REGULAR SESSION
SECOND DAY

Monday, June 15, 2020

This mid-month Board Meeting was streamed via Facebook Live.

The Board Chair called the Board to order, the roll was called and the following Representatives were found to be present:


Also present via Zoom were Allen Ruffles, Otsego County Treasurer, Ellen Coccoma, Otsego County Attorney and Penney Gentile, Personnel Officer.

Board Chair Bliss requested that given the State of Emergency and the Governor’s Executive Orders, there be a motion to suspend the Rules of Order. Representative Oliver moved that Rule 22 of the Rules of Order be suspended to omit Privilege of the Floor as it is not possible to provide this opportunity given the State of Emergency and the Governor’s executive orders and Rule 26 of the Rules of Order be suspended to allow late resolutions to also be transmitted to Board members by email or by utilizing screen sharing video application at the Board meeting. Seconded, Kennedy. Oral vote. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 5,338; Absent: 890-Oberacker, Martini. Motion carried.

The minutes of June 3, 2020 were approved.

Under Special Presentations, Office of the New York State Comptroller, NYS Comptroller, Thomas P. DiNapoli was deferred until noon.

Representative Kennedy motioned to defer the Reports of the Standing and Special Committees until the July 1, 2020 Board Meeting. Seconded, Brockway. Oral vote. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 5,338; Absent: 890- Oberacker, Martini. Motion carried.

Representative Kennedy moved to dispense with the reading of all reports and resolutions. Seconded, Oliver. Oral vote. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 5,338; Absent: 890- Oberacker, Martini. Motion carried.

In the absence of any objections, Late Resolutions A and B were presented and acted upon in accordance with the Rules of Order and numbered Resolution Nos. 211 and 212.
RESOLUTION NO. 211-20200615

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE FILLING OF A CERTAIN POSITION
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
(SOCIAL SERVICES ATTORNEY #3)

MARTINI, FRAZIER, BASILE, BROCKWAY, OLIVER

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 198-20200520 established a County wide workforce reduction; and

WHEREAS, since the passing of this resolution, there has been a resignation in the Department of Social Services and legal services are vital to ensuring the safety of children and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following position is authorized to be filled at reduced hours as per Resolution No. 198-20200520 in the Department of Social Services, effective June 15, 2020:

Social Services Attorney (#3), Grade 25E – $36,414

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding for this position is included in the 2020 Social Services Administration Budget at line (6010-A) at line 1000 Personal Service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board be and hereby is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the County Treasurer and to the Personnel Officer.

Seconded, McCarty. Roll Call vote. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 5,338; Absent: 890 Oberacker, Martini. Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 212-20200615

RESOLUTION – APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR CONTROL OF SNOW AND ICE ON COUNTY ROADS WITH THE TOWN OF WESTFORD PURSUANT TO HIGHWAY LAW SECTION 135A

OBERACKER, MCCARTY, FRAZIER, FARWELL, WILBER
WHEREAS, Section 135A of the Highway Law provides that the Board of Representatives of any County may appropriate such sums it deems proper for the control of snow and ice on County roads, and

WHEREAS, the work necessary for such control of snow and ice within the boundaries of a County may be delegated by the County to a municipality by agreement pursuant to the authority of Section 135A of the Highway Law; and

WHEREAS, the town listed below have indicated its willingness to perform the functions so delegated to it for the performance of the work of such control of snow and ice upon the terms described herein, and in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be deemed by the Superintendent to be in the best interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, each town board listed below has approved the Snow and Ice Agreement presented to it by the County Highways Superintendent for the period October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2020 and has indicated that the Town provide proof of the required insurance and other information; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, after receipt of proof of insurance, the Superintendent of Highways is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement for the Control of Snow and Ice with the following municipality:

1. Town of Westford

and be it further

RESOLVED, the funds for such agreement are contained in the 2020 Highway Department budget (5142-D) at line 4940 Snow and Ice Town Contracts and in similar budget lines for past and subsequent years.


Under Special Presentations, Thomas P. Di Napoli, NYS Comptroller discussed the following but not limited to:

- Thanked leadership at the local level and complimented essential workers
- Economic devastation has been significant, remain tolerant
- Early March 2020 unemployment was at historic low; mid-March unemployment skyrocketed with Otsego County being 10 times higher than one year ago
• Sales tax revenue quarterly reporting changed to monthly reporting
• $8.2 billion in cuts; $1.6 billion in cuts to local agencies
• State received $5.1 billion from the COVID relief fund
• Need unrestricted aid from the federal government
• Local governments need to be on the front line to rebuild the economy
• Pension Plan is 96% funded with likely drop; numbers finalized over the summer
• Comptroller’s website has valuable information for local government
• Otsego County has $2,454.67 of unclaimed funds
• Confident that NYS will rebound
• Direct aid payments to municipalities come from the Division of Budget
• Possibility of long-term loans unlike RAN for 1 year
• Cuts to local municipalities, releasing funds and CFA applications are to be determined
• Economic loss due to this pandemic will have lasting impacts

Representative Frazier motioned to adjourn. Seconded, Wilber. Oral vote. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 5,338; Absent: 890- Oberacker, Martini. Motion carried.

All the general business of the Board having been transacted, the Board Chair declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, July 1st, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.