

**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2013
1:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: D. Pangrazio, G. Levey, T. Baldwin, D. Mahus, E. Gott, D. LeFeber, P. Yendell, L. Semmel, B. Donohue, I. Coyle, Ben Beagle-LC News

ABSENT: M. Schuster,

REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES – JOE PUKOS

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. CORRECTING TAX ROLL – TOWN OF GROVELAND

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has transmitted a written report of his investigation and recommendation with regard to one (1 parcel) application for correction of the tax roll, pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law, as prepared for the Town of Groveland on the tax roll for the years hereinafter set forth, and

WHEREAS, said parcel(s) were incorrectly assessed and/or taxed for reasons set forth in the application(s) for correction requested from the Director of Real Property Tax Services attached hereto,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Director of Real Property Tax Services is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the officer(s) having jurisdiction of the tax roll(s) so that the roll can be corrected; and a notice of approval to the applicant(s), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and/or Town Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make the tax roll correction and forward the corrected tax bill. The County Treasurer is authorized to issue refunds and/or make the appropriate chargebacks as hereinafter set forth for the application.

Year, Municipality Owner(s) Parcel	Taxing Jurisdiction	Original Tax Bill	Corrected Tax Bill	Refund to Owner	Chargebacks to Taxing Jurisdictions
1. 2014 Groveland	Livingston County	\$ 79.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 79.60
Hally-Allen Post No.1341	Groveland Town Tax	37.09	0.00	0.00	37.09
Tax Map Number	School Relevy	286.26	0.00	0.00	286.26
125.-1-3.1	Groveland Fire 1	4.97	0.00	0.00	4.97
	Total	<u>\$407.92</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$407.92</u>

Mr. Pukos explained that this correction is in the Town of Groveland where the exemption was not marked and this bill should not have been sent.

Motion: Mr. Baldwin moved and Mr. Levey seconded the foregoing resolution. Carried.

PERSONNEL ISSUES

1. HIGHWAY – DON HIGGINS

Mr. Higgins explained that each of these resolutions is to reappoint the Deputy Superintendents, which all coincide with his reappointment as Superintendent.

APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – JASON M. WOLFANGER

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the County Highway Superintendent’s appointment of Jason M. Wolfanger, 9099 Culbertson Road, Dansville, NY 14437 as Deputy Highway Superintendent, for a term commencing April 4, 2014 and terminating April 3, 2018.

Motion: Mr. Mahus moved and Mr. Levey seconded the foregoing resolution. Carried.

• APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – DENNIS J. BAREFOOT

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the County

Highway Superintendent's appointment of Dennis J. Barefoot, 2015 Genesee Street, Piffard, NY 14533 as Deputy Highway Superintendent, for a term commencing April 4, 2014 and terminating April 3, 2018.

Motion: Mr. LeFeber moved and Mr. Gott seconded the foregoing resolution. Carried.

• **APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – STEPHEN M. COWLEY**

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the County Highway Superintendent's appointment of Stephen M. Cowley, 7711 Route 15, Springwater, NY 14560 as Deputy Highway Superintendent, for a term commencing April 4, 2014 and terminating July 1, 2015.

Mr. Higgins explained that Steve Cowley plans to retire in June 2015.

Motion: Mr. Baldwin moved and Mr. Mahus seconded the foregoing resolution. Carried.

2. **CHAIRMAN GOTT**

• **AMENDING THE 2014 DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARY SCHEDULE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

RESOLVED, that the 2014 Department Head Salary Schedule is amended as follows:

Sheriff's Department

Setting salary for STOP DWI Coordinator at \$10,000.00

Chairman Gott explained that this is a continuation of the discussion from the last Ways and Means Committee meeting on the pay for the STOP DWI Coordinator. The Chairman explained that he brought this to the Committee because, with no action by this Committee, this position is currently in the Department Head Salary Schedule with a salary of \$15,200. Chairman Gott is recommending a salary of \$10,000 for this position be approved today. Mr. Baldwin thanked the Chairman for this opportunity even though this is a Chairman appointment. He has spoken with his Police Chief and he does feel that this program should be in the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Baldwin did express his disappointment in not receiving more information on the program in the last six months. In talking with Mr. Deming, there will be more meetings in the future on the STOP DWI program.

Motion: Mr. Baldwin moved and Mr. LeFeber seconded the foregoing resolution. Carried.

COUNTY TREASURER – AMY MANN

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. **ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 2014 – AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT**

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to establish Capital Project Account **H1629.2900** in the amount of \$200,000.00 to be funded from Interfund Transfers **H1629.5031** in the amount of \$200,000.00, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer budgeted funds to the Ambulance Equipment Capital Project from Transfer to Capital Account **A9950.9000** in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Ms. Mann explained that this is necessary in order to establish a capital account and transferring the funds into this account. Mr. Coyle explained that this sets up a project for the first time in order to have a vehicle to be able to put money away to larger ticket items. Bid specs are being developed around an ambulance purchase.

Motion: Mr. Gott moved and Mr. Baldwin seconded the foregoing resolution. Carried.

2. **ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 2014 – GOVERNMENT CENTER IMPROVEMENTS**

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to establish Capital Project Account **H1628.2900** in the amount of \$95,000.00 to be funded from Interfund Transfers **H1628.5031** in the amount of \$95,000.00, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer budgeted funds to the Government Center Improvements Capital Project from Transfer to Capital Account **A9950.9000** in the amount of \$95,000.00.

Ms. Mann explained that this is also a new project. \$25,000 will be for government center structural assessment

report analysis and \$70,000 for carpet replacement. Mr. Coyle explained that we are looking at the actual structural integrity of this building. There have been some cracks and foundation issues.

There was a study done approximately 10 years ago and the recommendation at that time was to update the report. These items are each to set up accounts for various issues. Mr. Coyle explained that the auditorium project already has a separate project account.

Motion: Mr. Baldwin moved and Mr. Mahus seconded the foregoing resolution. Carried.

3. **INCREASING CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 2014– CAMPUS UPGRADES**
RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to increase Capital Project Account **H6121.2900** in the amount of \$230,000.00 to be funded from Interfund Transfers **H6121.5031** in the amount of \$230,000.00, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer budgeted funds to the Campus Upgrades Capital Project from Transfer to Capital Account **A9950.9000** in the amount of \$230,000.00. Mr. Coyle explained that part of this is for a lift to be purchased to do some of the point work on some off the taller buildings.

Motion: Mr. Baldwin moved and Mr. Gott seconded the foregoing resolution. Carried.

4. **INCREASING CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 2014 – PARK UPGRADES**
RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to increase Capital Project Account **H6126.2900** in the amount of \$25,000.00 to be funded from Interfund Transfers **H6126.5031** in the amount of \$25,000.00, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer budgeted funds to the Park Upgrades Capital Project from Transfer to Capital Account **A9950.9000** in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Motion: Mr. LeFeber moved and Mr. Levey seconded the foregoing resolution. Carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – IAN COYLE

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. **APPROVING ABSTRACT**

Motion: Mr. Baldwin moved and Mr. LeFeber seconded the foregoing resolution. Carried.

2. **AUTHORIZING TRANSFER – PROBATION**

Mr. Coyle explained that this is moving money to the appropriate account.

Motion: Mr. Levey moved and Mr. Gott seconded the foregoing resolution. Carried.

3. **RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO EXPANDING CASINO LOCATIONS IN WESTERN NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, in September 1973, eleven western New York counties and 2 cities established the Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, they being Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie (and the City of Buffalo), Genesee, Livingston, Monroe (and the City of Rochester), Niagara, Orleans, Seneca, Steuben, and Wayne, as enabled by state law; and

WHEREAS, the start-up costs of this enterprise were funded solely by these initiating counties from their own treasuries of taxpayer money and represented no state money nor allowed for any state sharing of this purely local venture; and

WHEREAS, since those eleven counties voted to form Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, an additional four western New York counties have joined them (Wyoming, Schuyler, Oswego, and Cayuga) in the local control of such gaming activities that has since generated over \$215 Million in operating and surcharge revenues to the taxpayers of those participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Nation has initiated a process to locate a full gaming Casino in the Town of Henrietta located in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the participating municipalities of Western OTB as its shareholders have a pro-rata

financial interest in the \$69 million of net equity re-invested in its 30-plus corporately-owned branch facilities and the track and casino at Batavia Downs; and

WHEREAS, the addition of another casino located in Western New York owned and operated by the Seneca Nation in the area will over saturate the regional gaming marketplace and cause financial distress with Western Regional Off Track Betting and to the 17 municipal stakeholders; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes the location of an additional Casino in Monroe County owned and operated by the Seneca Nation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each member of the New York State Legislature, the Governor of New York and the Livingston County Federal Delegation be urged to join this Board in opposition to any new proposed casino in Western New York west of Route 14; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York State Senator Catharine M. Young, New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan, New York State Assemblyman Bill Nojay, Inter County Association of Western New York and the New York State Association of Counties.

Mr. Coyle explained that this item came up in Intercounty and advanced through our OTB Representative, Tom Wamp, who has asked us to support this. Mr. Coyle explained the exclusivity zone that allows the county to receive funds. There was discussion regarding how this will affect the dollars captured by Livingston County. *Motion: Mr. Baldwin moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to refer a Resolution In Opposition To Expanding Casino Locations In Western New York to the Committee Of The Whole. Carried.*

4. ANNUAL REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF PURCHASING POLICY

Mr. Coyle referred to the memo sent from Lisa Grosse on the changes to the Purchasing Policy.

Motion: Mr. Baldwin moved and Mr. Mahus seconded the foregoing resolution with the recommended changes. Carried.

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

1. Sales Tax Update - Mr. Coyle updated the Committee and explained that we are still down trending compared to last year. We still have two more draws. A little growth was put into the '14 budget. It's a little premature to take any action at this time. He is keeping a close eye on it.

Mrs. Donohue questioned whether we are planning to do a resolution in opposition to the Governor's Tax Freeze at the 3/26/14 Board meeting? The committee felt that it would be appropriate to do a resolution opposing the tax freeze.

Motion: Mr. Baldwin moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to prepare a resolution against Governor Cuomo's Tax Freeze for approval at the 3/26/14 Board of Supervisors meeting. Carried.

Sheriff Dougherty reported that the County did not receive the SRO grant funding for the Dansville SRO. Mr. Mahus reported that the Blum Shoe Factory is completely gone. There has been no news on the rifle act. Chairman Gott explained that we will be sending correspondence this week on the home rule. Bill Nojay did not introduce the bill yet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mahus moved and Mr. Gott seconded to adjourn the Committee at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Rees
Clerk of the Board