$5,000. Then 3110.113 - Grand Jury - decrease that \$4,000 for a total of \$3,000. In 3150.110 – Jail Overtime & Holiday - this goes from \$30,000 to \$23,500 then 3150.111 – Jail Temporary – goes from \$20,000 to \$12,000. Then create line item 3110.105 – Deputy D – for a budget of \$38,295.

The Chairman called for a five minute recess so that Budget Officer Mezzano could make the changes he just discussed.

Re-convened

Budget Officer Mezzano reported under Sheriff's line 3110.105 it should be titled Deputy D for the amount of \$38,295.

The Chairman reported that there are some numbers that we need to scrutinize such as under Community Services. Barbara Anderson is retiring and Director Kleppang left in approximately \$20,000 more than it should be in her salary line.

With all the changes they have made to Solid Waste in regards to adjusting the revenues downward due to less tonnage which creates an approximate \$21,000 to \$23,000 gap. The revenues and expenditure are not matching and we usually stay conservative and reduce the revenue side.

With those changes they still have a \$125,000 gap that they will look to the Highway budget for.

The Chairman asked what will be our stance going in to the meeting on Friday the 21st. It will be the public hearing on the budget and the public hearing on the local law to override the tax cap. Where we want to end up will dictate where we want to make some of these internal changes in the tentative budget. For example the Board of Elections chargebacks are up \$20,000. We will see what the change is and see if the revenue that we anticipated in 2015 is accurate. So there are possibly some savings there.

What this all comes down to is how everyone feels about a \$100,000 adjustment to the Highway's fund balance, asphalt and bridges. These are accounts that we ramped up this year. The Chairman feels it is approximately \$75,000 that they need to cut to get them to a level where they won't need to do the local law with respect to the tax cap.

Mr. McGovern stated that he met with Superintendent Eldridge regarding some town and county issues. They also discussed the fact that we have a substantial gap and that adjustments will need to be made.

Discussion on how the budget had the Sales Tax added to it in the past.

Mr. Frey doesn't want to keep cutting the Highway budget. We said we were going to use the Sale Tax revenue to help Highway and we should. He will not support raises for department heads, Mr. McGovern agrees.

The Chairman announced an Internal Management Committee meeting at 1:15 today.

Recessed until November 21, 2014.