

2020

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

DECEMBER 3, 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	ABSENT
Hope	ABSENT
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: County Attorney and Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent

A motion was made to accept the minutes of November 5th, 9th, 12th and 17th, 2020 by Ms. Bain, seconded by Mr. Frey. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standings and Special Committees:

Mr. Wells: Stated that there was an Internal Management Committee meeting that morning for employee evaluations. He feels the evaluation went very well.

Mr. Frey: Stated his thanks again to everyone for their hard work on the budget.

Mr. Wilt joined the meeting.

Mr. Wilt: Stated that he is still working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to get the one tower a little bit higher. He is not sure that will happen but feels that it will work at the 45 feet. The Chairman stated that from their call that week he thought the consensus sounded like it may work with some tree cutting. He feels that if the microwave path study were to come back saying that it really has to be 53 feet then it would give them something substantive to go back to FAA with.

Mr. Arsenault: Shared his excitement about potentially incorporating the Buck Mountain Fire Tower as part of the Fire Tower Challenge. He stated that it needs some work but feels it will be very well used. The Chairman went on to elaborate about the Fire Tower Challenge and thanked Mr. Arsenault for his time on this.

Ms. Bain: Stated she had joined the earlier Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting but it started late and she had to switch to the Board Meeting so she didn't have anything. The Chairman stated he had been inadvertently dropped from the invitation list and that he wasn't sure how the PAC meeting got scheduled for the same time as the Board Meeting. He had spoken with Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director, regarding future scheduling.

Bid Opening:

Bid Specification No. 13-2020 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV

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| 1. Carbone Auto Group | \$38,428.00 Delivered |
| 5043 Commercial Drive | |
| Yorkville, NY 13495 | |

A motion was made by Mr. Arsenault to accept the bid and refer it to committee, seconded by Mr. Frey. Carried.

During the Chairman's introduction he stated that Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, had sent the Board a copy of the letter the NYS County Highway Superintendents Association signed, including everyone in the North Country region, related to road salt and specifically the road salt litigation. He felt that it was a good idea for Mr. Eldridge to join one of their meetings to discuss rather than through email.

Mr. Eldridge asked the Board if they had received the copy of the letter and if they had a chance to read it. He addressed how road salt is a tricky subject. He feels that this is a feel-good legislation and a win for the environmentalists. The players involved have no road expertise and feels that if they really do want to make a difference, they need that on the task force. He stated that the Association is still going to try to push getting professionals on the task force to get that balanced approach. The Chairman asked the Board their opinion on helping Mr. Eldridge anyway possible and then offered their help by sending a letter or adopting a resolution if he wanted it. Mr. Eldridge stated that the County will have to fight the battle for NYSDOT as well. The Chairman stated that Mr. Eldridge had a resolution on the agenda and asked the Board to look at it to see if there was an easy fix to better position the County. Including that there was always the option of reinforcing the issue of appointments. Mr. Eldridge stated that if the resolution were tabled until the next meeting, to further discuss, he didn't feel that it would hinder anything. He and the Chairman discussed chapter amendments. The Chairman further discussed doing a draft resolution where all the colleagues endorse and then get it out to all the County's where they are represented as well as the State Associations. Mr. Eldridge stated that he would make the changes then send it to his colleagues for their opinion before submitting it to the Board for December 18th.

Mr. Wells left the meeting during Mr. Eldridge's discussion.

Mr. Eldridge updated the Board regarding the fuel tanks in Indian Lake at Department of Social Services as well as the County Clerk/Jail in Lake Pleasant. The tank has been replaced in Indian Lake. He received a bid from R.L. Dalrymple for \$12,448.63 but when the tank was removed there was some contamination. The amount they removed was around 12 ton. They have had the soil tested and hope to get it closed up soon. The cost had gone up because the geologist spent more time than expected. The total cost is now \$17,005.87. He will be doing a resolution for December 18th. He stated that they have also figured out the heating problem for the Indian Lake building as well. The tank has been removed at County Clerk's in Lake Pleasant. The soil was clean and the close out report has been completed. Since everything is tore up, he decided to replace the lines going into the jail as well as the Courthouse. But, given the weather, he has postponed this until spring along with the drainage. This project will all be done in-house. He will be billed for the piping ordered through R.L. Dalrymple and he will do a resolution to pay for that. The Chairman stated that he feels the Board doesn't have any other option. Mr. Eldridge stated that there is a good temporary tank fueling County Clerk for the time being.

Mr. Eldridge stated that the overhead lights in the parking lot of the Indian Lake building need to be replaced. He originally thought it was a timer issue but found it is not. Mark Stuart, Building Project Supervisor, has ordered the lights and he hopes to have them done early that following week.

Mr. Eldridge stated that there needs to be something done about the scale at the Lake Pleasant Transfer Station. He also brought up an incident that occurred at the Indian Lake Transfer Station. He and Mr. Wells had met that morning with the employees that work there. During the conversation they realized they should put an ad in the paper stating the Transfer Station will be closed between 12-1PM. He feels that it makes sense so the employees have a chance to take a lunch break. The Chairman asked if he would like to go into an Executive Session. Mr. Eldridge stated that he would.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Mr. Frey for Mr. Eldridge to brief the Board on an employee related incident in Indian Lake at the transfer station, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.

A motion to go back into Open Session was made by Mr. Frey, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.

The Chairman reported in Executive Session the discussion was about an employee and their specific performance. No action was taken.

Mr. Frey stated that in Inlet they have been having issues with commercial people pulling in with full loads 5 minutes before closing. They have changed to 10 hour shifts since COVID started and are going to keep doing that going forward. It's mandatory to give the employees a 1-hour lunch break and found closing 15 minutes prior gives the people time to clear out. Thought it was food

for thought since Mr. Eldridge was considering doing the same thing at the Indian Lake Transfer Station. Mr. Eldridge thanked him for that and stated he was still working on the logistics. Once he has it figured out, he will be putting it in the paper for the public. He stated that Mr. Wells did strongly agree with this.

Mr. Eldridge stated that they are getting close to snow and ice mode. The guiderail is being installed on Gilmantown Road and should be completed in a week. He talked about bridges for both Fayle and Haskell Road Bridge in February. Will also be doing the Oxbow culvert at the same time.

The Chairman thanked him for joining the meeting and also for discussing road salt. Mr. Eldridge left the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 303-20

CALENDAR SCHEDULE OF REGULAR SESSIONS FOR THE YEAR 2021

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the attached calendar as submitted by the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors be set up through November 4, 2021 with dates for the Annual Session determined at a later date, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Committee meetings shall be held on the Monday, eleven days prior to the regular Board meeting.

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

AYES: WILT, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON AND WELLS

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COURTHOUSE
Lake Pleasant, New York 12108

2021 Annual Meeting Calendar presented December 3, 2020
All meetings will start at 10:30 A.M. except when otherwise stated.

MEETING

CUT OFF DATE

	DATE	SUBMISSION OF BILLS
Organization Meeting 2PM	January 7, 2021	December 31, 2020
February Meeting	February 4	January 26, 2021
March Meeting	March 4	February 23
April Meeting	April 1	March 23
May Meeting	May 6	April 27
June Meeting	June 3	May 25
July Meeting	July 1	June 22
August Meeting	August 5	July 27
September Meeting	September 2	August 24
October Meeting	October 7	September 28
November Meeting	November 4	October 26

Committee meeting shall be held on the Monday, eleven days prior to the regular Board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 304-20

AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF CHARGEBACKS TO TOWNS

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to levy, from towns as accumulated charge backs accrued, consisting of charge backs from corrections to the tax bills and for tax refunds, as well as any other incidental charges to the towns of Hamilton County as follows:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Drug and Alcohol Testing</u>	<u>Assessment Roll/Bill Printing</u>	<u>Election Expenses</u>	<u>Refund Over Pmts Court Orders/ Clerical Errors</u>	<u>Consolidated Health District</u>
Arietta	\$691.33	\$2,035.85	6,995.20	0	
Benson	496.30	850.25	6,987.17	0	
Hope	447.52	926.65	6,650.77	0	
Indian Lake	788.84	4,599.35	13,315.22	0	
Inlet	1,227.69	2,351.85	6,850.35	0	
Lake Pleasant	886.36	2,893.90	7,015.71	0	\$60,500.00
Long Lake	788.84	3,715.00	13,973.07	0	
Morehouse	545.03	1,536.40	6,316.15	0	
Wells	740.06	1,805.55	7,090.70	0	
Totals	\$6,611.97	\$20,714.80	\$75,194.34	\$0.00	\$60,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charge backs be included in the appropriate town's share of the 2021 County tax levy and to be included in the County tax rate applicable to each town.

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

AYES: WILT, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON AND WELLS

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Frey stated that he was okay with the Treasurer's Office having the software even though Inlet had gotten rid of it. The Chairman stated the Treasurer's Office would not object to finding a different software package but have found the upgrades to be expensive. He gave the Treasurer's Office credit for finding ways to make improvements within the existing software. Mr. Frey agreed.

RESOLUTION NO. 305-20

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

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2020

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 \$163 over last year's agreement has been proposed for a total contract price of \$11,853.00 to cover the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, 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. Arsenault and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON AND WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 306-20

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNS OF BENSON, HOPE, LAKE PLEASANT AND MOREHOUSE SHARED SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR ACCOUNTING IN 2021

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2020

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, the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office has been providing Back Office functions, including but not limited to Accounting, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Treasurer's Office would like to continue these functions, 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, Lake Pleasant and Morehouse to provide Bookkeeping Services for the year 2021, 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
Lake Pleasant	\$13,500.00
Morehouse	\$ 7,800.00

and be it also

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

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

AYES: WILT, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON AND WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 307-20

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER TO SUBMIT A
RETIREMENT CREDIT ADJUSTMENT REPORT TO THE NYS RETIREMENT
SYSTEM**

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the County Historian required reduction in Retirement credits being reported to the NYS Retirement System due to reduced working hours in the past several months, and

WHEREAS, in reviewing current reporting to accomplish the reduction in credit, it was determined that the County Historian had not re-adjusted the Record of Activity (ROA) over the past several years revealing reporting at the 2016 hours level which was more than earned, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to send an adjustment report to the NYS Retirement System based on the corrected hours provided by the Historian and a review and reconciliation by the Treasurer's Office of corrected versus reported hours, and be it further

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

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

AYES: WILT, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON AND WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 308-20

FUNDING NYS CDBG PROJECT # 500HR345-18

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County was awarded NYS CDBG Project # 500HR345-18 in the amount of \$240,000.00, and

WHEREAS, this grant has not been expended, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to fund the following accounts:

Revenue:

CD.4089 Federal Aid, CDBG-Housing Rehab Grant #500HR345-18	\$240,000.00
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Expenditure:

CD.8668.401 Community Development, Rehab Loans and Grants	\$240,000.00
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Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON AND WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 309-20

RESOLUTION TO FUND COUNTY RCORP PROGRAM – COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2020

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services (HCCS) participates in the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) grant with Citizens Advocates, Inc. and the Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center (HM AHEC) who is the recipient of the grant, and

WHEREAS, Citizens Advocates, Inc. receives funding from the grant from the HM AHEC as they hold the certification for Substance Use Disorder treatment services provided by HCCS, and

WHEREAS, an agreement has been authorized by Hamilton County and Citizens Advocates that will allow Citizens Advocates, Inc. to pass through funding from the grant over the next three years from the HM AHEC to HCCS to provide local services, trainings and support identified in the RCORP grant, and

WHEREAS, the amount for 2020 is \$10,000.00, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Treasurer to create Revenue Account No. A2280.0300 CS RCORP Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to be totally offset by creating Expenditure Account No. A4310.0413 CS RCORP Grant in the amount of \$10,000 as to allow utilization of this funding by Hamilton County Community Services.

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

AYES: WILT, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON AND WELLS

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman reminded the Board that No. 9 on the agenda, Resolution in Support of the New York State County Highway Superintendents Association was removed based on their earlier discussion with Mr. Eldridge. During that discussion they had decided that some things had changed in the interim and how Mr. Eldridge will be reworking it to then resubmit.

RESOLUTION NO. 310-20

**APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD AND ALCOHOL AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUBCOMMITTEE**

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2020

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Community Services Board can recommend reappointments to the Community Services Board and its subcommittees, and

WHEREAS, one member of the Community Services Board has a term that is expiring, and

WHEREAS, this same member's term on the Community Services Board's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee is expiring, be it

RESOLVED, that William Farber of Morehouse be reappointed to the Community Services Board with a term expiring December 31, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that William Farber also be reappointed to the Community Services Board's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee with a term to expire December 31, 2024 and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON AND WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 311-20

**AUTHORIZING INCREASED FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECT HALLOWEEN
STORM 2019**

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2020

BY MR. MAURO:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 236-20 authorized appropriations of \$400,000.00 for repairs of damage from the Halloween Storm of 2019, and

WHEREAS, the DPW has been continuing repairs from the damage and needs more funding to continue the damage repairs, and

WHEREAS, DPW Superintendent recommends the transfer of \$300,000.00 from the County Road Fund balance to fund these ongoing repairs, be it

RESOLVED, that \$300,000.00 be transferred from the Unappropriated County Road Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Capital Project Account No. H7.8760.401 Halloween Storm 2019 and that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to make the said transfer and the Clerk of the Board and County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON AND WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 312-20

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$66,296.06 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$117,636.47 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. Arsenault and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON AND WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 313-20

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECT 2019-1 HALLOWEEN STORM

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$215,531.51 by the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$20,945.74
Public Works (Solid Waste) Committee	69,603.74
Finance Committee	33,833.73
Health Committee.....	25,937.38
Human Services Committee.....	17,568.15
Central Government Committee	20,532.70
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	23,361.90
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	3,122.60
Internal Management Committee	625.57

be it further

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

Halloween Storm Capital Project 2019-1.....\$ 190,924.91

are hereby approved.

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

AYES: WILT, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON AND WELLS

The Chairman stated how the agenda was light for this meeting. Normally there are the Public Health's renewal contract resolutions but unfortunately Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director, wasn't able to get to them.

Mr. Wilt left the meeting.

Other Reports:

Mr. Mauro: Stated that he saw that the guiderails were going in today on Gilmantown Road.

The Chairman stated that there was the first Police Reform meeting. He thought that it was very well attended and that there was a great conversation had. They were able to identify some sectors that still need to be added. There is some research that still needs to be done and are continuing to refine the participants. There should be a subsequent meeting planned in the near future.

The Chairman stated that there was the first meeting for the Recreational Amenity. He feels the meeting went well and was extremely well attended. He thanked all that were involved. He hopes that they can continue to promote the idea of doing these meetings and bringing everyone up to speed. The next meeting is scheduled for December 15th at 9AM. He feels there will be a good agenda and went into what the agenda will look like.

The Chairman stated that the County has agreed to the Verizon lease. He hopes to get the paperwork executed that afternoon and that can move forward.

The Chairman stated that Public Health has done some robust COVID testing due to Thanksgiving. There is another schedule being worked on for the following week. He reminded the Board to help Ms. Mahoney out with test sites if needed. He stated that Adirondack Health Institute (AHI) would also be back the following week to help with testing in Long Lake and Inlet. He further discussed the tracing end of it and how it is becoming increasingly more difficult.

The Chairman stated that he, Mr. Frey and Mr. Stortecky have been working with Roberta Bly, DSS Commissioner, and Robert Kleppang, Community Services Director, to try to strengthen what the County does through the Home Run Program. They came up with a model that has since been tested with the school superintendents. They were favorably supportive. He, Ms. Bly and Mr. Kleppang have spoken with Berkshire Farms and are waiting to hear back. He is hopeful to then be able to talk with CCSI and the County Board by the following week about what's going on. Will then hopefully have a resolution to implement for December 18th.

Mr. Frey thanked the Chairman for setting up AHI to come help with testing and thanked Public Health for all their hard work.

Recess until December 18, 2020 at 10:30 AM.