

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

## January 4, 2023

Committee members: Bill Holgate, Doug Paddock, Tim Cutler (Zoom), Mark Morris, Dan Banach (Absent)

Others present: Bonnie Percy, Dick Harper, Terry Button (left at 4:09 p.m.), Carlie Chilson, Ed Bronson, Leslie Church, Pat Killen (Zoom), Nonie Flynn, Emilee Miller, Meghan Kincaid, Marian Walrath (Zoom), Jeff Ayers, Jessica Mullins, Marsha Devine

Bill & Dan will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the November & December meetings were approved as presented.

### Real Property: Meghan Kincaid

Meghan reported that the town/county tax bills are completed, bill information and tax rates are now available online.

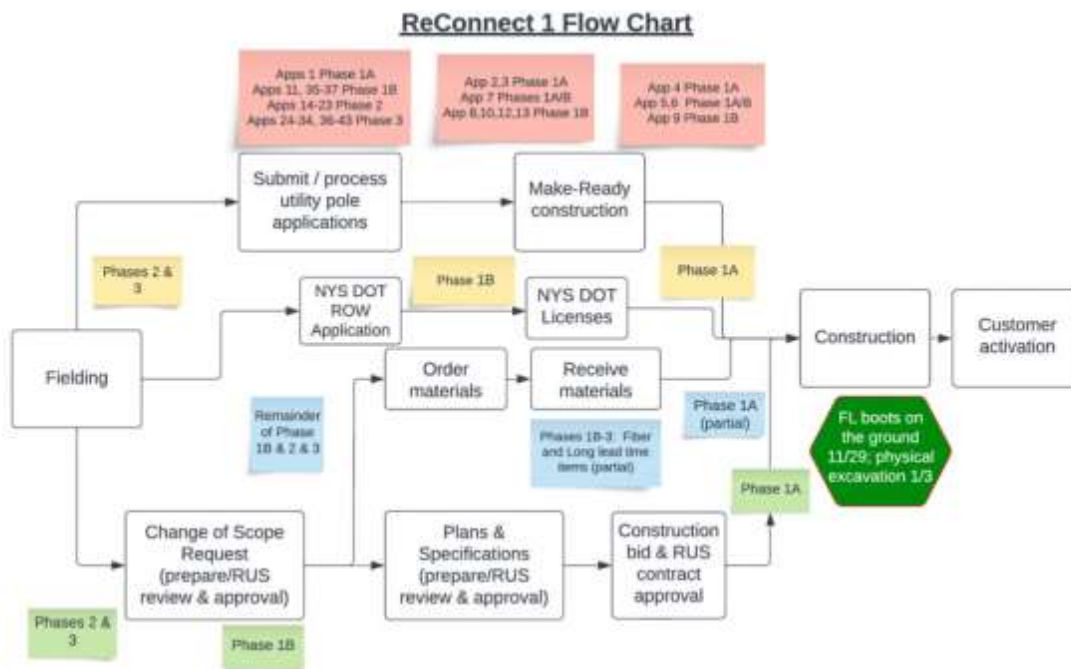
Meghan reported that David Wilson was reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a 5-year term for the Town of Middlesex. There are still additional vacancies in the towns of Potter and Torrey.

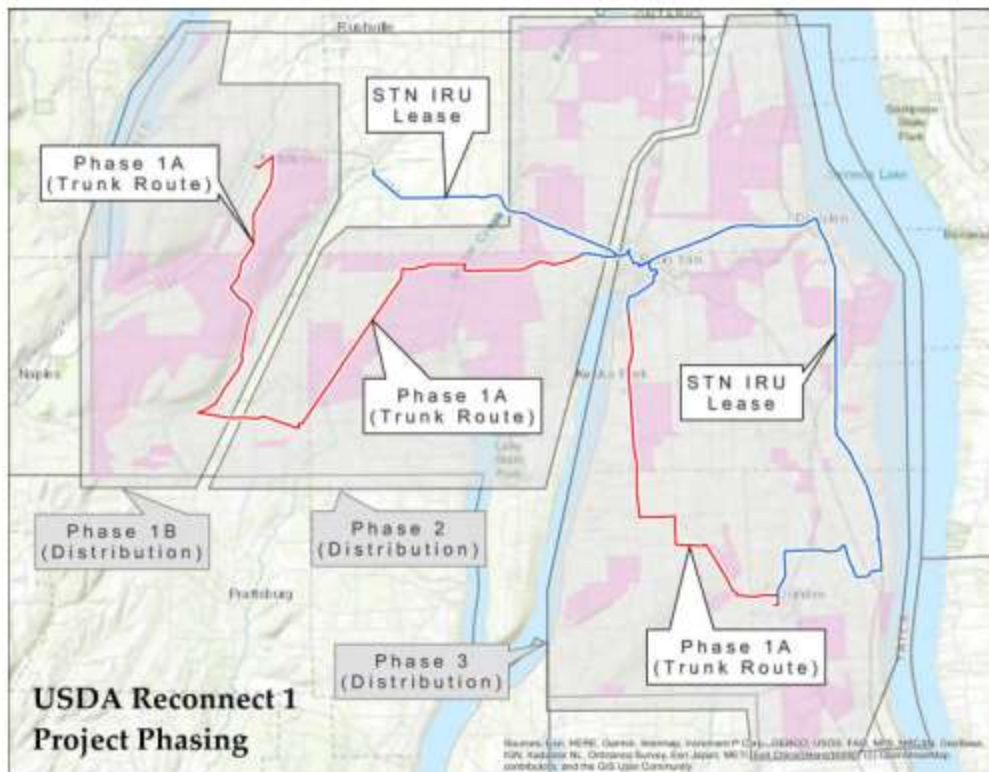
Meghan reviewed the new bill passed regarding the exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. The Committee discussed.

Meghan reviewed the status of her 2022 Goals and presented her proposed 2023 Goals.

### ReConnect: Marian Walrath & Jeff Ayers

Marian provided an update on the ReConnect 1 Engineering & Construction:





Marian provided an update on the grant applications:

Funding	Opportunity (Mbps download / upload)	Status
ReConnect 1 (current project) - \$10.4M with \$3.6M match	~1635 Premises <10/1 Mbps plus other USDA rules	Awarded 2020 Proceeding on schedule
ReConnect 4 Grant – Funding category - if 90% of households lack access < 100/20 Mbps, no matching funds required.	Access if $\geq 100/20$ Mbps fixed broadband.  Identified 680 unserved households across 58 PFSA's  Was NOT permitted to include Frontier RDOF areas as Frontier application is in “ready to authorize” status.	Application submitted Nov. 2, 2022  Requested \$9,087,389 with no match

Marian reported in other areas pertaining to the ReConnect Project, highlighting: Congressman Sempolinski visiting, RDOF Awarded areas, the Windmill, and Broadband mapping data.

**Planning: Jeffrey Ayers**

Jeff reported that 8 referrals were received for the December meeting. The meeting was cancelled due to poor weather, therefore, no official review of the referrals was conducted. They sent out a letter to the Benton ZBA, noting some issues on a specific referral that would be considered “of county-wide concern.”

Jeff reported that in regards to the Natural and Recreational Resources Grant, all Round 5 projects have been completed and have been fully submitted for reimbursement. A press release

was put out and they have had several meetings with prospective applicants about the Round 6 grant applications.

Jeff reported that the Penn Yan Marine Site Monitoring Labella contract was submitted to the Legislative Clerk and has yet to be returned.

Jeff reported that The YC fairgrounds looks to be the most feasible location for the Household Hazardous Waste Day 2023. The 2021 HHW Day voucher has been submitted to the state for reimbursement.

Jeff reported that the FCC has released a map of what it calls the National Broadband Map. They are encouraging everyone to verify their house location, address, and internet accessibility is correct by January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff reported that the Local Solid Waste Management Plan project will kick off in 2023. Jeff asked if any legislative members would like to be on the steering committee.

Jeff reported that in regards to the 8 Year Agricultural District Review, two of the initial steps to this process will be the adoption of a SEQR form for Ag District review and an MOU between Yates County and Ag and Markets to conduct a joint review.

Jeff reported that the GIS County Wide Zoning App is still being finalized and Dundee has requested some flood zone mapping.

Jeff reviewed the status of his 2022 Goals and presented his proposed 2023 Goals.

#### **Finance: Jessica Mullins**

Jessica reported that the NYCLASS interest earnings as of 12/28/22 are \$60,523.12 with a rate of 4.0062%. Jessica would like to increase their maximum investment balance with NYCLASS to \$12 million.

Jessica reported that the auditors, Drescher and Malecki, will begin their preliminary work for 2022 remotely the first week of January 2023 and the Annual Audit Committee will meet January 9th at 12:30p.m.

Jessica reported that she has been working through the list of 159 non-compliant Short Term Rental properties with success. Granicus software has been a great investment for the increased population of Short Term Rental's.

Jessica reviewed the status of her 2022 Goals and presented her proposed 2023 Goals.

Jessica reviewed the 2022 Appropriations, Sales Tax Report, and the Occupancy Tax Report.

Jessica reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. After discussion/edits the Committee approved.

- Amend Resolution 302-22 (Investment Policy)

#### **Treasurer: Marsha Devine**

Marsha reported that the legal Notice of Pendency and Schedule A was published in the Chronicle Express and The Observer. The final deadline for payment of the 2021 delinquent taxes is February 10, 2023. As of December 29, 2022, there are 226 properties with unpaid 2022 real property taxes.

Delinquent 2021 Properties					
July 31, 2022	Aug 31, 2022	Sep 30, 2022	NOV 3, 2022	Dec 1, 2022	Dec 29, 2022
85	75	74	70	60	42

Marsha reported that the School and Village Tax relevy documents were completed and sent to Real Property and Finance.

Marsha reported that for the first time in several years, they had a property that was under the DEC NYS Real Property Forest Tax Law program. The program requires a minimum 10-year commitment and the deforestation has not been completed. Below is an updated template for calculating the penalty for non-compliance with the deforestation program requirements:

Fiscal Year	Total	Exemption	Town Tax	480a Tax	Penalty	Penalty	compounding	Total
Town	Assessed Value	Taxable Value	Rate	Savings	2.5		Interest 12%/yr	Penalty \$

Marsha reported that she compiled the documents for processing the payment of consolidated taxes on real properties owned by New York State for the Office of the State Comptroller.

Marsha reviewed the status of her 2022 Goals and presented her proposed 2023 Goals.

**County Administrator: Nonie Flynn**

Nonie reported that the initial audit meeting with Drescher & Malecki will be January 9th at 12:30 p.m. in the executive session room.

**Airport: Dick Harper**

Dick provided an update on the Airport Operations, highlighting the progress of the Taxiway Extension.

**Legislative Operations: Emilee Miller**

Emilee provided an update regarding the Office Supply Bid. Longs' Cards and Books was the only bidder.

Emilee reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. After discussion the Committee approved.

- Appointment to the Finger Lakes Economic Development Center (Yates County IDA) Board, the Yates Capital Resource Corp. Board and the Finger Lakes Horizon Economic Development Corp.

Mr. Harper moved to enter into executive session to discuss:

1. The Employment History of a Particular Corporation, attendees being Committee Members, other Legislators present, and the County Administrator.

Seconded by Dr. Cutler

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.