

CONDENSED MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2021

Fort Edward, New York, Friday, January 15, 2021.

The Board of Supervisors convened in regular session at 10:02 AM at the County Office Building, Fort Edward, New York pursuant to Rule 1 of Rules of said Board.

CHAIRMAN HALL called the meeting to order and presided.

Mrs. Clary offered the prayer.

Mr. O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and read the Fire Safety Notice.

The Clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: 17 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

The condensed minutes of the December 10 & 18, 2020 and January 4, 2021 meetings were accepted as mailed.

The Clerk read the communications.

Tim Hardy, Deputy Director of Public Safety gave a COVID-19 response update.

CHAIRMAN HALL recognized Congresswoman Elise Stefanik who condemned the violence in DC and updated the Board on coronavirus relief packages. CHAIRMAN HALL also recognized Matt Simpson, NY Assemblyman who informed the Board which committees he has been assigned and stated that Supervisors can call him if they have any questions.

A motion to accept the January Audit Report, was moved by Mr. Losaw, seconded by Supervisors O'Brien, Rozell, Clary, Hogan, Ferguson, Ward and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked if any Supervisor had any request for Supervisors' Privilege of the Floor. There were no requests.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked that the resolutions be introduced. A motion to set aside the rules to present Resolution No. 18, was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Henke and adopted.

Resolution No. 8 January 15, 2021 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: Supervisors Appointed to the Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

Resolution No. 9 January 15, 2021 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: Appoint Members of the

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks.

Resolution No. 10 January 15, 2021 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Campbell, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson – TITLE: To Authorize the Washington County Sewer Districts to Take Such Steps as May be Necessary to Collect Out of District User Fees.

Resolution No. 11 January 15, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2020 Budget – Sewer District No. 2.

Resolution No. 12 January 15, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2021 DSS/OFA Budget for DSRIP Funds.

Resolution No. 13 January 15, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: Amend Budget – Capital Project No. 125 – Capital Improvement Plan.

Resolution No. 14 January 15, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: Authorize Agreement with Jaeger & Flynn Associates for Health Insurance Brokerage Services.

Resolution No. 15 January 15, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: To Ratify Agreement Between Washington County and United Public Service Employee Union (UPSEU) for Years 2021-2023.

Resolution No. 16 January 15, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: To Establish Reserve – Technology Projects.

Resolution No. 17 January 15, 2021 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Campbell, Hicks, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson – TITLE: To Authorize Chairman to Sign Condemnation Petition and Necessary Documents to Obtain Property for Reconstruction of Shushan Bridge.

Resolution No. 18 January 15, 2021 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: To Appoint Member to the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board.

Resolution No. 19 January 15, 2021 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Campbell, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson – TITLE: To Authorize Retention of Engineering Firm to Conduct Feasibility Study.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 8, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ward, Campbell, Losaw and adopted.

Resolution No. 9, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ward, Clary, Campbell, O'Brien and adopted.

Resolution No. 10, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Losaw, Campbell, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 11, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, O'Brien, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 12, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith. Discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 12 to change the account code from A.6010.2020 to A.6010.4035, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Hicks and adopted. Resolution No. 12, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith and adopted, as amended.

Resolution No. 13, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Clary. Discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 13 to remove the decrease appropriation of \$50,000 for the Burgoyne Avenue parking lot improvements changing the total for the amendment from \$172,810 to \$122,810, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, O'Brien and adopted. Resolution No. 13, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Clary and adopted, as amended.

Resolution No. 14, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Griffith, Rozell. Discussion. Mr. Haff asked someone to explain the contract term. Melissa Fitch, Personnel Officer, stated she thought it was a three year term. A motion to amend Resolution No. 14 to change the two year term to three, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors O'Brien, Wilson. Discussion on the amendment. Ms. Fitch stated she wanted to take the time to confirm the term. A motion to table Resolution No. 14, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and adopted.

Resolution No. 15, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Clary, Rozell and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 16 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

NOES: 1 Haff

AYES: 4,094 NOES: 166

Resolution No. 16, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 17, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Ward, O'Brien, Wilson. Discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 17 to change the square footage from 175 to 1,115, was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Wilson, Rozell. Discussion on the amendment. Mr. Haff stated he thought condemnation would not be needed if the county takes the property. Mr. Skellie stated it isn't guaranteed that we can take the property and we need to go along two paths to keep the project going. A motion to amend Resolution No. 17 to change

the square footage from 175 to 1,115, was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Wilson, Rozell and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed. Resolution No. 17, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Ward, O'Brien, Wilson and adopted, as amended. Mr. Haff opposed.

Resolution No. 18, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien and adopted.

Resolution No. 19, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, Ward, Campbell, Wilson and adopted.

A motion to take Resolution No. 14 off the table, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler and adopted. Mr. Campbell announced that Ms. Fitch typed in the chat that Resolution No. 14 is correct as written and he withdrew his motion to amend it. All of the seconds to that amendment were also withdrawn. Resolution No. 14, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Griffith, Rozell and adopted.

A motion for executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person, was moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Campbell and adopted. A motion to return to open session, was moved, seconded and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked for a motion to set aside the rules to present Resolution No. 20, 21. A motion to set aside the rules to present Resolution No. 20, 21, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Clary, O'Brien and adopted.

Resolution No. 20 January 15, 2021 By Supervisors Clary, Hall – TITLE: To Approve Agreement with Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad, Inc. for Point of Dispensing Support Services.

Resolution No. 21 January 15, 2021 By Supervisors Clary, Hall – TITLE: To Appoint Interim Public Health Director.

Resolution No. 20, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Campbell, Ward, O'Brien, Ferguson and adopted.

Resolution No. 21, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Wilson, Hicks and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 17 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

AYES: 4,260

CHAIRMAN HALL asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. Campbell thanked Tammy DeLorme for allowing DSS employees to help out at Public Health. Mr. Henke stated there is a difference between demonstrations and a riot, adding that rioters should be prosecuted. Also acknowledged the passing of Argyle resident Al Plummer. Chairman Hall recognized Patty Hunt, Public Health Director, as a great

individual and professional Director, adding that she will be missed. Mrs. Fedler also thanked Patty Hunt for her service.

A motion for executive session to discuss the appointment of a particular person, was moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors O'Brien, Henke and adopted.

The Board adjourned from executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk