

**COMMITTEE DAY
LAKE PLEASANT, NY
THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

**PUBLIC WORKS/SOLID WASTE/BUILDINGS COMMITTEE
9:00 AM**

Members present: Brian Towers, Brian Wells, and Phil Snyder

Also present: Bill Farber, Bob Edwards, John Frey, Clark Seaman, Tracy Eldridge and Pete Klein

Superintendent Eldridge wanted to give an overview of his three departments.

He will have bids for the March Committee Day on a variety of different things that they bid out. He also has been working on a possible projects list but that will depend upon the Governor's budget because as of now the CHIPs is flat.

The Highway Association is not happy with the Governor's choice of spending all the bank settlement money downstate. The Association is asking for two hundred million dollars in additional CHIPs funding for the next five years. Also they are asking for a five hundred million dollar local road, bridge and culvert program. Currently the Governor has in his Executive Budget a bridge program for upstate appropriated at one hundred and fifty million dollars. However that money is not just for local, it's between state and local.

Mr. Farber asked if he has any idea why DOT was included in that. Superintendent Eldridge stated the Association feels that DOT will be using the money for their bridges and not sharing any with the locals and that is their big concern.

Mr. Farber stated that is a concern and that is why it shouldn't be that way. He heard some people talking about it and speculating that it might have been a negotiating tactic with the legislature. Superintendent Eldridge stated he heard they were trying to get a list of the bridges that DOT was going to include in that money and no one can get that list, they are not sharing any information on that.

Superintendent Eldridge asked that the members continue to lobby for the CHIPs increase.

Under Solid Waste – the annual report will be on their desks next week, the tonnage is down and recycling is up.

Buildings – the new phone system installation is under way, tomorrow Frontier is holding training at Lake Pleasant on the new phones and Wednesday the new phone will be in place. March 3rd will be the same training in Indian Lake and the 4th the new phone will be in place for them.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE**

9:30 A.M.

Members present: Brian Wells, John Frey and Clark Seaman

Also present: Bill Farber, Bob Edwards, Brian Towers, Phil Snyder, Barry Baker and Pete Klein

Tax Director Baker stated the six correction of errors we had typically comes from a reported unpaid water or sewer district bill which was in fact paid by the tax payer on time but was reported to us as unpaid. Another way this could happen is with an incorrect re-levy of a school bill. These two are the most common but we tend to find them before the school collector reconciles with the County Treasurer. Those then come off the list before they become a warrant impact; that is something you don't typically see.

Mr. Towers stated for example using a water bill. Someone comes in and pays a partial tax bill and even if it's incorrectly re-levyed, they still need to pay it and the town in this case makes restitution. Director Baker stated yes. Mr. Towers stated then there is really no correction on our part here, Baker stated there really isn't and continued to explain.

The Committee agreed to allow a \$1,500.00 limit so that they will not have a number of resolutions for correction of bills for amounts under \$1,500.00. They asked Director Baker to write up a resolution for next Thursday meeting.

Tax Director Baker stated that this has been discussed before and he would like to discuss this again. One of the reason he went to the new tax bill printing service is they offer a more progressive opportunity to do more things with the bill then what we have been doing in the past. With that said bills can come sealed or open to the Tax Collector so they may put inserts in for the towns and also with the postage if the towns would like. He would like to bring these options that they offer to the towns to see if they are interested in these services.

The committee agreed that they would take it back to their boards for review.

**HEALTH COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEALTH
10:00 A.M.**

Members present: Clark Seaman, Brian Towers, Neil McGovern and Phil Snyder

Also present: Bill Farber, Bob Edwards, John Frey, Susan Franko and Pete Klein

Director Franko announced that Ms. Patti Yates, their account clerk/typist, is resigning/retiring at the end of March. She is proposing to have Ms. Kelly King and Ms. Kristen King work 40 hours a week to back fill the position. She would then like to get a per diem clerk to fill vacations etc.

Mr. McGovern asked if the per diem would cover it and Director Franko stated that they feel it would work. A lot of Ms. Yates duties have been passed on to Ms. Penny Warrington as the community health supervising nurse who is being trained on the new ICD10 coding.

Director Franko stated with these changes there would be approximately \$16,000 that could be used for a per diem clerk.

Mr. Farber asked if they would setup a not to exceed budget amount to give her the ability to use that person for that amount of time and money at critical times of the year and/or when the clerical staff is on vacation, Director Franks stated yes, she feels it would be more in the summer time when everyone wants vacations.

Mr. McGovern stated it still seems like a net savings.

Mr. Towers asked what kind of challenge you feel you will have filling a per diem position.

Director Franko stated she doesn't know, the Personnel Officer stated there are four people on the list but probably want full-time so possibly someone who is retired or semi-retired.

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY SERVICES
10:10 A.M.**

Members present: Clark Seaman, Neil McGovern and Phil Snyder

Also present: Bill Farber, Brian Towers, Bob Edwards, Brian Wells, John Frey, Bob Kleppang and Pete Klein

Director Kleppang wanted to discuss two issues. First is Ms. Barbara Anderson is retiring as of March 30th. He would like to begin advertising to replace her position and has spoken with our Personnel Officer about giving a test which has been scheduled for June 6th. With the test being held on June 6th they probably won't be receiving the results until sometime in July. With that he is thinking of looking for someone provisionally. He is not looking to fill this position until after May 1st which is reflected in his budget. Director Kleppang feels that he has one person in his department that will apply. LCSWR which is Licensed Certified Social Worker capable of providing clinical supervision to entry level staff and a couple of years of experience is a requirement for this position. It is a promotional opportunity for at least one of his staff. In the interim with Ms. Anderson leaving and not having anyone on board to fill that role he has asked contractor Patty Jo Hicks to provide supervision. This is something that has changed since he was hired, back then you weren't required to be licensed.

The second issue is care coordination; we have spoken about this before. When our Case Manager retired he recommended not replacing that position right away due to the transition in Medicaid. Director Kleppang continued the discussion on the history of care managers. His concern all along has been funding that we had might no longer be available if the State takes this route. After several talks we have become a non-billing Medicaid provider. This puts us in a position to work with a Medicaid provider that can bill. For us that would be Adirondack Health Institute. Care Coordination is based on the health home model, medical home which started about five years ago in the North Country. It's a model for care coordination for medical services that has produce better outcomes at a low cost. Health home differs from Medical home in that it adds behavioral

health to the picture. It adds mental health and substance abuse treatment as part of the care coordination package. It's a service that he thinks improves the quality of care that we can provide.

Mr. McGovern stated these are the hardest people to service and how do you identify clients for this. Director Kleppang stated they are identified through AHI the Medicaid and we reach out and try to help them. Most of these clients are physically sick before they are mentally. In a couple of years people will be required to be in managed care, that's the States plan. Right now people can volunteer through this service; they are not required to accept it.

If everyone is in agreement Director Kleppang would move forward with this. He has a drafted contract from AHI for our attorney to review and input. If we get the contract in place we could begin to sign people up. Director Kleppang stated in the past we would have needed 25 people being served to break even and at this time we are serving 39. According to AHI there are 12 more that have been identified in the County. He feels that 25 is not an unreachable number to obtain but there is always the risk.