

ORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2014

2:00 P.M.

Lake Pleasant, New York

Pursuant to call regularly made by the Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, said Board convened in the Chambers at the County Court House at 2 P.M. The Deputy Clerk of the Board, Cheryl Paestella, opened the session by leading the members of the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, an opening prayer and roll call with the following Supervisors present:

Arietta	Richard A. Wilt
Benson	Phillip Snyder
Hope	Robert Edwards
Indian Lake	Brian Wells
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Neil P. McGovern
Long Lake	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Brian Towers

Also present: Pete Klein, Press

The Deputy Clerk of the Board announced the first order of business is nomination of a Temporary Chairman.

Mr. Frey nominated Brian Towers, seconded by Mr. McGovern. Carried.

Mr. Towers opened the floor for nominations for Chairman; Mr. Edwards nominated Mr. William Farber. As there were no other nominations, Mr. Towers called for a vote on the nomination. Approved by all.

Mr. Farber thanked everyone for their continued support. Mr. Farber stated that it is his pleasure to serve as Chairman of this body; you truly are a great group of people to work with.

The Chairman stated the next item on the agenda is to appoint a Deputy Chairman.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-14

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR EDWARDS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Supervisor Brian Towers is hereby appointed Deputy Chairman for the year 2014.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Snyder and asked him if he had anything to report, Mr. Snyder stated no.

Mr. Towers: There are a number of resolutions on the agenda regarding highway. There has been a discussion about a job classification change; hopefully, if anyone had questions they have been addressed.

In regards to Special Committees Mr. Towers announced that the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages along with their partner CDG in Cap 21 will be bringing the web portal portion of their web app products on-line tomorrow. As soon as he has a web page he will get it out to everyone. Last Friday they reviewed it off-line and he thinks everyone will be impressed on how interactive it is going to be. They expect the app portion of this will be up and running next week. If there are things in your community that are missing, please reach out to Mr. Osborne, that is the easiest way for them to direct concerns at the county level that need to be taken to the regional level. The Chairman stated that the details of how Mr. Osborne's office will function are still in the works, he believes that the contact will probably be Dean Nervik. Once Mr. Nervik gets the information he will get it to ROOST. For now, getting the updates to Mr. Osborne will get the updates done immediately.

Mr. Frey: Asked for support for Resolution No. 9, which appoints Frank Mezzano as Budget Officer.

Mr. Edwards: There was an Internal Management Committee meeting on December 30th; he asked for support for Resolution No. 30 regarding Merit pay.

Mr. McGovern: The Planning, Tourism, Economic Development and Publicity Committee will be meeting on the 16th with ROOST. The transition is beginning and it will start taking shape in the months to come.

The Chairman stated ROOST plans on being here in the morning and then going to Indian Lake, Blue Mountain Lake, Long Lake and then Inlet to meet with the Chambers. He feels this will be a good introduction of ROOST and what they can provide. The Chairman encouraged everyone to take advantage of what he believes will be a great service to the county.

The Chairman stated that everyone understands why Laura isn't here and publicly wanted to thank Cheryl for a good job.

The Chairman reported that the County Attorney is stuck out of state due to weather.

Senator Farley called to express his regret that he could not make the meeting today. He would like to join us for a future meeting.

STATE OF THE COUNTY:

The Chairman stated he feels this is a great Board to work with. Each and every accomplishment that we are able to see through to fruition is in large due to this Board and the people in this room and your commitment jointly to Hamilton County. He has served with a number of Supervisors throughout the years and this Board really works together as well, if not better, than any other Board he has had the privilege to work with. He feels it really makes a difference when everyone is on the same page, trying to accomplish the same things. He feels that people elect them because they have a perspective on how government should work and what the priorities should be. He doesn't believe that they get elected to be inflexible. It's about their ability to get things done and remember what it is that we are supposed to accomplish in government.

We are very fortunate in Hamilton County that we have county employees that he would put up against the county employees of any other county. He has been active in the New York State Association of Counties for a number of years, and he has served on various standing committees. He gets the opportunity to talk to County Executives, other Board Chairs, County Administrators; and when you think about what some of the other counties face in terms of issues regarding county departments struggling to get along etc., it is amazing just how well we function, how good our staff is, how few problems we have. As much as we deserve some of the credit for our success he feels a lot of that goes to our Department Heads and our employees and to a great degree he doesn't feel excellence is an exaggeration.

We have made consistent progress within the Building Department. The grounds around the county buildings in Lake Pleasant and Indian Lake consistently look very good, better than in a number of years. Internally within the buildings, we have gotten things cleaned up and done that were overdue.

Regarding Public Works and Solid Waste, amazingly we have consistently made progress on the Highway side as far as roads and bridges despite some of the cuts that Highway has experienced over the years. That's not to say that we aren't grateful to be in a position where we were able to restore money to the Highway budget during the 2014 budget process. It has been long overdue. We were continuing to maintain the status quo, but we are now at a point where we can get back on the right track.

We should also be pleased that we took our fuel consolidation project to the next level. We are now expanding and we will have a system that is universal with the same keys; so that fire apparatus, school buses, municipal trucks etc., can fuel up whether you're in Arietta, Lake Pleasant, Indian Lake or Long Lake. He hopes that this isn't the end of the conversations we have about the opportunities that exist particularly with Highway. There is so much of what we

do that we are already doing together that he feels this is an area that is right for some additional opportunities in the way of long term planning. We have talked about the idea of coming together with a consultant and talking about a bolder application with respect to shared services or whether it's just breathing new life into those conversations and talking about things that we can do without a grant; he feels there is an opportunity to move forward and do some of that, particularly now with our own County Highway Department in a position that money isn't quite so hard to come by in terms of them being able to do upkeep on our roads and bridges. It will create more projects on county roads in the various towns. He feels we will see the need for shared services for more of those types of projects.

With respect to Finance, in 2013 we welcomed back Frank Mezzano and his ability to help us distill down the information that we need to make decisions. He brings that skill set of knowing what it is like to be a Supervisor and knows what he wanted to see in the way of numbers, which makes it very easy for him to understand and foresee what we are looking for as a Board. The Chairman encouraged the members not to wait until budget time but to reach out to him early and talk about the areas in the budget that are a concern or that they need more information. We had success in 2013 and we came in under the cap, but the challenges will continue for the counties. We haven't seen the end of the shift of costs to county government. We are seeing more and more of an emphasis with the Health Care Reform; how do we start getting private insurance to pay a portion of these programs? We are going to start to see this on the Mental Health side which will create some significant new challenges for departments such as Community Services that have not historically dealt with that aspect of providing service. They have been a service oriented organization, they have been able to focus on how they provide service to the youth population, how they engage other groups, these changes are going to force them to look at how they bill for services, how they pay for it.

Regarding Health and Human Services, he feels that Roberta has done a great job as DSS Commissioner. She has taken on new programs, her willingness to work with a new Caseworker and be more involved in WIA, and make sure that the job service piece is more available. We all understand that the clients that she serves are hard to serve. The reality is if we don't try to serve them we simply end up paying for them. The system really has tools that are designed to give us the ability to get people back into the workforce. We ought to be utilizing those tools that are provided to us. What many of us have seen wrong with the program is simply extending unemployment benefits with really no emphasis on how we put people back to work. Safety nets are intended to be just that, a safety net. When they start to take on a level of permanency through extensions, they lose their value and credibility as a safety net. They start to become an impediment to putting people back to work rather than something that protects people during an interim period.

Central Government has been exciting. We had two EMS classes that started this fall; training over forty EMT's in Hamilton County, which is a huge number for us. He has never seen that many being trained in one year. When you put that together with the fact that we are the benefactor of a two and a half million dollar radio grant to upgrade our communication system; this is a great opportunity for us. It is an opportunity to improve the communication system within Hamilton County and also an opportunity, with the PSAP Grant that we got earlier this year, to move our dispatch center in the Sheriff's Office up to the next generation and make sure

not only when we make those upgrades that the Sheriff has what he needs but to make sure that we can communicate with the entirety of the county.

Our Department Heads in general are strong and stable. Whether it is EMS, Community Services, County Clerk, Probation and the other departments, we really do have a stable workforce, people that get the work done. The departments run so well that sometimes when there is the idea that we need to change something it is difficult to convince people that there is a need for change. We have provided the service that the constituents wanted and the idea of changing is counterintuitive. The challenge for us is how we convey that, yes we have been doing this very well, yes we have been providing a great service but there is always room to do it a little better. We are impacted by the forces around us. We can't be stagnant, we have to evolve and change with the factors around us. A good example is Planning, Tourism and Economic Development, when you have a change you also have an opportunity.

We should be excited and proud of what was accomplished in 2013. We had the opportunity to be part of hosting the first Adirondack Day in Albany. It was an event that Legislators and staff rated as one of the best events they had ever been to. They thought it generally created a very rich understanding of what is here in the Park, that it is more than just streams, fields and great outdoors. We had displays that showcased educational institutions, museums and small businesses within the Park. That was the first annual, this year 2014 the day will be May 5th in the Well of the LOB, we will have a larger space this year.

2013 also brought the Adirondack Challenge. The level of visibility it brought to Indian Lake, whitewater rafting, and Hamilton County was publicity that we couldn't afford to purchase. It was a level of recognition that will stick with people. We need to figure out how, through events, to capitalize on that. How to build on it, make it better, make it something that is sustainable that benefits more of the communities in Hamilton County.

For Internal Management it's important that we go through the steps to update evaluations. He feels it is important that this Board make a commitment to getting the Department Head evaluations done. We need to be the force that reminds people that we are going to do it.

The Chairman stated that we have had some successes that weren't necessarily simply County Board efforts that we participated in in 2013. One of the most amazing efforts was the way the Five Towns organized and worked together. They really accomplished something that most people thought could not be accomplished, in terms of commitments to recreation on lands that were slated to be classified in 2013. They got classifications that will allow the recreation that was important to the Five Towns. Will it allow every type of recreation in every area that we might have dreamed of, absolutely not, but certainly it sustained the opportunities for those core areas of recreation. As most of us have learned, this is not the end of the fight or the end of the process when it comes to these State Agency processes; the classification is only part of it. We need to make sure we get successful amendments to the river rights, that we get successful UMP development and that we have success in getting the projects that are identified in the UMP's implemented.

We had great success on Ballot Proposals; the idea that we could get an overwhelming turnout statewide on Township 40 was a wonderful thing. The fact that Proposition Five passed he thinks amazed many.

We continue to face challenges in Hamilton County; whether its loss of funding, loss of population, or diminished lodging opportunities, he is still optimistic that this group of people in this room and the county employees are up to the task and it is with great sincerity that he appreciates the opportunity to serve again in 2014.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2-14

RESOLUTION TO NAME CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

RESOLVED, that Laura A. Abrams be and hereby is named Clerk of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for a term of two years commencing January 1, 2014, ending December 31, 2015 and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated this is the approval of the 2014 – 2015 Rules of Order that was passed out. It has the change of Committees that we have discussed the past three of four months. We are adding one Committee, eliminating the separate Solid Waste and putting that under the Public Works Committee, splitting apart Central Government in a way that allows a greater focus on the Emergency Preparedness in part to deal with the implementation of the communications grant and separating the Health and Human Services into a Health Committee that deals with health aspects and Human Services that retains the Human Service Agencies.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-14

RULES OF ORDER

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Section 153 subdivision 8 of the County Law is required to adopt the Rules of its Proceedings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the Rules of Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County 2014-2015, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid rules shall be applicable to the proceedings of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for the years 2014 and 2015.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 4-14

INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the Investment Policy for the County of Hamilton is to be renewed on a annual basis, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer recommends the banks where monies are deposited and the maximum amount as follows:

NBT: \$15,000,000.00 (Fifteen Million)
Community Bank: \$10,000,000.00 (Ten Million)
Key Bank: \$5,000,000.00 (Five Million)
JP Morgan: \$10,000,000.00 (Ten Million)
Bank of America: \$5,000,000.00 (Five Million)

be it

RESOLVED, that the above listed amendments be adopted and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 5-14

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT – 2014 COUNTY INSURANCE PACKAGE

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors awarded the County Insurance Package to Rose & Kiernan, Inc. with Selective Insurance as the carrier effective January 1, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the current premiums and the Commercial Crime Policy are due and payable at this time, be it

RESOLVED, that payment due in the amount of \$122,765.54 for the period January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 be hereby approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that payment due in the amount of \$1,365.00 for the Commercial Crime Policy for the period of January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014 be hereby approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to make payment at this time by issuing a check to Rose & Kiernan, Inc., in the amount of \$122,765.54 from the several accounts for insurance, and be it further

RESOVLED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to make payment at this time by issuing a check to Rose & Kiernan, Inc., in the amount of \$1,365.00 for Invoice No. 16473 Commercial Crime Policy from Account No. A1910.401 Unallocated Insurance.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 6-14

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT – WORKERS COMPENSATION

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors determined on December 30, 2013 to award the County Workers Compensation package to PERMA for 2014 and 2015, and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that taking advantage of the two year rate discount, the non-auditable payroll benefit, and the year two (2015) guaranteed (loss adjusted) rate, are all benefits to Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the County is in receipt of the annual premium from PERMA for Workers Compensation in the amount of \$139,960.00 based on the two year rate agreement, and

WHEREAS, the County is only eligible for this premium if said premium is paid in full by January 15, 2014, be it

RESOLVED, that the premium be paid in the amount of \$139,960.00 from the 2013 Budget charging the several accounts so noted for Employee Benefits Workers Compensation and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman explained that this basically picks up some changes that have occurred since the adoption of the 2014 budget and one item that was an oversight in the 2014 budget. The changes are pertaining to the Assistant District Attorney, the presentation by ANCA and the filling of the Assistant County Attorney with someone who will be coming in at a lower rate.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-14

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – 2014 BUDGET

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, several small changes have been identified as necessary in the 2014 Budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfers in the 2014 Budget, are hereby authorized:

FROM:	AMOUNT:	TO:
A1420.0102	\$7,200.00	A1165.0106
A1420.0102	\$ 500.00	A6510.0401
A1420.0102	\$1,000.00	A6326.0407
A1420.0102	\$1,619.00	A1010.0408

and also be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 8-14

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY AND SETTING THE SALARY FOR
THE ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY**

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, Section 500 of Article 11 of the County Law of the State of New York provides that the Board of Supervisors of each County shall appoint a County Attorney, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, State of New York, hereby appoints Attorney Charles R. Getty, Jr. of the Town of Lake Pleasant, County of Hamilton, as County Attorney of the County of Hamilton, as provided by Section 500, Subdivision 1 of the County Law for a term of office commencing January 1, 2014 ending December 31, 2015, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the salary of the County Attorney be paid from County Attorney Account No. A1420.101 Personal Services \$69,972.00 per annum in bi-weekly installments and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised, and be it further

RESOLVED, that due to the December 31, 2013 retirement, of the prior Assistant County Attorney, the salary for the position of Assistant County Attorney for 2014 is hereby reduced to and set at \$38,000.00, and the County Treasurer and the Personnel Officer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Frey welcomed Mr. Mezzano back.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-14

APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET OFFICER

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. FREY:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Frank Mezzano is hereby appointed Budget Officer for a term January 1, 2014 ending December 31, 2014.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 10-14

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY HISTORIAN

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the Education Law, Section 148, of the State of New York provides that the Board of Supervisors of each County shall appoint a County Historian, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, State of New York, hereby appoints William R. Zullo of Indian Lake as County Historian for a term of two years commencing January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2015, at an annual salary of \$11,071.00 paid from Account No. A7510.101 in bi-weekly installments and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-14

APPOINTMENT OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES DIRECTOR

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. FREY:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Herbert W. Schmid is hereby appointed Weights & Measures Director for a term January 1, 2014, ending December 31, 2015 at annual salary of \$13,703.00 paid from Account No. A6610.101 and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14

**APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, FIRE
COORDINATOR AND EMS COORDINATOR**

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Gordon L. Purdy, II is hereby appointed Director of Emergency Services for a term of January 1, 2014 ending December 31, 2014 at an hourly rate of \$21.733 paid from Account No. A3640.101, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jay Griffin is hereby appointed Fire Coordinator for the term of January 1, 2014 ending December 31, 2014 at an annual salary of \$7,141.00 from Account No. A3640.103, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Gary L. Wickes is hereby appointed EMS Coordinator for the term of January 1, 2014 ending December 31, 2014 at an annual salary of \$7,141.00 from Account No. A3640.102 and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

The Chairman stated with respect to resolution number thirteen there was a change that Benson requested; they wanted to add an alternate. The Chairman handed out a replacement resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-14

HAMILTON COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Fire Coordinator, has requested the appointment of a County Fire Advisory Board, and

WHEREAS, County Law Section 225-a provides the authority for the County Board of Supervisors to make such appointments, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Coordinator has worked through the Fire Chiefs from the various Fire Departments within Hamilton County to develop a list of representatives, as well as alternates in some instances, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors also has the authority to appoint a representative from those towns which are not serviced by a Department, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be made for the term of January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014:

Benson	John G. Stortecky, James Lewek
Blue Mountain Lake	Chief Greg George, Ass't Chief Charles Bruso
Hope	Chief Peter Robinson, Ass't Chief Eric Robinson
Indian Lake	Chief Paul Strain, Stephen King
Inlet	Garret Hoffman
Lake Pleasant	Chief Bill Wharton, Ass't Chief Chris Hayes
Long Lake	Ass't Chief Paul Brown, Chief Jerry Woodworth
Morehouse	Chief Brian Taylor, Pres. Ted Bartella
Piseco	Tim O'Rourke, Roby Kruggel
Raquette Lake	Chief Mark Bird, Michael Lamphear
Speculator	Chief Karl Blanchard, 1st Ass't Chief Tom Hoover, Bob Peck
Wells	Chief Vince Lauria, Ass't Chief Rob Both

and be it also

RESOLVED, that a certified copy be forwarded to each Board member hereby appointed along with a copy to Don Purdy and Jay Griffin.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Towers asked if five was traditionally the number that we were at. The Chairman stated no, four was and last year in June we increased it to five. The 2014 budget amount is for five boat patrolmen.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-14

**AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE FIVE BOAT PATROLMEN TO SERVE IN SHERIFF'S
OFFICE**

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has reported to this Board there is a need for five boat patrolmen to patrol lakes in Hamilton County during the 2014 Summer Season (July and August), therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Sheriff be authorized to hire five boat patrolmen for the 2014 Summer Season beginning June 27th, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be authorized to prepare proper contracts to submit to the State of New York to meet the requirements of the State of reimbursement and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman reported that this resolution is to clarify what exactly is happening. The way this resolution was written in the past has apparently raised some concerns or created some misinformation. We felt it was important to change both the title and the resolves to clarify what we are doing at the county level.

Mr. Frey stated, just to be perfectly clear on it for his Town, the county and town roads are for cars first and secondary where they can accommodate snowmobile traffic.

Mr. Towers stated he thinks that is true for everyone. The real concern Tracy and other people had was that we not lose site of the fact that the roads are for vehicle traffic use first and foremost and that the towns have a responsibility to get the signage out etc.

The Chairman stated that he feels the original resolution did not make it clear enough that towns were ultimately making this determination and they were deciding which, if any, county roads to open and if they were opening a county road, how much they were opening and they were taking on the responsibility for posting it. They also need to provide the county with insurance certificates for this.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-14

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAMILTON COUNTY TOWNS TO APPROVE USE OF COUNTY ROADS - AS DESIGNATED FOR SNOWMOBILE USE - FOR YEAR 2014 AND THE NECESSARY STEPS

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes any town within the county to designate any County Road or part thereof for snowmobile usage for the year 2014, be it further

RESOLVED, if a town chooses to designate a County Road or any part thereof within that particular towns boundary, the town shall follow all rules and regulations of designating a road for snowmobile use per the guidelines set forth in New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservations Snowmobile Unit, plus provide Hamilton County with a certificate of insurance covering said use, in favor of the County as an additional insured.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 16-14

AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF HAMILTON COUNTY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has appropriated the sum of Forty-four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$44,450.00) for the support and maintenance of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Hamilton County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 224 of the County Law, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter into a memorandum agreement with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Hamilton County for the fiscal year of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of Forty-four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$44,450.00), and be it further

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize payment of Forty-four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$44,450.00) to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Hamilton County in one payment, on or about February 6, 2014 and said amount shall be paid from Account No. A8750.401, and the Hamilton County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman noted a change. The Federation met this fall and they determined they would like to do a program of their own under the allocation of the \$4,500 that the county sets aside for the \$500 per club. Since they don't always use all of that money, they will stay within the \$4,500 but wanted the language added to the contract for the Federation to be reimbursed for their coyote contest. This resolution adds that language; it doesn't change the bottom line of the contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-14

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY FEDERATION OF
SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS, INC.**

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, this Board desires to enter into a contract with the Hamilton County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., for the year 2014, and

WHEREAS, the "Federation" has an established program, for promotion and education with respect to wildlife and environmental conservation, and

WHEREAS, the "Federation" through the relationships they have established with the local Fish & Game or Rod & Gun Clubs has an ability to provide a needed service to the County, and

WHEREAS, such service is anticipated to be promotion and education surrounding wildlife, fishing, and environmental conservation, and

WHEREAS, there are opportunities to provide these services through existing camps, kids fishing derbies, etc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be authorized to prepare a contract to pay One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to the Hamilton County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., giving them authority to carry on a program including conservation education, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman be authorized to execute such contract and that One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) be paid on or about March 6, 2014 from Fish and Game Account No. A8720.402 Federal Fish and Game, and that the Fish & Game Account No. A8720.402 be charged for any and all other expenses authorized herein, and be it also

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County would provide funding for up to 8 local Hamilton County Fish & Game or Rod & Gun Clubs at up to \$500.00 per club for promotional or educational programs as above defined approved by the Committee of the Hamilton County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc. and also be covered by this contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon completion of the Federation's Coyote Contest they will be reimbursed up to \$500.00 as part of said contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all expenses under Fish and Game Account No. A8720.402 Fish & Game will be reimbursements to the Federation for expenses already paid under the \$500.00 per club formula and \$500.00 for said Coyote Contest, and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 18-14

AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND THE 2014 NYSAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) will conduct the Legislative Conference in Albany, N.Y. February 3, 2014 – February 5, 2014, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all Supervisors and County Officials be granted permission to participate in the above mentioned Conference and that the actual and reasonable expenses of the officers attending such meeting shall be a County charge and be audited by this Board in the same manner as other County charges.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 19-14

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ETHICS

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, the term of office of Cynthia Thompson, member of the Hamilton County Board of Ethics terminates December 31, 2013, and

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

RESOLVED, that Cynthia Thompson be appointed to the Hamilton County Board of Ethics for a term commencing January 1, 2014 terminating December 31, 2018.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 20-14

APPOINTMENTS TO THE FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the terms for the Supervisor and Sportsman Representatives & Alternates expired December 31, 2013, be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be affirmed and made to NYS Fish & Wildlife Management Board Region 5:

January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2014	Kim Mitchell, Landowner Rep.
January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2014	Edward Sherman, Landowner Rep. Alternate
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015	Neil McGovern, Supervisor Rep.
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015	Clark J. Seaman, Supervisor Rep. Alternate
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015	John Casey, Sportsman Rep.
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015	Robert Ennist, Sportsman Rep. Alternate

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 21-14

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

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

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 2014, 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. Towers and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 22-14

**2013 TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO MEDICARE OVER 65 REIMBURSEMENT
ACCOUNT**

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds in the Employee Benefits Re Over 65 Medicare Account No. A9060.802 at the end of 2013, be it

RESOLVED, that \$14,792.70 be transferred from the 2013 Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A9060.802 and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that the resolution speaks for itself. NYSAC's organizational President was in need of an organ transplant and they have taken a very active interest in this. At the last conference there was a presentation

concerning the statistics in New York State and the number of people that opted to serve as donors is much lower than throughout the nation.

Mr. Towers asked if the data breaks it down by regions of the State.

The Chairman stated that wasn't part of the presentation but feels the information is available.

Mr. McGovern stated NYSAC is using this as a public forum because as long as you have to opt in, it is something people think about but don't check the box. There are some daunting parts to this. The numbers don't lie of who they help.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-14

URGING HAMILTON COUNTY RESIDENTS TO JOIN THE DONOR REGISTRY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County residents demonstrate their commitment to one another in the most difficult of circumstances through organ, tissue, stem cell and blood donation, and

WHEREAS, across our state, we face a shortage of donors, and

WHEREAS, only 18% of New Yorkers age 18 and over have enrolled in the NYS Donate Life Registry, compared to the national average of 42%, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to raise awareness and increase donor registration in New York, counties across New York State have adopted resolutions encouraging residents to register as organ donors, and

WHEREAS, becoming a registered organ donor in New York State is easy and can be done online through New York Organ Donor Network website, the NYS DMV website or any DMV office; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors encourages County residents to register as organ donors, and be it also

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the Hamilton County Towns for adoption and promotion.

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

**AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS**

AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF EXCESS VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, certain vehicles/equipment have become excess and no longer needed by certain County Agencies, and

WHEREAS, the County Fleet Coordinator has made the recommendations that the following vehicles and/or equipment be disposed from the County inventory:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>VIN</u>	<u>Plate#</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>FN</u>
2006	Sterling, T/A Dump (W/Plow & Wing)	2FZHAZDE76AW59753	M15858	HWY	120

be it

RESOLVED, the above vehicles/equipment be sold to any town within the county interested in purchasing any item or by auction on line by Auctions International and funds from the mentioned auction shall be a revenue credit to Revenue Account DM2665 Sale of Equipment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator see that proper inventory notes be recorded when the transactions are accomplished, and the Fleet Coordinator, Director of Fixed Assets, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 26-14

**AUTHORIZING COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE PICKUP
TRUCKS FOR 2014**

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors have duly adopted the 2014 Hamilton County Budget, and

WHEREAS, within the said adopted 2014 budget the Board appropriated \$250,000.00 for equipment purchases for the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent needs and recommends that the department purchase two (2) pickup trucks for use in 2014, and

WHEREAS, one (1) of the pickups being replaced will be transferred to the Building Department and other pickup being replaced will sold at auction, and

WHEREAS, the said 2014 vehicles would be purchased under New York State Contract from Van Bortel Ford, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Highway Superintendent/Fleet Coordinator is authorized to purchase two (2) pickup trucks using New York State Contract not to exceed \$65,000.00 and at time of delivery and acceptance by the Highway Superintendent the County Treasurer be so authorized to make payment for the said vehicles within 30 days of acceptance and the Clerk of the Board and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 27-14

**AUTHORIZING TRANSFER/PROMOTION OF HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE FROM MEO
TO MEM**

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the County Highway Facility located in Lake Pleasant has been without a mechanic on staff since June of 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department needs this position at the Lake Pleasant facility, and

WHEREAS, Joseph Rathbun has been filling the role as Mechanic in Lake Pleasant from July of 2013 to present and has done a very good job in the role, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends that Joseph Rathbun is promoted to Motor Equipment Mechanic and is permanently assigned to the Lake Pleasant Highway facility, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Highway Superintendent is authorized to promote Joseph Rathbun of Morehouse from MEO to Grade 3 MEM at his current step effective January 6, 2014 and the Personnel Officer, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Towers stated that this has been discussed quite thoroughly and they feel in the long run it will be a good choice because if we entertain, in the future, to start bringing in materials from outside we would need to do something like this.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-14

AWARD OF BID FOR TRUCK SCALE AT INDIAN LAKE TRANSFER STATION

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Solid Waste Department heretofore solicited bids for the County's purchase of a pitiless truck scale pursuant to invitation to bidders and in accordance with Specification No. 16-2013 and Specification No. 17-2013, and

WHEREAS, Specification 16-2013 was for a 11'x70' scale installed and Specification No. 17-2013 was for a 11'x35' scale installed, and

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received in response to Specification 16-2013 invitation to bidders, as follows:

1. Valley Scale Inc.
27 Whiteford Drive
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

Lump Sum Bid for 11'x70' Scale installed: \$50,840.00

2. Gerhart Systems & Controls
390 Victory Highway
Painted Post, NY 14870

Lump Sum Bid for 11'x70' Scale Installed: \$49,900.00

and,

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received in response to Specification 17-2013 invitation to bidders, as follows:

1. Valley Scale Inc.
27 Whiteford Drive
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

Lump Sum Bid for 11'x35' Scale installed: \$35,855.00

2. Gerhart Systems & Controls
390 Victory Highway
Painted Post, NY 14870

Lump Sum Bid for 11'x35' Scale installed: \$38,300.00

and

WHEREAS, the County Solid Waste Coordinator has reviewed all bids to confirm that bid specifications were met and are satisfactory, and

WHEREAS, the County Solid Waste Coordinator recommends the award be made to Gerhart Systems & Controls for Specification No. 16-2013, 11'x70 Scale in the amount of \$49,900.00, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Coordinator feels that the 70' foot long scale will benefit the department in coming years because of better accuracy and the ability of weighing larger trucks and equipment, be it

RESOLVED, the award of the bid for Specification No. 16-2013 as follows:

Gerhart Systems & Controls
390 Victory Highway
Painted Post, NY 14870 Bid \$49,900.00

and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into a purchase agreement with Gerhart Systems & Controls subject to the approval of the County Attorney, be it further

RESOLVED, that hereby the bids for Specification No.17-2013 are rejected and the County Treasurer, Solid Waste Coordinator and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman clarified that this is 2013 funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-14

2013 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in Account No A1165.410 Special Prosecutor,
be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$893.95 from
Account No. A1990.401 Contingent to Account No. A1165.410 Special Prosecutor.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Snyder asked if he could get an
explanation of what this resolution is.

The Chairman explained how the merit system came about.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-14

APPROVAL OF AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 2014 MERIT PAY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. EDWARDS:

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

WHEREAS, the Internal Management Committee met on December 30, 2013 to review merit evaluations, be it

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

HIGHWAY

Benjamin Eldridge	January 8, 2014 to January 8, 2015	\$1.54
Jamie Wood	January 9, 2014 to January 9, 2015	\$1.10

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Barbara Anderson	January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015	\$1.43
Rebecca Hall	January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2015	\$1.43

SOCIAL SERVICES

Abigail Eichler	January 3, 2014 to January 3, 2015	\$1.43
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TREASURER

Cindy Parslow	January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015	\$1.65
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COUNTY CLERK

Betsy Earley	January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2015	\$1.10
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NURSING

Kelly King	January 12, 2014 to January 12, 2015	\$1.10
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Michelle Hutchins	January 25, 2014 to January 25, 2015	\$.77
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made to cover the above 2013 merit pay:

FROM:	A1990.402	Contingent for Merit	\$21,736.55
TO:	DM5130.101	Mechanics	\$3215.52
	D5110.101	Personal Services	\$2280.96
	A4310.117	Supervising Clinical Social Worker	\$2612.61
	A4310.118	Account Clerk	\$2611.84
	A6010.117	Caseworker C	\$2612.61
	A1325.102	Deputy County Treasurer	\$3014.55
	A1410.103	Motor Vehicle Clerk	\$2008.93
	A4050.108	Administrative Assistant to Director	\$2028.18
	A1165.102	Confidential Secretary	\$1351.35

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

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 31-14

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. TOWERS:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$38,455.86 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$38,906.13 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. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 32-14

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2014

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$120,921.46 by the following committees:

Building Committee	\$7,422.36
Solid Waste Committee	8,806.28
Finance Committee	36,447.44
Health & Human Services Committee.....	17,030.60
Central Government Committee	36,087.49
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	33,366.24
Internal Management Committee	2,803.85

are hereby approved.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports:

Mr. Snyder: Received a memo in regard to meals on wheels for the Town of Benson.

The Chairman explained there was a question raised about the frequency of meals being delivered to Benson. What happened is the Wells Meal Site originally had a system where they were delivering the meals to Benson with a volunteer from Benson and they were reimbursed mileage. That turned into needing to pay one of the volunteers from Wells to deliver the meals to Benson and one of the things that came up was unpredictability of being able to get the meals to the individual in Benson. The meal site in conjunction with Christie Sabo implemented a plan to get that individual in Benson not only the hot meal some days of the week but also frozen meals so that they would still be receiving the nutritional value. They felt this was a good way to deal with this particular issue.

The Chairman then received a letter from an individual from Benson that had a concern about why that change was made. The Chairman stated it was in no way to diminish the importance of getting meals to Benson, Christie felt it was a better fix because it assured that the meals were going to be there every day.

Mr. Snyder stated that he heard about it and he does agree that at least they are getting the meals.

The Chairman stated that was Christie's goal also. The Chairman told Mr. Snyder that we can keep an eye on it and if you have concerns to let him know and they will deal with it.

Mr. Towers: The Chairman mentioned the River Regulations and the already approved UMP Projects that are out there, it got him thinking as we put together the AATV Legislative Agenda for this coming year, these seem like two things that need to be dealt with.

Mr. Wilt stated that not all the projects in the UMP every town is on Board with. There are a lot that will hurt the Town of Arietta and they are not going to support.

The Chairman stated at the AATV meeting; DEC did a presentation to reach out to AATV to get them to help figure out how to work with the towns to prioritize implementation within the UMP because clearly there is such a back log of projects that they don't want to have to implement every project. Discussion continued.

Mr. Towers stated he had hoped that he would be sent the link to the web portal but that didn't happen, but will send it out to everyone as soon as he gets it.

Mr. Frey: The Adirondack Ice Bowl Pond Hockey Festival in Inlet January 24 – 26. Over thirty teams play on four rinks, it gets bigger and bigger each year.

Mr. Wells: Wanted everyone to know that George Cannon Supervisor of Newcomb had surgery this morning and would like everyone to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Mr. McGovern: The Department Head evaluation needs to go forward and he likes the Chairman's draft. It is simple and straight forward. He thanked the Chairman for the work he did on it.

The Chairman stated that the ROOST meeting will be coming up. There is also a meeting January 14th with New York Department of State to go over the Local Waterfront Revitalization Grant covering the general scoring, etc.

Mr. Towers: Intercounty was asking for Hamilton County Representatives for 2014 and was wondering if that committee was decided on or not and if they were notified. The Chairman stated the Committee List has not been completed yet, but will be shortly and they will be notified.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Seaman, seconded by Mr. McGovern. Carried.