

FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 2, 2021

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

Others present: Bonnie Percy, Dick Harper, Terry Button, Connie Hayes, Nonie Flynn, Carlie Chilson, Earle Gleason, Leslie Church, Doug Paddock, Meghan Kincaid, Ashley Doyle, Dan Long.

Bill and Dan will do the audit this month

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

Real Property – Meghan Kincaid

Meghan reported the totals and tax prep paperwork have been sent to the village clerks in preparation of village tax bills.

Meghan reported Middlesex has appointed David Adam to their Board of Assessment review (B.A.R). The B.A.R. training has been set for April 29, 2021.

Meghan reported on vacancies that various towns have on their Board of Assessment Review and explained that if a town does not have a quorum then the County Treasurer, Chairman of the Paddock and the Clerk of the Legislature becomes the B.A.R. for that town. Meghan stated that in other counties if the county has to step in they charge the towns \$2,500 plus expenses. The consensus of the Committee was to reach out to the towns and let them know that if the legislature has to act there is a possibility that there could be a \$2,500 charge. Meghan will reach out to Scott to see what the process would be to put fees in place.

Meghan reviewed upcoming items she will be working on.

ReConnect – Marian Walrath

Marian updated the Committee on the status of the ReConnect Grant. The Boardband Committee continues to work on the Business Model/Services Agreements along with reviewing engineering firms. The Committee hopes to start construction the summer of 2021.

Planning – Dan Long

Dan reported NYS DOT is requiring all quarterly STOA vouchers for Yates Transit Services be signed by the Chairman of the Legislature. Dan reported the CARES funding reimbursements are expected in the next couple of weeks.

Dan reported the Planning Board received 7 referrals for January.

Dan reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Authorize Renewal of Yates County Planning Board Appointments (Moberg)
- Authorize Renewal of Yates County Planning Board Appointments (Vestal)
- Authorize Renewal of Yates County Planning Board Appointments (Hullings)
- Appoint Member to the Yates County Planning Board (Edward Carman)
- Appoint Member to the Yates County Planning Board (Deborah Cook)
- Appoint Member to the Yates County Planning Board (Chandra Gilman)

Dan reported on the referral for the Greenidge Plant and the status. Dan explained that the final approval lies with the Town of Torrey.

Dan reported 6 applications have been received for the 2021 cycle of the Natural and Recreational Resources grant. The County Planner and Administrator will review the applications and make recommendations at the March Finance Committee meeting.

Dan reported the GIS based portal created by GeoCove is up and available for reviewing on the County website at: <https://gisportal.yatescounty.org/portal/home/index.html>. Further applications for Soil & Water and other County agencies will be going live in the next few weeks. The parcel data viewer will also be expanded to include further data sets for public use.

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

- Resolution Approving the Official Undertaking of Public Employees Fidelity (Blanket) Bond For Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council

Dan reported Clark Patterson Lee will be updating the Legislature on the County-Wide Water Infrastructure Study at the February 8th Legislative meeting.

Dan reported Bergmann and stakeholders held a zoom meeting regarding the Public Safety Building Needs Assessment and discussion was on various options to develop budgets. Bergmann should be completing their needs assessment in early February.

Dan reported STN will be at the February 8th Legislative meeting to give an update.

Treasurer – Ashley Doyle/Deputy

Ashley reviewed the 2020 Appropriations, and the Sales Tax Report.

Ashley reported as of January 27th, 30 parcels have 2019 property taxes remaining unpaid, there are 6 parcels with 2018 unpaid taxes. The Treasurer has decided to extend the final day to pay to May 1, 2021. Letters regarding the extension were sent to property owners and interested parties the week of February 1st.

Ashley reported the treasurer's office has seen an increase in the online payments for 2021 property taxes. The treasurer's office currently collects online payments for seven out of the nine county townships. As of January 27th \$193,000 has been collected.

Ashley reported the semi-annual meeting of the Ontario-yates Flint Greek Watershed Protection District was held on January 7th. Three reappointments are needed. The next meeting will be July 7th at 9:00 a.m. at the Gorham Town offices.

Ashley reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- 2020 Budget Transfers
- Appropriate State Aid 2020 (SH)
- Appropriate Carryover of State Aid (SH)
- Appropriate Carryover of Federal Aid (SH)
- Appropriate Carryover of Federal Aid (OEM)
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- Appropriate Additional Aid 2020 (CS)
- Appropriate State Aid 2021 (DSS)
- Appropriate Federal Aid 2021 (DSS)
- Appropriate State Aid 2021 (YTH)
- Appropriate Additional Revenue 2020 (APORT)

- Flint Creek Reappointments

County Administrator – Nonie Flynn

Nonie reviewed appointments/reappointments to the Tourism Advisory Committee. We have two reappointments – Brian Zerges and Jeanne Wiltberger and one new appointment – Phil Riehl. We have one opening for representation for vacation rentals.

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

- Appointments to the Tourism Advisory Council (TAC)

Nonie reported Steve Manning from STN will be at the February 8th legislative meeting to give his semi-annual update.

Nonie reviewed highlights from the Governor's proposed budget.

Airport – Dick Harper

Dick reported the following with regards to the airport.

- Sewer Project – Updated manhole agreement has been forwarded to the Town for review and signature. Final project closeout in process.
- The public comment period for the Environmental Assessment ended December 24. The report is now considered final and has been sent to the FAA
- Agreement with BETA Technologies for installation of electric charging stations for airplanes and autos at the airport is being negotiated by Scott.
- YC has been awarded a grant for deicing equipment and facility. An agreement among the Town of Milo, Village of Penn Yan, Seneca Flight Operations and YC regarding deicing fluid disposal is likely to be needed.
- Vine Valley Boat Launch – YC awaits input from T/Middlesex insurance carrier and attorney.
- There was an issue with Spectrum in that a pole and wires were strung across the airport. Two of the runways were closed until the wires and pole were taken down.

Bill reported he received an email from an individual who did not receive his school tax bill. He was proactive and called the school and was told the amount and where to mail the check. However, he made the checkout incorrectly and Five Star bank mailed the check to the wrong school. Unfortunately, by the time the check was returned it was after the cutoff date. The individual would like to have the interest and penalties removed. The consensus of the Committee was to not remove the interest and penalties and the individual should try to address the issue with Five Star Bank.

Pat moved to enter into executive session to discuss:

- The financial history of a particular cooperation with Committee Members, Legislators, County Administrator the Planner and the Grant Specialist present.
- Matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person, with Committee Members, Legislators and the County Administrator present.

Seconded by Ed.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.