

2019

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

DECEMBER 20, 2019

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	John M. Stortecky
Hope	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake	Brian Wells
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Daniel Wilt
Long Lake	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Donald W. Beach

Also present: Tracy Eldridge – Highway Superintendent, Jamila Page – Senior Issue Leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension, Clay Arsenault – Town of Long Lake Supervisor-elect and Nick Maura – Town of Wells Supervisor-elect

A motion was made to accept the minutes of November 7th, 18th, and 22nd, 2019 by Mr. D. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Stortecky. Carried.

Public Comment:

The Chairman introduced and gave the floor to Jamila Page, Senior Issue Leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Ms. Page thanked the Board for the increase in their budget. They are looking forward to 2020, especially improving agricultural outreach. She reached out to the Board to see if there were any programs they would like to see. She handed out their Annual Report. The Board thanked her for a job well done.

The Chairman introduced and gave the floor to Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Eldridge thanked the Board for his budget. He told the Board that Robert Both, Deputy Highway Superintendent, had passed away. When he knows the arrangements, he will share them with the Board.

Mr. Eldridge stated that the County had been awarded just over \$217,000 from the CFA Application that Barton & Loguidice helped submit for the Solid Waste Efficiency Grant in the spring. He is looking forward to getting the money and to start implementing. The Chairman stated that now that we know an amount the County can now apply for a Recycling Grant. There should be a meeting in the near future with Jillian Blake of B&L to get this moving.

Mr. Eldridge stated that he apologizes but he has a late resolution to add. The resolution is for the Hatch Brook Bridge Project. The bridge is done. It was budgeted for \$910,000 but the actual cost is \$957,263.26. He needs to move money from the County Road Fund Balance. The construction costs went up since the estimate of \$910,000 2 ½ years prior. The Chairman asked him to hand the resolution out and that they would add it.

Mr. Eldridge left at this time.

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. Wells: Attended the Local Government Review Board (LGRB) Meeting in the Town of Ohio. There was a good conversation around looking into the cell towers.

Mr. R. Wilt: Stated that they had a debriefing on Wednesday regarding the Halloween Storm response. He thought that it went well and the biggest complaint was communications. It was between departments, lack of radio communication and telephone problems. He had talked with Mr. Eldridge about putting more radios in the nursing cars. The Chairman stated that Mr. Eldridge had been informed about the radios from a prior meeting and said that they wouldn't be a problem to add. They already know there is a down county communication problem. They are working on the infrastructure for that. They did see in Lake Pleasant the benefit of having cellular when the landline was down.

Mr. Stortecky: He also attended the debriefing meeting on Wednesday. What he got from the meeting was that towns should really focus on their plan and what they do. Have their point of contacts through the Emergency Management Office as well as be responsible for everything going on in their town. Mr. Wells asked if the Emergency Management Office had a copy of all the plans for each town. The Chairman stated that we do have a copy unless there have been updates. Based on that debriefing there should be a Committee Meeting setup for Don Purdy, Emergency Services Director, to come in and sit down with the Supervisors to talk about his observations and what he plans on doing next. Mr. Beach stated that it was also discussed the Town of Wells not having an Emergency Action Plan on file or anywhere. There is a plan to have a tabletop exercise in January and will make sure a copy gets to the County.

Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director, and Barbara Taylor, who is a local resident that the County currently contracts with through Public Health for Emergency Preparedness Coordination Services, entered the meeting.

Ms. Mahoney addressed the Board and handed out the Community Health Assessment for Hamilton County. She went over the acronyms included as well as reviewed the handout. In completing the Community Health Assessment, it does require the Boards approval. Public Health

has contracts with Adirondack Health Institute and Adirondack Regional Health Network. They have been meeting with them quarterly over the last 4-years, to put this plan together. It is based on the Governor's NYS Prevention Agenda. She talked about the 5 priority areas that the Governor wanted the plan to be created around. This plan is for the next 4-years. She thanked those of the Board that filled out the Community Health Stakeholders Survey and stated they also did the survey at Public Health. She thanked Ms. Taylor for all her work. She talked about the sunscreen project and the Health and Wellness Coalition. She discussed how connecting resources to create a stronger voice along with connecting funding sources. She stated that she had been contacted by SUNY Plattsburgh to possibly have an intern come on board from January to May. This person has to do 90 hours and she feels there are a lot of things this person can partner with. She mentioned the sunscreen project and succession planning as a couple of them. This person is interested in coming back to Hamilton County to work as she is pursuing community health work. The Chairman stated that he had asked Ms. Mahoney to include the request for an intern at the meeting. Mr. Seaman stated that he is a strong supporter of taking advantage of interns. Ms. Taylor discussed the instructions of filing the Community Health Assessment. After Mr. R. Wilt asked about some of the data given Ms. Mahoney stated that the information they received was hard to use because it was based on a population of 100,000. The Board asked for Ms. Mahoney to look into the percentages and get back to them. Ms. Mahoney asked the Board for approval of the Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan. The Chairman asked if there was a timeline. Ms. Taylor said that it has to be submitted by December 31st. The Chairman stated that a resolution should be added to the agenda. Ms. Mahoney stated she would write one.

Ms. Mahoney and Ms. Taylor left at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated since their last meeting, where they discussed moving Committee Day due to a conflict, a conflict had come up for the Organizational Meeting date as well.

RESOLUTION NO. 369-19

CHANGING ORGANIZATION MEETING DATE AND JANUARY 2020 COMMITTEE DAY

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, there is a conflict for the Organization Meeting previously scheduled for January 8, 2020, and

WHEREAS, there is a conflict for the January Committee Day previously scheduled for January 27, 2020, be it

RESOLVED, that the Organization Meeting previously scheduled for January 8, 2020 be hereby rescheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2020, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the January Committee Day previously scheduled for January 27, 2020 be hereby rescheduled for Friday, January 24, 2020.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

REPORT OF TAX COMMITTEE

Your Tax Committee has examined the several tax rolls of the County of Hamilton and finds that the taxes as set forth therein have been properly and accurately extended and it, therefore, recommends that the amounts as set forth as the taxes in said rolls be levied, assessed and fixed and determined as the taxes due from such persons, corporations and parcels of land set forth in the tax rolls. Your committee has also examined the tax warrants of each of the tax districts, as attached to said tax rolls and finds that the forms of said tax rolls are in accord with the provisions of the Real Property Tax Law, Sections 900 and 904, and that the amounts set forth in said Warrants be examined by the Clerk and Chairman of the Board, the County Seal affixed thereto and said rolls be delivered to the collectors of the several tax districts of the County.

Dated: December 20, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 370-19

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REPORT OF TAX COMMITTEE

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the Report of Tax Committee dated December 20, 2019 be accepted and that the several recommendations therein contained be adopted as the act and determination of this Board, that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorized to sign and seal said warrants for collections of said taxes on or before the third day of April 2020.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 371-19

**LEVYING 2020 COUNTY AND TOWN TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, APPROVING
THE COMPLETED TAX ROLLS, AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION AND
DELIVERY OF THE TAX WARRANTS**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Board of Supervisors a duly certified copy of the annual budget for each of the nine towns of Hamilton County for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has duly adopted its annual budget for the fiscal year 2020 on November 22, 2019, which budget provides for appropriation of funds in the total amount of \$21,841,759.00 and for a total tax levy of \$8,617,218.00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Town Law §115, the amounts specified in the annual town budgets, as adopted by the respective Town Boards, to be raised by tax or assessment shall be levied, assessed, raised and collected against, from, and upon the real property of the respective towns liable therefore at the time and in the manner provided by law for the levy of county taxes, and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to County Law §360, the amounts specified in the 2020 County budget to be raised by tax, amounting to \$8,617,218.00 be levied, assessed, raised and collected against, from, and upon the real property of the County liable therefore at the time and in the manner provided by law, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town and County taxes be extended against each parcel on said rolls, with such taxes as extended being hereby determined to be the taxes due on each such parcel as set forth thereon, and be it further

RESOLVED, that there be annexed to each of said rolls a tax warrant in the form prepared by the Director of Real Property, as provided by Real Property Tax Law §904, that such warrants should be in the respective amounts heretofore authorized to be levied upon said rolls, that under the seal of Hamilton County Board of Supervisors the said rolls with said warrants are to be forthwith collected within and from the several tax districts of the County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that such taxes and assessments, when collected, shall be paid to the Supervisor of the respective town and to the Hamilton County Treasurer in the amounts as shown on the Contents of Collectors Warrants for distribution by them in the manner provided by law.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 372-19

**AUTHORIZING THE RELEVY OF UNPAID SCHOOL TAXES AND VILLAGE OF
SPECULATOR TAXES ON THE 2020 TAX ROLLS**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. D. WILT:

WHEREAS, the School Districts within Hamilton County have transmitted to the Hamilton County Treasurer the amounts of unpaid school taxes duly verified and certified as provided by Real Property Law §§1330, and

WHEREAS, the unpaid school taxes, together with an additional 7% thereon, are subject to re-levy and collection pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §§1330, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Speculator has transmitted to the Hamilton County Treasurer the amounts of unpaid school taxes duly verified and certified as provided by Real Property Law §§1442, and

WHEREAS, the unpaid Village of Speculator taxes, together with an additional 7% thereon, are subject to re-levy and collection pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §§1442, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs that the amounts of 2019-2020 School Taxes remaining unpaid as of December 1, 2019 be re-levied upon the 2020 tax roll, and that any payments which are mailed and contain a postmark as of December 1, 2019 shall be deemed to have been actually received by the County Treasurer on said date, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs that the amounts of 2019-2020 Village of Speculator Taxes remaining unpaid as of November 1, 2019 be re-levied upon the 2020 tax roll, and that any payments which are mailed and contain a postmark as of November 1, 2019 shall be deemed to have been actually received by the County Treasurer on said date.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 373-19

RESOLUTION TO PAY 2020 SALARIES

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, this Board on November 22, 2019 adopted the Budget for 2020, and

WHEREAS, such Budget sets up salaries to be paid during the year 2020, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to pay said salaries bi-weekly, as set up in the Adopted Budget for 2020.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 374-19

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE YEAR 2020

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. SEAMAN:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 214 Subdivision 1 of the County Law, the Hamilton County Express be designated as the official Newspaper for the year 2020 for the County of Hamilton for publishing of official publications and notices and that this designation be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and notice of the designation be forwarded to the Secretary of State before January 1, 2020.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 375-19

FIXING ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF, REAL PROPERTY DIRECTOR, PERSONNEL OFFICER, COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. WELLS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Laws No. 1-6 of the year 2020 entitled respectively, "A Local Law Fixing the Annual Salary of the Hamilton County Sheriff, A Local Law Fixing the Annual Salary of the Hamilton County Real Property Director, A Local Law Fixing the Annual Salary of the Hamilton County Personnel Officer, A Local Law Fixing the Annual Salary of the Hamilton County Commissioner of Social Services, A Local Law Fixing the Annual Salary of the Hamilton County Highway Superintendent, A Local Law Fixing the Annual Salary of the Hamilton County Commissioners of the Board of Elections," be and the same are hereby introduced to the Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the copies of the aforesaid proposed Local Laws be laid upon the desks of each member of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing on each of the said proposed Local Laws at the County Office Complex, Route 8, Lake Pleasant, New York, on the 7th day of January, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the County of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2020
A LOCAL LAW FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE
HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF**

Legislative Intent: The Hamilton County Sheriff's annual salary for the year 2019 was set by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors at Ninety Thousand Five Hundred and Fourteen Dollars (\$90,514.00). That to bring the Hamilton County Sheriff's annual salary into conformity with the other appointed and elected officials, the annual salary for the Hamilton County Sheriff for the year 2020 will be Ninety-three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-six Dollars (\$93,586.00).

BE IT ENACTED, by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. That the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the Hamilton County Sheriff's annual salary for the year 2020 at Ninety-three Thousand Five Hundred Eight-six Dollars (\$93,586.00).
2. Insofar as the provisions of this local law are inconsistent with the provisions of other local laws or acts, the provisions of this local law shall be controlling.
3. This local law is subject to a referendum on petition and shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its adoption unless a petition protesting against such local law is filed with the Clerk and signed by qualified electors as required by law.

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2020
A LOCAL LAW FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE
HAMILTON COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX DIRECTOR**

Legislative Intent: The Hamilton County Real Property Tax Director's annual salary for the year 2019 was set by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors at Seventy-two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$72,100.00). That to bring the Hamilton County Real Property Tax Director's annual salary into conformity with the other appointed and elected officials, the annual salary for the Hamilton County Real Property Tax Director for the year 2020 will be Seventy-three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$73,823.00).

BE IT ENACTED, by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. That the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the Hamilton County Real Property Tax Director's annual salary for the year 2020 at Seventy-three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$73,823.00).
2. Insofar as the provisions of this local law are inconsistent with the provisions of other local laws or acts, the provisions of this local law shall be controlling.
3. This local law is subject to a referendum on petition and shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its adoption unless a petition protesting against such local law is filed with the Clerk and signed by qualified electors as required by law.

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF THE YEAR 2020
A LOCAL LAW FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE
HAMILTON COUNTY PERSONNEL DIRECTOR**

Legislative Intent: The Hamilton County Personnel Director's annual salary for the year 2019 was set by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors at Fifty-five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-two Dollars (\$55,522.00). That to bring the Hamilton County Personnel Director's annual salary into conformity with the other appointed and elected officials, the annual salary for the Hamilton County Personnel Director for the year 2020 will be Fifty-six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-seven Dollars (\$56,847.00).

BE IT ENACTED, by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. That the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the annual salary of the Hamilton County Personnel Director for the year 2020 at Fifty-six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-seven Dollars (\$56,847.00).
2. Insofar as the provisions of this local law are inconsistent with the provisions of other local laws or acts, the provisions of this local law shall be controlling.
3. This local law is subject to a referendum on petition and shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its adoption unless a petition protesting against such local law is filed with the Clerk and signed by qualified electors as required by law.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2020
A LOCAL LAW FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE
HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Legislative Intent: The Hamilton County Commissioner of Social Services' annual salary for the year 2019 was set by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors at Eighty-five Thousand Five Hundred Forty-two Dollars (\$85,542.00). That to bring the Hamilton County Commissioner of Social Services' annual salary into conformity with the other appointed and elected officials, the annual salary for the Hamilton County Commissioner of Social Services for the year 2020 will be Eighty-eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$88,446.00).

BE IT ENACTED, by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. That the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the annual salary of the Hamilton County Commissioner of Social Services for the year 2020 at Eighty-eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$88,446.00).
2. Insofar as the provisions of this local law are inconsistent with the provisions of other local laws or acts, the provisions of this local law shall be controlling.
3. This local law is subject to a referendum on petition and shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its adoption unless a petition protesting against such local law is filed with the Clerk and signed by qualified electors as required by law.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF THE YEAR 2020
A LOCAL LAW FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE
HAMILTON COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Legislative Intent: The Hamilton County Highway Superintendent's annual salary for the year 2019 was set by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors at Ninety-two Thousand Six Hundred Forty-three Dollars (\$92,643.00). That to bring the Hamilton County Highway Superintendent's annual salary into conformity with the other appointed and elected officials, the annual salary for the Hamilton County Highway Superintendent for the year 2020 will be Ninety-five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars (\$95,788.00).

BE IT ENACTED, by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. That the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the annual salary of the Hamilton County Highway Superintendent for the year 2020 at Ninety-five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars (\$95,788.00).
2. Insofar as the provisions of this local law are inconsistent with the provisions of other local laws or acts, the provisions of this local law shall be controlling.
3. This local law is subject to a referendum on petition and shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its adoption unless a petition protesting against such local law is filed with the Clerk and signed by qualified electors as required by law.

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF THE YEAR 2020
A LOCAL LAW FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE
HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Legislative Intent: The Hamilton County Commissioners of the Board of Elections annual salaries for the year 2019 were set by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors at Forty-seven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-four Dollars (\$47,424.00). That to bring the Hamilton County Commissioners of the Board of Elections annual salaries into conformity with the other appointed and elected officials, the annual salary for the Hamilton County Commissioners of the Board of Elections for the year 2020 will be Forty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Nine Dollars (\$49,509.00).

BE IT ENACTED, by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. That the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the annual salary of the Hamilton County Commissioners of the Board of Elections for the year 2020 at Forty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Nine Dollars (\$49,509.00).
2. Insofar as the provisions of this local law are inconsistent with the provisions of other local laws or acts, the provisions of this local law shall be controlling.

3. This local law is subject to a referendum on petition and shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its adoption unless a petition protesting against such local law is filed with the Clerk and signed by qualified electors as required by law.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman explained how the County has the Insurance Broker put the insurance package out for proposals periodically. The second piece to this has been an ongoing conversation regarding cyber security. This adds a Cyber Security package that puts us more inline where we need to be in this day and age. Mr. Seaman stated that the Town of Long Lake has had NYMIR since he has been in office and he feels that they are excellent. The Chairman added that the County has been happy with Selective also.

RESOLUTION NO. 376-19

SELECTION OF 2020 COUNTY INSURANCE PACKAGE

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Rose and Kiernan, Inc. solicited price quotes for the County Insurance package and Cyber Security, and

WHEREAS, the quotes have been reviewed, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby selects NYMIR Insurance to provide the County Insurance package for 2020, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby selects Beazley Insurance Company to provide Cyber Security for 2020.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 377-19

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BENSON, HOPE AND MOREHOUSE SHARED
SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR ACCOUNTING**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors set the agenda for developing a Shared Services Plan with all the Towns, Villages, and School Districts within Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, one of the Town requested priorities was to have the County develop the capacity to provide more Back Office functions to the Towns, including but not limited to Accounting, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has now worked out the details necessary to begin this implementation with the Towns of Benson, Hope and Morehouse, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the Towns of Benson, Hope and Morehouse to provide Bookkeeping Services for the year 2020, with the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Contracts will be in the following amounts:

Benson	\$7,800.00
Hope	\$9,700.00
Morehouse	\$7,800.00

and be it also

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be so authorized, plus the Clerk of the Board and the Personnel Officer be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 378-19

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY SOIL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Supervisors' Representatives to the Board of Directors of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District terminate December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint two (2) Supervisors as representatives to the Board of Directors of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors wishes to appoint John Stortecky and Richard Wilt as Supervisors' Representatives for a term of one-year commencing January 1, 2020 terminating December 31, 2020, be it

RESOLVED, that John Stortecky and Richard Wilt be appointed as Supervisors' Representatives for a term of one-year commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 20.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 379-19

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ETHICS

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, the term of office of David Scranton, member of the Hamilton County Board of Ethics terminates December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors that David Scranton continue as a member of the Board of Ethics, be it

RESOLVED, that David Scranton be appointed to the Hamilton County Board of Ethics for a term commencing January 1, 2020 terminating December 31, 2024.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that this was a statewide initiative among Cornell Cooperative Extension. They have not seen an increase in a number of years through NYS funding. They have been working with the people that Chair the

Agriculture Committees and Cornell has stepped in along with SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry to do some work asked relating to Open Space. It seemed like a good time for them to reinforce this request so they are out seeking support from their County partners. If NYS does its fair share there will be less pressure on the counties to do more.

RESOLUTION NO. 380-19

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE STATE SUPPORT FOR CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension is a formal collaboration between the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at USDA, New York State, County Governments and the citizens of the State that has served to apply unbiased, research-based knowledge for Cornell, New York's Land Grant University, to the needs of New Yorkers and their communities for over 100 years, and

WHEREAS, local extension educators are key community partners in helping to implement state initiatives including maximizing agriculture and local food systems, strengthening the economy, promoting healthier eating habits and access to good nutrition, fighting poverty particularly in rural areas, protecting water quality and stewardship of New York's natural resources, building opportunity through STEM based youth education and leadership skills in 4-H, promoting renewable energy options while protecting farmland resources, and partnering where appropriate in Taste NY initiatives to promote tourism and local food and farm businesses, and

WHEREAS, support from Federal, State and County sources is essential to the continued success of locally-governed county cooperative extension associations, and

WHEREAS, state appropriations for county cooperative extension associations to match county government appropriations as authorized by Section 224 (8) of the County Law have remained stagnant for twenty years, and

WHEREAS, state funding is needed to ensure that the Cornell Cooperative Extension system can equitably work for all New York residents through increased resources to support rural, suburban, and urban community development needs, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors supports increasing the State appropriation for Cornell Cooperative Extension associations to \$8 million, such funds to be distributed directly to the associations through Cornell University as agent for the state as provided by law.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 381-19

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO RENEWAL OF INTER-MUNICIPAL
AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX COUNTY FOR E911 SERVICE**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 145-04 on June 3, 2004 supporting the Town of Long Lake in participation in the Essex County E911 system, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 131-05 adopted on June 2, 2005 the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Essex County for 911 service for the Town of Long Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Long Lake has requested the County authorize renewal of the Essex County 911 agreement for 2020, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a renewal of the inter-municipal agreement on behalf of Hamilton County for the provision of E911 service to the Town of Long Lake through Essex County, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 382-19

**APPROVAL OF APPLICATION SOFTWARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED
BY SYSTEMS EAST, INC. FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE TAX COLLECTION**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the proposal to provide application software and support services to the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office, as well as the towns and school districts, for their tax collection has been submitted by Systems East, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office is satisfied with the services and support received from Systems East in the past, and

WHEREAS, an increase of \$80 over last year's agreement has been proposed for a total contract price of \$11,690.00 to cover the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, a portion of this contract price will be charged back to the towns and schools at the same level as last year (\$200.00 each), be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement as proposed and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 383-19

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in the Central Communications Account due to additions to the system in 2019, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to make the following transfer:

FROM: A1990.0401 Contingent	\$1,523.37
TO: A1650.0401 Central Communications	\$1,523.37

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 384-19

INCREASING PUBLIC SAFETY – COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. R. WILT:

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in the Public Safety account, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to increase Account No. A3020.0401 Public Safety Communication System by \$100.00 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2260.0100 911 System by \$100.00.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 385-19

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in a Emergency Management Account due to additional time required for the Deputy, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to make the following transfer:

FROM: A3640.404 Miscellaneous	\$1,115.00
TO: A3640.104 Temporary Staff	\$1,115.00

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 386-19

**AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN SAFE HARBOUR PROGRAM PROPOSAL
FOR HAMILTON COUNTY**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYS OCFS) has implemented the Safe Harbour Program as a statewide initiative to address Sexually Exploited Youth and trafficking of youth, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Youth Board has been selected by NYS OCFS to be the lead entity to create a Safe Harbour Program in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, NYS OCFS will provide seed funding up to \$30,000 for year 2020 to implement this program in Hamilton County upon approval by the State of a Safe Harbour Program Proposal and Budget for Hamilton County, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Director of Hamilton County Community Services and the Hamilton County Department of Social Services Commissioner to sign and submit the Hamilton County Safe Harbour Proposal and proposed budget to NYS OCFS for 2020.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 387-19

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WARREN COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND HAMILTON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Hamilton County Department of Social Services to enter into an agreement with Warren Office for the Aging for case management services, and

WHEREAS, the contract will be for the following program:

Title III-E January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 \$1,000.00

be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the agreement between the Department of Social Services and Warren/Hamilton County Office of the Aging, upon approval of the County Attorney, on behalf of the Hamilton County Department of Social Services.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Seaman stated that he and the Chairman had met with Robert Kleppang, Community Services Director, and Roberta Bly, Department of Social Services Commissioner, right before the meeting. There was some discussion on whether the County wants to continue to engage Berkshire in the future. Mr. Kleppang and Ms. Bly will be exploring the option of providing this service in-house rather than contracting out after this contract year. The Chairman added that the number of people Berkshire has served under the contract has remained pretty stable. In the last few months the number has dipped a little and being that it is a fixed amount contract Ms. Bly and Mr. Kleppang will be having a meeting with Berkshire to discuss. They are hoping that the meeting is before the CCSI Tier II meeting scheduled currently for January 6th.

RESOLUTION NO. 388-19

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH BERKSHIRE FARMS,
LAKE PLEASANT SCHOOL, LONG LAKE SCHOOL, INDIAN LAKE SCHOOL AND
WELLS SCHOOL FOR THE HOME RUN PROGRAM**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County contracted with Berkshire Farm, Lake Pleasant School, Wells Central School, Long Lake School and Indian Lake School for a Home Run Program, and

WHEREAS, the Home Run program has proved very successful and it continues to be supported financially in part by the four participating schools, and

WHEREAS, the CCSI Tier 2 Committee recommends continuation of the Home Run Program for 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has indicated that she has sufficient grant funds to cover the county share, and

WHEREAS, the 2020 contract would be for a total amount not to exceed \$164,419 running from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and serve all four school districts in Hamilton County 24 hours a day, seven days a week with the schools continuing to provide \$21,800.00 (\$5,450.00 per school) of the funding, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with Berkshire Farms, Lake Pleasant School, Long Lake School, Indian Lake School and Wells School for provision of the Home Run Program for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 under the terms and conditions set forth above and with approval of the County Attorney.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 389-19

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN OFFICE
FOR AGING AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE FOR TITLE III-E
FUNDING**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. D. WILT:

WHEREAS, Warren/Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging has grant monies available to provide respite Home Health Aide Services under Title III-E for seniors who are patients of the Certified Home Health Agency and require these services to provide respite for caregivers, and

WHEREAS, this agreement is for the period commencing January 1, 2020– December 31, 2020 for a total of \$10,000.00, and

WHEREAS, this anticipated funding was appropriated in the 2020 Municipal budget as a part of the budget development process, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement between the Office for the Aging and the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service upon approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 390-19

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO R&B CONSTRUCTION

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, R&B Construction has been doing emergency scour repairs to the County owned Dunning Brook culvert on Gilmantown Road in Wells, and

WHEREAS, this culvert sustained major scour damage from the storm on Halloween, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 335-19 authorizes a capital project for storm damage repairs and the Superintendent recommends making payment for repairs on Dunning Brook culvert to date, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment as follows:

\$31,835.85 out of Account No. H7.8760.401 made payable to:

R&B Construction, L.L.C.
1094 Bulls Head Road
Amsterdam, NY 12010

and the Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 391-19

AUTHORIZING FUNDING SOLID WASTE STUDY - 2019

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 348-18 created and funded Account No. A8161.406 Solid Waste Study, and

WHEREAS, at the end of 2018 there was a balance of \$8,000.00 in the account, and

WHEREAS, the DPW has been invoiced for ongoing work in 2019, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$8,000.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A8161.406 Solid Waste Study and the County Highway Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 392-19

CLOSE-OUT OF FLOOD MITIGATION CAPITAL PROJECT

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 227-12, established the Flood Mitigation Capital Project, D5112.2478, in response to the Damage caused by Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Lee of 2011, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County was awarded a NYS Grant in the amount of \$324,379.00, from the Empire State Development Corporation, administered by NYS DEC, which granted 100% reimbursement, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent has stated that all construction work is complete, all expenses are satisfied, and the County has received 100% state reimbursement, and that this capital project is now complete and can be officially closed, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the original balance of the Flood Mitigation Capital Project of \$324,379.00, be returned to the County Road Fund, and the interest earned on this account be transferred to the General Fund.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 393-19

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR DPW

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, Account No. DM5130.101 Personal Services (Mechanics) is over expended by \$3,931.93 because some payroll charges were inadvertently charged to this account that should have been charged to the County Road Fund personal services account for 2019, be it

RESOLVED, the following transfer be made:

From: Account No. D5110.101 Personal Services	\$3,931.93
To: Account No. DM5130.101 Personal Services	\$3,931.93

and the County Treasurer be so authorized to make the said transfer and the County Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 394-19

APPROVAL OF AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 2019 MERIT PAY

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has instituted a merit system for county employees, and

WHEREAS, the Internal Management Committee met on November 22, 2019 to review merit evaluations, be it

RESOLVED, that the Internal Management Committee recommends the following hourly merit increments:

SHERIFF

Jennifer Simons-Mattice December 28, 2019 to December 28, 2020 \$.77

COUNTY CLERK

Eileen Higgins December 17, 2019 to December 17, 2020 \$1.54

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Heather Fandozzi December 26, 2019 to December 26, 2020 \$.55

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made to cover the above 2019 merit pay:

FROM:	A1990.402	Contingent for Merit	\$3,595.90
TO:	A3150.101	Correction Officer	\$1,151.92
	A1410.104	Assistant Deputy County Clerk	\$2,428.58
	A4310.104	Clerk	\$15.40

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, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 395-19

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$51,625.10 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$103,634.48 presented by the County Superintendent of Highways and audited this day by the County Public Works Committee, be, and the same hereby are approved and audited.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 396-19

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL PROJECT
NO. 2017-1 HATCH BROOK BRIDGE AND CAPITAL PROJECT 2019-1
HALLOWEEN STORM**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. WELLS:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$225,064.99 by the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$18,421.84
Public Works (Solid Waste) Committee	30,381.12
Finance Committee	58,865.08
Health Committee.....	19,699.16
Human Services Committee.....	40,146.06
Central Government Committee	15,289.70
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	39,821.37
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	-0-
Internal Management Committee	2,440.66

be it further

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the following Capital Projects:

Hatch Brook Bridge Capital Project 2017-1.....	\$ 25,246.45
Halloween Storm Capital Project 2019-1.....	\$ 23,308.15

are hereby approved.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 397-19

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS – HATCH BROOK PROJECT

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Hatch Brook Bridge is completed, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 275-17 authorized funding the bridge project at \$910,000.00,
and

WHEREAS, that was the estimated amount for engineering, construction and construction inspection and the final cost of the project is \$957,263.26, be it

RESOLVED, that \$47,263.26 be transferred from the Unappropriated County Road Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. H6.5112.206 Hatch Brook Project and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 398-19

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND COMMUNITY
HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 2019

BY MR. D. WILT:

WHEREAS, it is required by NYSDOH that every 5 years the Local Health Departments submit a Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan, and

WHEREAS, it is required that this plan be approved by the Professional Advisory Committee and the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the 2019 Public Health Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,

FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports:

Mr. R. Wilt: Reported that the Federal Government announced their acceptance of Public Assistance. The Chairman stated that we don't have all the information on the Individual Assistance but Public Assistance did move forward. He discussed how the County had been contacted by the Rural Futures Group to see if we wanted to do a storm write-up for their quarterly newsletter. He then discussed the process of creating one. He thanked Don Purdy, Emergency Services Director, for the pictures. He discussed how in the write up the County was looking for Federal funding support and how the funding worked. How it was also used to remind the Legislature of this and how it was used to elevate the communication problem of both emergency and cellular. Once he receives the newsletter, he will forward it to the rest of the Board.

Mr. Wells: Stated that NYSDEC won the case for the Cedar River Bridge. It can be appealed. He stated how the tree cutting lawsuit will have to be done sometime soon. His opinion is that they will have to come up with something because it is too broad the way it is. The Town of Indian Lake was awarded \$909,000, plus some, for Blue Mountain Lake water. He is happy to get that. The Town also received a \$90,000 Grant for Strategic Branding and Regional Tourism. The Chairman stated how that will be helpful and congratulated the Town of Indian Lake.

Mr. Seaman: Wanted to make the Board aware that the State of the State is scheduled for January 8th and that it might be a conflict.

Mr. Frey: Stated that it has been a pleasure working with Clark Seaman, Donald Beach and Daniel Wilt. He thanked them for the work they had done and that they will be missed.

Mr. Stortecky: Stated that he is honored to be with this group.

Mr. Wells asked if he could have a few moments and then read a speech commemorating Mr. Seaman.

"I would like to thank the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for allowing me this time today to say a few words about one of our outgoing colleagues, Supervisor Clark Seaman. I would also like to thank the people of Long Lake who have supported Clark all these years that he was in office and the staff that has supported him to do the job as Supervisor. I can say that any time I ever stopped in to get Clark to go to a meeting I was met with great humor and broad smiles. I'm not sure if they were that happy to see me or if it was because I was taking him away for a while. He has always spoke highly of the office staff, town employees and the Town Board, yes even his brother Craig.

Clark has not only served the Town of Long Lake with distinction but also Hamilton County and the Adirondack Park. It's easier to be a Supervisor who works only for the benefit of his or her

own town. Thankfully Clark was one who saw the bigger picture and advocated at all levels for Long Lake, Hamilton County and the people of the Adirondacks.

Clark was instrumental in developing one of the most talked about and effective Adirondack Advocacy groups developed, The 5 Towns. As the kids would say “he is an OG” Original Gangster” Some would say Old Goat. Whether you agree with the concept or don’t you cannot argue with the success the 5 Towns has had. From grant funding, changes in how new land classification are being done, to the recognition in Albany of small Adirondack Towns banding together as a strategy for common goals and succeeding. I thank the Town of Long Lake for supporting this and supporting Clark in the role he has played in all of this.

For the last 8 years I have had the privilege of riding with Clark to Hamilton County Board of Supervisors meetings, committee day meetings, 5 Towns, Local Government Review Board, trips to Albany, various Challenges and way too many other meetings and events to even count. I estimate over two hundred trips together. I have had the privilege of riding in the Impala with the knowledge that a former professional truck driver is behind the wheel. That is a comforting feeling, unless it’s in January and you’re running 20 minutes late for a meeting in North Hudson and he swears he’s going to get you there on time. I don’t want you all to think that I have been freeloading rides from Clark all these years. I provide a very valuable service in my role as a passenger for Clark. When we arrive at our assorted destinations, I always ask him “You packing today?” Just in case. 10 out 10 times he is.

It seems today in politics you must be extreme or outlandish, Clark is none of these. He is straight forward and honest. He does not talk just to talk, and he doesn’t look to say something just to make the papers. But when he does talk you need to listen, it will be honest and logical. Whether in Albany talking to the Governor or riding in the Impala going to meetings it is practical, thought out and delivered with conviction and sincerity.

I would be amiss if I didn’t mention his love of family. From immediate to extended he speaks of all with great love. He wants you to think he’s a gruff old bear but start him talking about his grandchildren, his children or Gail and that old bear becomes a teddy bear. I’m going to miss our rides, our meetings and our talks. But most of all I’m going to miss my friend. Enjoy your second retirement you deserve it.

Thank you.”

After Mr. Wells’ speech, he added that the Five Towns wanted to acknowledge Clark Seaman for his service and leadership for the benefit of the Adirondack Community and presented him with a plaque.

The Chairman thank Mr. Seaman for everything he has done and presented him with a retirement gift basket on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Seaman thanked the Board and stated how the years as Supervisor were for the most part enjoyable and how everyone there had made the job worthwhile and clearly the most rewarding. He thanked them again and will miss them all.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. D. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Frey. Carried.