

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
KENNEDY, OBERACKER, MARIETTA, FARWELL, MARTINI  
February 25, 2020  
9:00am**

**Also Present: Greg Klein of the Daily Star, Andrew Hamill of the Town of Maryland**

**PERSONNEL—PENNEY GENTILE**

Penney Gentile, Personnel Officer, and the Committee briefly discussed upcoming department head evaluations for the Board of Elections.

**VETERAN'S AFFAIRS—SID LOEFFLER**

Sid Loeffler, Veterans Service Officer, distributed copies of and reviewed the agenda. Sid Loeffler and the Committee discussed the following, including but not limited to:

- 2019 Statistics: 101 appointments completed, 93 claims, approximately 10 appointments per week, total revenue for VA claims in 2019 was \$520,336 (up \$50,336 from 2018)
- VetraSpec: a veteran claims management software to help processing claims
- Planning department staff member has been performing administrative duties for the Veterans Affairs office, including but not limited to processing requisitions, expenditures, budget tracking and reporting, assisting with the Department of Social Services contract, assisting with the budget, maintaining the department website, and ordering office supplies.

Representative Marietta, Andrew Hamill of the Town of Maryland entered during the above discussion.

Sid Loeffler requested approval to purchase VetraSpec software. Representative Oberacker motioned in support of purchasing the VetraSpec software, to move the purchase request to the Administration Committee, and to check with the IT department regarding the software's compatibility. Seconded, Martini. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 2,410. Motion carried.

Sid Loeffler and the Committee discussed the Planning department staff member who has been providing administrative duties to the Veteran's Affairs department, and Sid Loeffler requested a stipend for the employee. The Committee suggested Mr. Loeffler inquire with Personnel and the Treasurer's

office about the stipend, and to inquire again at next month's Committee meeting.

### **COUNTY GOVERNANCE—REPRESENTATIVE KENNEDY**

Representative Kennedy said that she spoke with Ben Syden and Kathy Rooney of Laberge Group, and has invited them to present to the Committee at the next regularly scheduled Intergovernmental Affairs Committee meeting.

### **OTHER—ANDREW HAMILL of the Town of Maryland**

Andrew Hamill inquired about aspects of the Town of Maryland governance, ethical concerns, youth programming in Otsego County, and security at the Schenevus Fireman's Carnival.

The Committee set the date of their next regularly scheduled Committee meeting for Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 9:00am at the County Office Building.

Representative Martini motioned to enter into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or persons, and/ or the matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or persons. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 2,410. Motion carried.

The Committee adjourned while in executive session.