

FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 4, 2022

Committee members: Tim Cutler, Dan Banach, Ed Bronson, Pat Killen, Rick Willson, Bill Holgate was absent

Others present: Doug Paddock, Nonie Flynn, Bonnie Percy, Dick Harper, Terry Button, Leslie Church, Carlie Chilson, Mark Morris

Tim Cutler chaired the meeting.

Bill and Dan will do the audit this month.

The December Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment:

Jim Willson made a few comments for the record as the Organizational Meeting was not open to Public Comment. Jim made various points in favor of wearing masks while shopping in Yates County. He noted that he and various other people have started going out of the county to shop where they do require/enforce masking and they have also been shopping online. Jim expressed his concerns about Legislator using executive session.

Real Property: Meghan Kincaid

Meghan reported that the Town/County Tax Bills were completed by mid-December. Bill information and tax rates are available online.

Meghan reported the following people have been reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review (B.A.R.): Leith Mackenzie (Italy), David Bernet (Middlesex) and Audrey Riesenberger (Torrey), and Amy Brennan (Starkey). The following five towns currently have a vacancy for the Board of Assessment Review: Barrington, Italy, Potter, and Torrey. If anyone is interested in serving on their town's B.A.R. they should contact their Town Clerk.

Meghan updated the committee on the status of her 2021 goals and proposed 2022 goals.

There was discussion of County Wide Assessing between Meghan and the Legislators.

ReConnect: Marian Walrath

Marian updated the Committee on Broadband activity and grant applications.

Marian reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Authorize Submittal of Application to the Rural Utility Service Reconnect Program Round Three

Planning: Jeffrey Ayers

Jeff reported that there were 5 referrals for the December meeting. One from Starkey, Torrey, Milo, Penn Yan, and Dundee. All applications had no county wide impact. Jeff thanked Bob Schiesser for the extra service he has given to the over the last 4 years as he has exceeded the term limits of Yates County Planning Board Chairman.

Jeff reported that YTS is still working on some minor changes to the contract for the final year renewal. They have stated that they will have it back to the county in the next week or so.

Jeff reported that in regards to the GIS Portal, that Penn Yan has gone through 5 iterations. GeoCove reached out to the county on December 14 to assist in patching the county's Enterprise Servers against the logjam/log4shell security flaw. Jeff, along with Colby Peterson, is continuing to assist with the Ad-Hoc Redistricting/Reapportionment Committee.

Jeff reported that the Water Infrastructure Study has been approved by the state to release funds. All obligations under the NYS Department of State rules have been met.

Jeff reported that they have received 2 applications for the Natural and Recreational Resources Grant. The deadline for submitting these applications is January 24th at 4 p.m. The grant total is \$57,000.

Jeff reported that they are working on helping the Windmill with their Broadband issues.

Jeff reported on various broadband updates.

Treasurer: Jessica Mullins, Deputy Treasurer

Jessica reviewed the 2021 Appropriations, the Sales Tax Report, and the Occupancy Tax Report.

Jessica reported that they are currently down to 68 parcels with delinquent 2020 taxes. The cutoff date for owners to pay their 2020, 2019, and 2018 taxes is 1/31/22 and the foreclosure process will begin after 2/1/22. Pending any changes the suction on tax acquire parcels is the third week in June. Parcel owners will have the right to purchase back their parcel thirty days prior to the auction by paying all open taxes back, with an additional \$1,500.00.

Jessica reported that Drescher and Malecki will begin their preliminary work for 2021 in the Treasurer's office remotely the first week of February 2022. They will plan to come to the office during the month of February depending on their remote findings.

Jessica reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Appropriate Carryover (OEM) (4 of them)

Jessica presented her 2022 goals.

Nonie provided a quick overview of the differences between the Treasurer and the Director of Finance. The Treasurer's duties are primarily property tax enforcement and by state law they are the chief financial officer of the county. The Director of Finance's main responsibility is to manage the finances of the county: payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, and journal entries.

County Administrator – Nonie Flynn

Nonie reported that the Proposed Audit Committee Meeting tentative date to meet with Drescher and Malecki, their auditing firm, is January 10 at 12:00 p.m. prior to our January Legislature meeting.

Nonie updated the committee on the Project Status Report for items related to Finance.

Airport: Dick Harper

Dick reported that most equipment (cameras, recorder, etc.) for the surveillance system have been installed and some "punch list" items remain to be completed.

Dick reported that the bid package for an emergency generator, appurtenances and installation will be going out in the next few weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.