

2020

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 9, 2020

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 | ABSENT |
| Benson | John M. Stortecky |
| Hope | Steven M. Tomlinson |
| Indian Lake | Brian Wells |
| Inlet | John Frey |
| Lake Pleasant | Betsy A. Bain |
| Long Lake | Clay J. Arsenault |
| Morehouse | William G. Farber |
| Wells | Nick Mauro |

Also present: No one present.

Public Comment: No Public.

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. Tomlinson: Asked for support on the resolution for Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director, to hire a fulltime Home Health Aide. The Chairman stated that she had sent down two resolutions; but she wasn't able to meet with Personnel to go over the one. She is planning on coming down later today to meet with Personnel. That resolution will be on the Agenda for Thursday.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 291-20

MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2020

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, it appears from the reports of the County Clerk and the County Treasurer for the period April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020, that there remains for distribution of moneys received by taxation on Mortgages pursuant to the provision of Article Eleven, Section 261 of the

Tax Law, the sum of \$135,534.61, for the distribution among the Towns and Village of the County of Hamilton, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton that the sum of \$135,534.61 be and the same hereby is apportioned as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Arietta | \$9,231.00 |
| Benson | 6,914.00 |
| Hope | \$4,720.61 |
| Indian Lake | \$28,272.50 |
| Inlet | \$25,495.50 |
| Lake Pleasant | \$17,595.83 |
| Long Lake | \$28,925.50 |
| Morehouse | \$2,005.00 |
| Wells | \$8,948.00 |
| Village of Speculator | \$3,426.67 |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to pay the respective sums so appropriated to the Supervisors of said Towns.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 292-20

AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF HAMILTON COUNTY'S CONTRACT WITH THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOR THREE YEARS

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorized ROOST to provide the Tourism Promotion services for Hamilton County beginning in 2014, and

WHEREAS, this contractual relationship has been very successful and of great benefit to Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, both Hamilton County and ROOST are in favor of extending the contract, and

WHEREAS, moving forward with a three year term extension commitment and therefore the ability to better plan benefits for Hamilton County and ROOST, and

WHEREAS, the current contract with ROOST ends December 31, 2020, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a 3 year contract with ROOST, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 year contract remain at the same agreed on contract price as 2020 with the option to revisit that price in years 2022 and 2023.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 293-20

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A FULL TIME HOME HEALTH AIDE

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2020

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide home health aide care to residents in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Sara Smith has been hired as a per diem home health aide to accommodate for missed home health aide visits and additional home health opportunities including Veterans Services and Office for the Aging, and

WHEREAS, there is now an opening for a part time home health aide, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Health be authorized to hire Sara Smith as a full time Home Health Aide at a salary of \$14.956 per hour effective November 16, 2020, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Account No. A4010.0120 be renamed to Home Health Aide, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Office be so notified and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

The Chairman discussed the meeting schedule going forward. There is a Finance/Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting scheduled for this afternoon to discuss GIS Maintenance. The Salary Meeting will be the afternoon of November 12th. He discussed putting any needed committee meetings in on November 17th. He will be talking with Kimberly Byrne, Personnel Officer, regarding Internal Management evaluations. He does think that they could be put off until November 20th. November 20th is the day of the budget public hearing as well as discussion regarding the Police Reform. He suggested doing a ZOOM meeting with Adirondack H2H on November 23rd.

Tentative Budget Review:

A.1010.103 Assist to Chairman. The Budget Officer left the amount in the budget. Mr. Frey asked if the amount is left in does the Board intend to use it. The Chairman stated that there was some conversation prior to COVID so he thinks it makes a lot of sense to not abandon it.

A.1165.101 District Attorney. The Budget Officer left the salary at \$106,529 but is open for the Board to discuss the District Attorney's salary request of full time. He also discussed some of the other flexibilities within that budget. Mr. Tomlinson asked about the travel line, A.1165.401. The Budget Officer stated that his request was a carryover from the year before. The only big difference is that the department has been provided a car. Mr. Tomlinson stated he thought having a car would show a bigger cost savings. The Budget Officer had put in a \$2,000 reduction. The District Attorney's conferences do meet in places like New York City.

A. 1170.401 Public Defender Defense & Investigator. The Budget Officer reduced it by \$20,000. He stated that during 2019 the actual numbers were just over the \$80,000. The pattern of activity that we are seeing is that the Coordinator is able to cover between himself and the Assistant a much higher percentage of the caseload than what occurred previously. He has spoken with the Coordinator and feels there isn't a concern with his recommendation of \$60,000. Laura Abrams, Clerk of the Board, stated that this was the only line in the Public Defenders budget that was County dollars.

A.1325.102 Deputy County Treasurer. Mr. Arsenault asked why the reduction for this line. The Budget Officer explained that the employee retired and someone was promoted from within but

at a lower salary. He discussed the dynamic of the office further. The Budget Officer reminded the Board that Actuarial Services was added in the budget for 2021 as it was a cost the County expends every two-years.

A.1330.402 Village Tax Collection. The Budget Officer stated that it was removed because the County is no longer providing the service for them.

A.1340.403 Budget Travel. The Budget Officer stated that because he wears multiple hats travel isn't used. He didn't remove it completely because he wasn't sure what the long-term plan was. He did reduce it to \$500.

A.1430.405 Personnel Supplies. The Budget Officer stated that the department would like to get two new computers but not sure if it includes software so he will be looking into this.

A.1450.405 Elections Software Support. The Budget Officer stated that it increased to \$84,000 but it's covered by the grant they received. It will show on the revenue side when they are reviewed next. There are fewer elections in 2021 so the Board will see some reductions in other lines.

A.1620.107 Buildings Overtime. Mr. Frey asked if this was still the continual cleaning due to COVID. The Budget Officer stated that it was part of the change but Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, also said that he had a robust schedule around checking the buildings on the weekends. The Budget Officer discussed the possibility of adjusting the utility account lines.

A.2490.401 Community College. The Budget Officer explained how tuition to the Fashion Institute really hits this the hardest. The number is up already for 2020 and he will be talking with the Treasurer's Office. He may come back to this and recommend a change.

A.2960.401 Education for Handicapped Children. Mr. Frey asked if there was less of a need. The Budget Officer stated that the low number for 2020 was due to COVID and explained how the department has a really good handle on who will need the services in 2021. The big expense is transportation for now. He stated that the only way the County could get in trouble is if a family moves in that needs services. The County does get 59% back in State Aid.

A.3110.110 Sheriff Deputy C. The Budget Officer stated that the Sheriff had requested to fill the vacancy. He left it in the budget with a beginning salary. He shared his concern about further retirements and the position it would leave the Department in. He asked the Board to think about it and be ready to discuss before the budget is adopted.

A.3140.411 Probation Vehicle Maintenance. The Budget Officer had spoken with Mr. Eldridge and found out that the line got inflated based on the expectation of getting a car transferred in. He will be moving the money out of this line and putting it in Contingent Fund. That way it can be put into whichever departmental budget Mr. Eldridge recommends.

The Budget Officer discussed having a fulltime floater position for Corrections. This will be in place of paying Deputies and Correction Officers overtime.

A.3170.401 Other Correction Agency. The Budget Officer stated this was per the Sheriff's request. This is where he pays for female inmate housing from and after looking at the history, he reduced it.

The Budget Officer stated that the reductions in STOP DWI are due to there being less arrests, trials, fines and money coming back to the County.

A.3640.401 Emergency Management Community & Radio Repair. The Budget Officer stated that he increased it back to \$19,500. The County is now appropriating PSAP so it has to be in the budget somewhere to match the revenue.

The Budget Officer explained how payroll lines changed in the Public Health budget. A.4010.120 Public Health per diem Home Health Aide will have to be fixed to a fulltime salary per a resolution on the Agenda.

Recessed at 12:00PM for lunch.
Reconvened at 1:50PM

Tentative Budget Review: *continued*

The Budget Officer discussed programs such as Medicaid and OFA as well as the programs the County supports.

The Budget Officer discussed the changes that have occurred because of COVID for the Historian and also mentioned the resignation and advertising the position for 2021.

Mr. Tomlinson left the meeting.

The Budget Officer discussed Worker's Compensation. There is a possibility of a savings if the County agrees to a two-year commitment; we might be able to trim some money out of the various accounts that cover Workers Comp.

Other Reports:

The Chairman stated that the County received from the Town of Long Lake their request and proposal to be lead agent on their comprehensive plan adoption. He had not heard back from the County Attorney in whether the administrative act requires a resolution. To avoid holding up the Town of Long Lake he asked if a Board member would move a simple resolved that authorizes this.

The Chairman called for a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign Lead Agency Designation for the Town of Long Lake Comprehensive Plan. Motion by Mr. Stortecky, seconded by Mr. Wells. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 294-20

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION FOR THE
TOWN OF LONG LAKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2020

BY MR. STORTECKY:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the Lead Agency Designation for the Town of Long Lake Comprehensive Plan.

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

**AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND
MAURO**

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

Recess until November 12, 2020 at 10:30 AM.