LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 1956
COUNTY OF OTSEGO, NEW YORK

A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH THE OTSEGO COUNTY
MUTUAL SELF-INSURANCE PLAN UNDER THE
PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 5, WORKMEN'S
COMPENSATION LAW

Be it enacted, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Otsego, as follows:

1. The plan of self-insurance provided for in Article 5 of the Workmen's Compensation Law is hereby established and shall be known by the name of "Otsego County Mutual Self-Insurance Plan."

2. The plan of mutual self-insurance heretofore adopted pursuant to former subdivision 3-a of section 50 of the Workmen's Compensation Law is hereby continued through December 31, 1956.

3. The plan of self-insurance hereby established shall be under the supervision of a committee of three (3) members of the Otsego County Board of Supervisors, who shall be appointed annually by the chairman of the Board at the organization meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

4. The committee in charge of said plan shall appoint annually an administrator of said plan. Such administrator may hold another position in the county government and perform the duties of administrator in addition to such other position.

5. The County of Otsego shall be a participant in the plan. The city of Oneonta, The Otsego County Soil Conservation District, the towns, villages, City School Districts, Union Free, Common and Central School Districts located wholly within the geographical boundaries of Otsego County may elect to become participants of said plan. Any municipality or district electing to become a participant shall file a certified copy of a resolution or ordinance of its governing body electing to become a participant on or before the 15th day of July in any year with membership to be effective on the 1st day of January following such election. Any participant may withdraw from said plan by filing a certified copy of a resolution or ordinance of its governing body electing to withdraw upon the condition that it agree to pay its proportionate share of the estimated liabilities of said plan at the time of withdrawal. Payment of such liability may be either in a lump sum or as they accrue.

6. The annual estimate of expenses shall be apportioned among the participants in the proportion that the full valuation of each participant bears to the aggregate full valuation of all the participants.

7. All participants in the plan shall cooperate fully with the committee in the administration of the plan, shall annually within 30 days of the close of each calendar year and at such other times as the committee may require, render such reports as may be requested and shall promptly furnish all pertinent information relative to any claim, and aid in the investigation of any claim.

8. Every new employee or any participant in the plan, except volunteer firemen and civil defense volunteers, from and after January 1, 1957, shall undergo a physical examination before undertaking any of the duties of his employment except in the case of an emergency, in which case the participant employing such employee shall arrange for such physical examination at the earliest possible time after such undertaking of duties.
The expense of such physical examination shall be paid from the funds of the plan.

9. The violation of any of the provisions of the foregoing sections (7 and 8) by any participant shall be grounds for the expulsion of such participant from the plan.

10. The amount due from each participating village and school district as its share of the annual estimate of the plan shall be paid to the county treasurer within thirty days after the commencement of such participant's fiscal year. The amount due from each city and town participating in the plan shall be included in the next succeeding tax levy against property taxable by the participant responsible therefor.

11. A self-insurance reserve of $30,000 is hereby established for the plan. Such amount shall be accumulated by including in each annual estimate a sum not to exceed $6,000. The first installment shall be included in the annual estimate for 1957. Any balance remaining at the close of 1956 in the self-insurance fund heretofore in operation in the County of Otsego shall be transferred to the reserve hereby created. When the amount of the reserve is at the maximum, any amount expended there from shall be restored by including in subsequent annual estimates a sum not to exceed $6,000.

12. The Committee, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors, may purchase excess or catastrophe insurance, the cost thereof to be paid from the funds of the plan.

13. The county treasurer shall pay to claimants Workmen's Compensation benefits as provided in section 25 of the Workmen's Compensation Law upon order of the committee. Other payments of liabilities of the plan shall be made by the county treasurer upon vouchers duly audited by the committee appointed to supervise the plan.

14. The committee of the Board of Supervisors appointed to supervise the plan shall have general supervision of the plan; shall appoint the administrator and other employees of the plan within the limits of the appropriation thereof; shall audit all bills or claims against the plan before payment; shall have the power to make the necessary rules and regulations to provide for the administration of the plan; shall have authority to do any matter in the settlement of any case.

15. The administrator shall perform such duties as may be necessary to operate the plan in accordance with the Workmen's Compensation Law; shall attend hearings of cases before the Workmen's Compensation Board; shall have the power to authorize necessary medical care which appears from medical reports and information to be justifiable; shall have authority to purchase supplies, stationery, forms, books, equipment as may be necessary for the operation of said plan within the limits of the appropriation and subject to the rules of the Board of Supervisors.

16. This local law shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 6/6/56 by motion; Effective: 6/6/56
(Amended by Local Law No. 4 of 1977)
(Amended by Local Law No. 3 of 1992)
Local Law 10 of 1956

OF OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

Forestry Program and personally had charge of the work on the areas for many years; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Bingham represented the City of Oneonta on the Board of Supervisors; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that Forest Area No. 10 located in the Town of Morris and consisting of 235 acres shall be known as the Charles N. Bingham Memorial Forest; and, be it
RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to those of the gentlemen above named who are now living and to the next-of-kin of those who are deceased.
Messrs. House and Fitch seconded the resolution.
The resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 42

RESOLUTION—DISPENCING WITH MEETING OF BOARD OF JULY 5, 1956—MONSON, MUSSON, ENGELL

Messrs. Monson, Musson and Engell offer the following resolution and move its adoption:
RESOLVED, that the rules be suspended and the meeting schedule for July 5, 1956 be dispensed with.

Mr. Trask seconded the resolution.
The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Strong moved that a vote be taken on the adoption of Local Law No. 1-Year 1956-County of Otsego, New York, introduced May 2, 1956, and part of the record of that day's proceedings,
Mr. Perkins seconded the motion of Mr. Strong.
Motion carried.
The roll was called on the adoption of local Law No. 1, and resulted as follows:


Noes: None.
The Chairman declared Local Law No. 1 of 1956, unanimously adopted.

When asked by the Chairman of the Board for a progress report on the County Home and Infirmary plans, Mr. Lane, County Commissioner of Public Welfare, stated that it was hoped the County would be ready for letting or advertising for a contract during August. Mr. Lane added that as plans are approved at present the cost will be approximately $387,000, to be paid by the County of Otsego and $152,000, to be paid by the Federal Government.

All the general business of the Board having been transacted, the Chairman declared the Board adjourned until Wednesday, September 5, 1956, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.