

2020

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 17, 2020

The Board convened at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Chambers (via ZOOM) 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

The Chairman discussed how Public Comments are being handled and how the ZOOM meeting came about. Discussed doing Friday's meeting and Public Hearing via ZOOM as well. He stated that he and the Clerk of the Board would be in the Boardroom for the Public Hearing just in case any members of the public should be there. They would also make available the ability for people to submit written comments and make the link available to those who want to attend via ZOOM. The Board agreed with doing the meeting via ZOOM.

The Chairman discussed that there was a Health/Emergency Preparedness/Emergency Response Committee meeting scheduled that afternoon. He hopes that the full Board would be able to attend. There needs to be a good conversation about what the current COVID situation is.

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated how he would like everyone on board in helping Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director. He had spoken with Mr. Mauro and stated how he was helpful in finding a testing site in the Town of Wells. There is a lot going on around testing and would like to see the Supervisors take on making sure the sites are ready. He feels that Ms. Mahoney is doing a great job and he thanked the Chairman for his help as well.

The Chairman stated that both Public Health and Personnel have been busy. The details are starting to come together so the resolutions for Public Health would be put on Friday's Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 295-20

RESOLUTION TO SET DATE OF ORGANIZATION MEETING

DATED: NOVEMBER 17, 2020

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

RESOLVED, that the Organization Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

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. 296-20

2021 WORKERS COMPENSATION

DATED: NOVEMBER 17, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby awards the County Workers Compensation package to PERMA for 2021, and

WHEREAS, if Hamilton County signs the renewal by November 18, 2020 PERMA will provide an additional 3% credit, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the renewal with PERMA.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

Tentative Budget Review:

The Budget Officer stated that he hasn't had a chance to discuss the couple lines with Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, so he didn't have anything to report on that. He and Mr. Frey both asked the Board if they had any budget questions they would like to discuss.

The Budget Officer stated that the changes they already had and the ones coming will be put together for Friday. There haven't been a lot of modifications to the Tentative Budget.

Other Reports:

Mr. Wells: Stated that he had to step away from the meeting.

Mr. Frey: Stated that all the places that either he or his wife have gone for doctors there are safety measures everywhere; with that, there are people that don't want to comply. The message is about staying safe.

The Chairman stated that because Mr. Wilt wasn't in attendance he still wanted to report on his behalf. The conversation was had between the Sheriff, Don Purdy, Emergency Services Director, and Barry Baker, Real Property Director, in respect to the GIS maintenance. Mr. Baker had since come back with an amended proposal from ESRI. The amendment showed a reduced number of servers which brings the total amount low enough where it could be signed off by the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Frey and Mr. Wilt will be part of that decision if all the department heads involved get back and say they approve.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated his thanks to Mr. Frey, the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board for their work on the budget.

Mr. Arsenault: Stated his thanks for everyone's hard work on the budget. He feels that tough decisions were made but thinks they came out with a decent budget.

Ms. Bain: Stated that they had made tough decisions but they were the right decisions for 2021.

The Chairman stated that he had received some good news from the NYS Dept of Labor. August's unemployment numbers for Hamilton County were the lowest rate in the state.

Mr. Wells: Thanked everyone for their hard work. He stated that the Indian Lake Town Hall will now be working 4 days per week. Building Codes and Town Clerk will be appointment only. He hasn't spoken with the library but believes it will be shutting down again.

Recess until November 20, 2020 at 10:30 AM.