

2016

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 7, 2016

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	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope	Robert C. Edwards
Indian Lake	ABSENT
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Daniel Wilt
Long Lake	ABSENT
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Brian E. Towers

Also present: Budget Officer Frank Mezzano and Deanna Park, Director of Warren/Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. R. Wilt: They had their usual conference call this morning. They are working out some issues to get items together for the APA permit.

Mr. D. Wilt: Director Franko is working on some changes to the ad for the paper on the RN position.

The Chairman introduced Deanna Park, Director of Warren/Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging.

Ms. Park handed out information on the budget and reviewed.

The Chairman stated what they usually see at this budget review is expected expenditures and the state funds that are available and then the calculated County's share. He asked Ms. Park if she had her 2016 budget; she does not, she only has 2015. The Chairman explained that if she did they could look across those two years to see if there was a program jump that they need to plan for in their budget this year. He asked her to confirm when she gets back to her office where we are for 2016. Also if she would check to see any program trends that could impact our 2017 budget. Ms. Park agreed to get back to them and left at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 288-16

COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR YEAR 2017 – MVP HMO

DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2016

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, a review of the health insurance rates received for the year 2017 indicated a substantial increase in premium, and

WHEREAS, several options were reviewed to help reduce the premium, be it

RESOLVED, that the following changes be made to the MVP HMO insurance benefit:

~\$30 co-pay for Primary Care Physician office visits

~\$50 co-pay for Specialist office visits

~\$750 co-pay for Hospital Inpatient

~\$150 co-pay for Facility Hospital Outpatient Surgery

~\$150 co-pay for Surgery (Any setting)

~\$150 co-pay for Emergency Room

and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Personnel Officer be notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, D. WILT, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS AND SEAMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 289-16

COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR YEAR 2017 – MVP POS

DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2016

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, a review of the health insurance rates received for the year 2017 indicated a substantial increase in premium, and

WHEREAS, several options were reviewed to help reduce the premium, be it

RESOLVED, that the following changes be made to the MVP POS insurance benefit:

~\$30 co-pay for Primary Care Physician office visits

~\$50 co-pay for Specialist office visits

~\$750 co-pay for Hospital Inpatient

~\$150 co-pay for Facility Hospital Outpatient Surgery

~\$150 co-pay for Surgery (Any setting)

~\$150 co-pay for Emergency Room

and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Personnel Officer be notified.

Seconded by Mr. D. Wilt and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, D. WILT, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS AND SEAMAN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor: the Chairman reported Mr. Wells did approve this to go on today's agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 290-16

AUTHORIZING COUNTY DPW TO HIRE MEO IN LONG LAKE

DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2016

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the County DPW has an open MEO position at the Long Lake garage, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent has interviewed Kenneth Walters of Indian Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recommends that Kenneth Walters be hired full time effective November 14, 2016 at MEO Step Hire, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Highway Superintendent is authorized to hire Kenneth Walters of Indian Lake at MEO Step Hire effective November 14, 2016 and the Personnel Officer and County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, D. WILT, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS AND SEAMAN

Budget Review:

Budget Officer Mezzano asked about the software for Public Health. Mr. D. Wilt was going to get more information. He stated that they are looking at other options that would be more reasonably priced. The Chairman asked if they have a lower option which we can afford; he feels they should take the higher end software out of the budget and put in the alternative. Mr. D. Wilt reported they are looking at a startup cost of \$8,000 and then a monthly fee of \$800 for a total of \$9,600; a grand total of \$17,600.

After some discussion it was decided to decrease line item A4010.404- Contracts – for a total of \$118,800.

Budget Officer Mezzano asked everyone to go to revenue code A3619 and change the amount to \$89,260. Mr. Farber stated this increase is due to a child that is being placed outside the county.

Officer Mezzano then asked them to go to expenditure A6070.403 – Services for Recipients/TANF - decrease this from \$140,016 to \$135,390.

With these changes Officer Mezzano stated they are looking at an increase of 3.45%.

Mr. Farber wanted everyone to keep in mind that they haven't thoroughly gone through the highway budget.

Mr. Farber and Mr. Frey threw out ideas on how to setup accounts for an Assessor that two towns will be sharing in expenses as well as work and how the county will bill them.

Mr. Farber stated that everyone has had a couple of days to review the budget and asked if anyone had any questions. The issue remains that the budget is up well above, not only the Tax Cap, but also above 2%; there isn't any really clear path to getting that down. We can shave here and there but then as Mr. Frey has made the point so often, when we do that then we start over estimating

revenues or under estimating expenditures. Then you end up in a cycle where next year you have to increase or reduce those things and at the same time you have less fund balance which could come back to bite you in a significant way. He continued to discuss.

Mr. Farber stated we need to find our comfort level with the budget being up and reminded everyone that they still have a couple of days of discussing salaries with department heads that will be asking for more money.

The Board members discussed the fund balance. Mr. Farber feels they have been able to stabilize the fund balance over the past two years. The discussion then turned to what is driving our costs and all of the mandates.

Mr. Farber feels that they need to share the department head comparison that Budget Officer Mezzano put together with the department heads that are coming in to discuss their salary.

Mr. Farber reviewed the departments that they will be meeting this afternoon.

Recessed until 10:30AM on November 9, 2016