

CONDENSED MINUTES  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

Fort Edward, New York, Friday, September 18, 2020.

The Board of Supervisors convened in regular session at 10:08 AM via teleconference.

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

CHAIRMAN HALL announced a presentation recognizing Washington County Public Safety for the achievement of NYS Emergency Management accreditation. He asked Patrick Murphy, Commissioner of NYS DHSES, Matt Franklin Deputy Director of NYS DHSES, Amy Drexel, NYSEMA representative and Supervisor Don Ward, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee to come to the podium. Commissioner Murphy presented a plaque to Glen Gosnell, Director and Tim Hardy, Deputy Director of Public Safety.

The condensed minutes of the August 21, 2020 meeting were accepted as mailed.

The Clerk read the communications.

A motion to adopt the September Audit Report, was moved by Mr. Losaw, seconded by Supervisors Griffith, Clary and adopted.

Tim Hardy, Deputy Director of Public Safety gave the COVID-19 response update. He also directed people to the Washington County COVID-19 information site which is updated daily.

CHAIRMAN HALL announced issuance of a Proclamation issued proclaiming October 2020 as Cyber Security Awareness Month. He also thanked Karen Pratt, Cyber Security Officer and Roger Wickes, County Attorney for their efforts.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked if any Supervisor had any request for Supervisors' Privilege of the Floor. There were no requests. Dan Stec, Assemblyman addressed the Board and fielded questions.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked that the resolutions be introduced.

Resolution No. 208 September 18, 2020 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: Appointing Member of the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency and Civic Development Corporation.

Resolution No. 209 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: Amend Employee Handbook for Remote Work Policy.

Resolution No. 210 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – Buildings & Grounds and Information Technology.

Resolution No. 211 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Ward, Hogan, Hicks, O'Brien, Clary – TITLE: To Waive Requirements of Executive Law Section 381 and Assume Responsibility for Code Enforcement in the Town of Cambridge Effective Immediately.

Resolution No. 212 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – Code Enforcement.

Resolution No. 213 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: To Approve Sale of Land – Village of Hudson Falls.

Resolution No. 214 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: To Authorize the Cancellation and Exemption of a Certain Parcel Located in the Town of Salem from Taxation Pursuant to RPTL Article 11 Section 1138.

Resolution No. 215 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: To Authorize Chairman to Sign Contracts with Various Municipalities for the Provision of Assessing and Data Collecting Services.

Resolution No. 216 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: To Accept Payment of Returned Village Taxes.

Resolution No. 217 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: To Accept Payment of Returned School Taxes.

Resolution No. 218 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: To Authorize Inter-Fund Loan to Capital Project No. 128 – Marchiselli Grant Projects.

Resolution No. 219 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: Amend Sewer District No. 2 Budget for Phones & Fuel.

Resolution No. 220 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: Amend Budget – Capital Project No. 125 for Burgoyne Avenue Roof Engineering.

Resolution No. 221 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: To Amend Capital Project No. 81 – County Route 10 Bridge over Poultney River for Marchiselli Supplemental Aid No. 5 PIN 1757.25.

Resolution No. 222 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: Amend Public Safety Budget for FY2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

Resolution No. 223 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: Amend the Non-Union Title by Grade Schedule for Electronic Technician.

Resolution No. 224 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: Amend the Non-Union Title by Grade Schedule to Establish Pay Rates for Special Patrol Officers.

Resolution No. 225 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: To Authorize Chairman to Sign Letter of Agreement for Autopsy and Morgue Services for 2020/2021 and Future Years Subject to Appropriation Therefore.

Resolution No. 226 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: To Amend 2020 Budget to Reflect Cost-Saving Measures Implemented in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Resolution No. 227 September 18, 2020 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward, Griffith – TITLE: To Waive Building and Demolition Permit Fees for Work Performed in Response to Damage Caused by August 24, 2020 Flooding Event in the Town and Village of Whitehall.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 208, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Campbell, Griffith and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 14 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith

NOES: 3 Haff, Hogan, Rozell

AYES: 3,020 NOES: 1,240

Resolution No. 209, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Losaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Skellie, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 210, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 211, moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Losaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Wilson, Clary and adopted. Mrs. Fedler abstained.

Resolution No. 212, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ward, O'Brien, Campbell, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 213, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith, Rozell 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

Resolution No. 214, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Griffith, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 215, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 216, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 217, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 218, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, O'Brien, Skellie, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 219, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 220, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Losaw, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 221, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 222, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 223, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSENT: 1 Rozell

AYES: 3,966 ABSENT: 294

Resolution No. 224, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Griffith and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSENT: 1 Rozell

AYES: 3,966 ABSENT: 294

Resolution No. 225, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 226, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 227, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. O'Brien commented that Public Safety accreditation shows a lot of effort by the department. Mrs. Fedler expressed condolences to the family of Beaver Watkins who passed away. Mr. Campbell mentioned that the budget meetings would be starting next week and budget booklets would be available Tuesday. Chairman Hall stated that there is no pressure on Board members to appear in person, adding that they can zoom in to the meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 PM

*Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk*