

CONDENSED MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
JUNE 16, 2023

Fort Edward, New York, Friday, June 16, 2023.

The Board of Supervisors convened in regular session at 10:02 AM at the County Office Building, Fort Edward, New York pursuant to Rule 1 of Rules of said Board.

CHAIRMAN HENKE called the meeting to order and presided.

Mrs. Clary offered the prayer.

Mr. O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and read the Fire Safety Notice.

The Clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: 15 Henke, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Nolan, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Fedler, Ferguson

The condensed minutes of the May 19, 2023 meeting were accepted as mailed.

After the reading of the public hearing notice, CHAIRMAN HENKE opened the public hearing on Introductory Local Law "B" of 2023 at 10:05 AM. After calling for comments three times and none being offered, CHAIRMAN HENKE closed the public hearing at 10:06 AM.

After the reading of the public hearing notice, CHAIRMAN HENKE opened the public hearing on the CDBG housing rehabilitation grant application for program year 2023 at 10:07 AM. Mr. Haff commented that we would have liked something in the packet about this. Laura Oswald, Economic Development Director and Nicole Justice-Green, Executive Director of Pride of Ticonderoga addressed the Board. Merle Nichols of the Town of Argyle asked about how to qualify for a housing rehabilitation grant. Ms. Green stated anyone currently qualified for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) automatically qualify. She would encouraged people to apply because some people who don't qualify for HEAP and SNAP may still qualify for a home rehabilitation grant. With no further comments from the public, CHAIRMAN HENKE closed the public hearing at 10:18 AM.

The Clerk read the communications.

A motion to accept the June Audit Report, was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Clary, Griffith, Nolan and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HENKE announced Proclamations issued: May 2023 was Mental Health Month; May 21 – 27, 2023 was Emergency Medical Services Week; Recognition of the 2023 Valedictorians &

Salutatorians of Washington County Schools.

Introductory Local Law “C” of 2023, a Local Law Regulating Sewer Use for the County of Washington Sewer District Numbers 1 and 2, was introduced.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked if any Supervisor had any request for Supervisors’ Privilege of the Floor. Mr. Hall introduced Ben Driscoll, Warren County Supervisor who stated he appreciates the many bi-county partnerships. Chairman Henke introduced Merle Nichols of the Town of Argyle who spoke about fascism.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked that the resolutions be introduced.

Resolution No. 181 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Campbell, O’Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Adopt Introductory Local Law “B” of 2023.

Resolution No. 182 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, O’Brien, Shaw, Wilson, Fisher – TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore; BIN 5525300, Lock 8 Road Bridge.

Resolution No. 183 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Haff, O’Brien, Shaw, Wilson, Fisher – TITLE: To Authorize Purchase of 2023 Case TR310 Skidsteer.

Resolution No. 184 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Haff, O’Brien, Shaw, Wilson, Fisher – TITLE: To Set Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law “C” of 2023 Entitled A Local Law Regulating Sewer Use for the County of Washington Sewer Districts Numbers 1 and 2.

Resolution No. 185 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Wilson, Hogan, Haff, Hicks, O’Brien, Clary – TITLE: To Make Appointment to the Washington County EMS Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 186 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Wilson, Hogan, Haff, Hicks, O’Brien, Clary – TITLE: To Make Appointment to the Washington County Fire Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 187 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Hicks, Skellie, Campbell, O’Brien, Fedler, Clary, Wilson – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – Youth Bureau/Alternative Sentencing.

Resolution No. 188 June 16, 2023 By Supervisor Hicks – TITLE: Amend the Title by Grade Schedule to Establish Pay Rates for Special Patrol Officers.

Resolution No. 189 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Hicks, Skellie, Campbell, O’Brien, Fedler, Clary, Wilson – TITLE: Amend the Staffing Pattern – Treasurer.

Resolution No. 190 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Campbell, O’Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend Budget – Mental Health for 100% State Aid.

Resolution No. 191 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend Budget – County Road Fund for Additional CHIPs Funding.

Resolution No. 192 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend Budget – Sheriff for Gun Cabinets.

Resolution No. 193 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Create Capital Project No. 136 – Lock 8 Way Bridge & Execute Intermunicipal Agreement.

Resolution No. 194 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Amend 2022 Budget for Various Departments.

Resolution No. 195 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Authorize Purchase of Hart Voting Machines.

Resolution No. 196 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Adopt a Fund Balance Policy.

Resolution No. 197 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Transfer Funds to Capital Plan and Amend Budget.

Resolution No. 198 June 16, 2023 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: To Award Bid #2023-19 – Replace Rooftop Units 5 & 6 at the Law Enforcement Center.

Resolution No. 199 June 16, 2023 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: To Award Bid #2023-20 – Replacement Chiller.

Resolution No. 200 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Clary, Griffith, Hall – TITLE: Set Time and Place for a Public Hearing Concerning the 2023-2024 Adirondack Community College Budget.

Resolution No. 201 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Clary, Griffith, Hall – TITLE: To Support Revised Adirondack Community College Capital Improvement Plan for 2023-2024 in the Total Amount of \$9,851,095.

Resolution No. 202 June 16, 2023 By Supervisors Hicks, Skellie, Campbell, O'Brien, Fedler – TITLE: To Appoint County Youth Director.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 181, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith, Rozell, Nolan. Discussion. Mr. Haff stated that in Section 1, Title and Statement of Intent, it wasn't clear that this exemption is for volunteers only and suggested adding the word "volunteer" before members. Roger Wickes, County Attorney stated that paid workers would be employees and members are volunteers. It was also stated that if a volunteer lived in a different town than the company they

volunteer in than they wouldn't get the exemption, unless the town they lived in had a contract with the fire company they volunteered in. A motion to amend Local Law B to add the word "volunteer" in Section 1 before the word member, was moved by Mr. Haff, seconded by Supervisors Wilson, Griffith and adopted. Resolution No. 181, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith, Rozell, Nolan and adopted, as amended, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 15 Henke, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Nolan, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Fedler, Ferguson

AYES: 4,485 ABSENT: 205

Resolution No. 182, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, O'Brien, Campbell, Wilson. Discussion. Mr. Shaw stated he is not opposed to this but asked if the IDA pays their share up front and asked if a contractor had been selected for design. Deb Donohue, DPW Superintendent stated that the contractor for design will be selected from the LDSA list. Mr. O'Brien stated that the IDA's 5% share will be held by the county in escrow. Mr. Haff added beware. Resolution No. 182, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, O'Brien, Campbell, Wilson and adopted. Supervisors Haff, Hogan opposed.

Resolution No. 183, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Fisher, Haff, Wilson, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 184, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, O'Brien, Campbell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 185, moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Campbell, Clary, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 186, moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Supervisors Hall, O'Brien, Campbell, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 187, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Hall, O'Brien, Campbell, Wilson, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 188, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Hall, O'Brien, Haff, Wilson, Nolan and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 15 Henke, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Nolan, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Fedler, Ferguson

AYES: 4,485 ABSENT: 205

Resolution No. 189, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Hall, O'Brien, Campbell, Wilson, Clary, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 190, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 191, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 192, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Haff, Wilson, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 193, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Nolan and adopted. Supervisors Haff, Hogan opposed.

Resolution No. 194, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Wilson, Clary, Nolan. Discussion. Mr. Haff asked if any forfeitures are included in this budget amendment and Chairman Henke stated no. Resolution No. 194, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Wilson, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 195, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, Clary, Griffith, Nolan. Discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 195 to change the amount for this purchase to \$784,864 because we would lose discounts if we didn't purchase the five year maintenance agreement, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Griffith, Nolan and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed. Resolution No. 195, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, Clary, Griffith, Nolan and adopted, as amended. Mr. Haff opposed.

Resolution No. 196, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell, Nolan and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed.

Resolution No. 197, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Clary, Nolan. A motion to amend Resolution No. 197 to change the amount of the interfund transfer to capital projects to \$5,784,864 so it includes five years of maintenance on the voting machines, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Wilson, Hall and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed. Mr. Haff added he is ok with moving money for the barns but not the voting machines so he will vote no. Resolution No. 197, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Clary, Nolan and adopted, as amended. Mr. Haff opposed.

Resolution No. 198, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Wilson, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 199, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 200, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 201, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 202, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded unanimously and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked for Supervisors' comments. Mrs. Clary announced July 4th parade at 4 PM. She also congratulated the Salem softball teams. Mr. Nolan invited all to Whipple City Days parade tonight at 6 PM and festivities all day Saturday. Chairman Henke announced Argyle July 4th parade at 10 AM. He also mentioned the tour of the mental health facilities, adding it was an eye opener. He thanked Rob York and Sue Clary for arranging this tour.

A motion to executive session to discuss the matters leading to the appointment of a particular person, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Wilson, Nolan and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HENKE announced the Board would adjourn from executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk