

CONDENSED MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
APRIL 16, 2021

Fort Edward, New York, Friday, April 16, 2021.

The Board of Supervisors convened in regular session at 10:01 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: 15 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Skellie,
Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Campbell, Hogan

Mrs. Fedler introduced a presentation featuring Greenwich FFA member Lauren Chuhta. A video of Ms. Chuhta's sub states speech was played.

The condensed minutes of the March 19, 2021 meeting were accepted as mailed.

The Clerk read the Communications.

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

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

Introductory Local Law B of 2021, A Local Law Naming Washington County an Eligible Area Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Sect. 11-0935 and Authorizing Participation in the Program Allowing for Certain Hunting Activities, was introduced.

CHAIRMAN HALL announced three Proclamations issued. April 5 – 11, 2021 National Public Health Week; April 11 – 17, 2021 National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; April 18 – 24, 2021 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

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. 94-96, moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Supervisors Wilson, Fedler, Henke, Ward and adopted.

Resolution No. 74 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors O'Brien, Rozell, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw – TITLE: To Request Abolishment of Good Friday Closing Hours for Alcohol Sales in Washington County.

Resolution No. 75 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Clary, Campbell, Skellie, Ferguson, Ward, Wilson – TITLE: To Reappoint Commissioner, Department of Social Services.

Resolution No. 76 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Clary, Campbell, Skellie, Ferguson, Ward, Wilson – TITLE: Appoint Members to the Washington County Community Services Board.

Resolution No. 77 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: Amend 2021 Sewer District Budget to Purchase a Trailer.

Resolution No. 78 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: Amend Sewer District No. 2 Budget for Feasibility Study.

Resolution No. 79 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: Amend 2021 Sewer District No. 2 Budget to Carryover Grant Funds Related to the Feeder Street Project.

Resolution No. 80 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: Amend 2021 Public Safety Budget to Carry Forward Unspent Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

Resolution No. 81 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: Amend 2021 Public Safety Budget to Carry Forward Unspent Emergency Management Performance Grant Supplemental Award (EMPG-S).

Resolution No. 82 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: Amend the 2021 Budget Recognizing Unspent Funds – Crisis COVID-19 Funding.

Resolution No. 83 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: Amend 2021 Youth Bureau Budget for Program Specialist.

Resolution No. 84 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: Amend Real Property Tax Services 2021 Budget for Unspent Multijurisdictional Reval Project Grant Funds.

Resolution No. 85 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: Amend 2020 Budget for Additional COVID-19 Expenses.

Resolution No. 86 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Award Various Department of Public Works Bids.

Resolution No. 87 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: A Resolution Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore; Church St. Bridge.

Resolution No. 88 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend Capital Project No. 127 – Church Street Bridge #2 for Marchiselli Supplemental Aid No. 2 PIN 1760.55.

Resolution No. 89 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Place Title of Public Works Manager on the Title by Grade Schedule and Remove Title of Highway General Supervisor III and Deputy Superintendent of Public Works; Department of Public Works.

Resolution No. 90 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: Place Title of Secretary to the Superintendent on the Title by Grade Schedule, Add to Staffing Pattern and Amend Budget.

Resolution No. 91 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Approve Health Insurance Renewal for Plan Year 2021-2022.

Resolution No. 92 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Clary, Campbell, Skellie, Ferguson, Ward, Wilson – TITLE: Proclaiming Washington County a Purple Heart County.

Resolution No. 93 April 16, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Ward – TITLE: To Reject New York State Mini-Bids for Electric Cars for DSS Fleet.

Resolution No. 94 April 16, 2021 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: To Appoint Budget Officer.

Resolution No. 95 April 16, 2021 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: To Set Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law "B" of 2021 Entitled A Local Law Naming Washington County an Eligible Area Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Sect. 11-0935 and Authorizing Participation in the Program Allowing for Certain Hunting Activities by Persons 12 or 13 Years of Age.

Resolution No. 96 April 16, 2021 By Supervisor Fedler – TITLE: Authorizing Washington County's Participation in the New York Septic System Replacement Fund Grant Program.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 74, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Shaw, Ward, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 75, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, O'Brien, Skellie, Wilson and adopted.

Resolution No. 76, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, O'Brien, Wilson, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 77, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, Wilson, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 78, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, Wilson, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 79, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 80, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 81, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 82, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Ward, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 83, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 84, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 85, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 86, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Ward, Skellie, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 87, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 88, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 89, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Losaw, Skellie, Wilson, Clary and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 13 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

NOES: 2 Hicks, Haff

ABSENT: 2 Campbell, Hogan

AYES: 2,703 NOES: 640 ABSENT: 917

Resolution No. 90, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Skellie, Wilson, Clary. Discussion. Mr. Haff stated he will vote no, adding this should go through the budget process. Resolution No. 90, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Skellie, Wilson, Clary and defeated by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 11 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, O'Brien, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

NOES: 4 Losaw, Hicks, Ward, Haff

ABSENT: 2 Campbell, Hogan

AYES: 1,899 NOES: 1,444 ABSENT: 917

Resolution No. 91, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Clary, Rozell. Discussion. Mr. Haff stated this is a good idea, adding that Hartford will resume their Memorial Day Parade this year. Resolution No. 91, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 92, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, Skellie, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 93, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Rozell. Discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 93 to add a resolved that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Purchasing Department to issue bids for plug-in electric vehicles, was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Griffith. Mr. Hicks stated he is opposed to this amendment adding that this should be vetted by the Public Works Committee. Mr. O'Brien expressed concern about the performance of the cars in the winter and will vote no on this amendment. A motion to amend Resolution No. 93 to add a resolved that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Purchasing Department to issue bids for plug-in electric vehicles, was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Griffith and defeated by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 8 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith

NOES: 7 Hall, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Campbell, Hogan

AYES: 1,263 NOES: 2,080 ABSENT: 917

Mr. Skellie asked what additional information the Supervisors would like prior to the Public Works meeting so the committee can decide on this issue. Mr. Haff would like to know more about the charging stations and Mr. Hicks asked why 2022 models weren't included. Resolution No. 93, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Rozell and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 15 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Campbell, Hogan

AYES: 3,343 ABSENT: 917

Resolution No. 94, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Mr. Henke. Discussion. Chairman Hall explained that the Judge determined that the words "Chair of the Finance Committee" should have been included in the resolution adopted May 29, 2020. The County Attorney explained that all resolutions that put forward appointing a supervisor as budget officer have to include "Chair of the Finance Committee" and normally that is how the resolution is worded. Resolution No. 94, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Mr. Henke and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 15 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Campbell, Hogan

AYES: 3,343 ABSENT: 917

Resolution No. 95, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Ward, Skellie, Wilson. Discussion. Mr. Henke asked that Mr. Griffith be added as a sponsor and apologized for bringing this forward prior to going to committee. DEC needs to know what counties are participating by June 1st and introducing this local law today will allow Washington County to make that deadline. Resolution No. 95, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Ward, Skellie, Wilson and adopted.

Resolution No. 96, moved by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Wilson, Griffith, Clary. Discussion. Mrs. Fedler stated that this just came up and DEC needs a signed contract by April 20th. Resolution No. 96, moved by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Wilson, Griffith, Clary and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. Rozell recognized the loss of John Millet Sr., longtime coach in Whitehall. Mrs. Clary announced that Howard Fifield passed away and it is a great loss for the Salem community.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk*