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November 27, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Tuesday, November 26, 2019 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Simon Conroy, Area 4
Mark Dame, Area 8
Robert Hall, Area 10
Mark Henry, Area 3
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney
Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus stated there is a public hearing regarding the status of Grant #250PW32-14 from the New York State Housing Trust Fund Office of Community Renewal. He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing. The notice was read by Mr. Zurlo.

Legislator Dame motioned to open the public hearing at 7:06 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Board on the status of Grant #250PW32-14 from the New York State Housing Trust Fund Office of Community Renewal.

Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, reported Clinton County received a Community Development Block Grant from the New York State Department of Homes and Community Renewal in the amount of \$445,196 and executed a contract in August, 2018.

He stated the project involved the construction of a public wastewater treatment system for a mobile home park in the Town of Beekmantown off the Moffit Road. The mobile home park has gone by various names, formerly Country Sky Mobile Home Park, and is now known as New Beginnings Mobile Home Park. The Park has approximately 50 mobile homes and 140 residents.

He also stated the former wastewater system at the Park had failed, and the Park was under orders to close. Instead, with the assistance of this Grant, and other funding and technical assistance, the Park is now owned as a cooperative by the residents, and payments by the residents go towards the debt service and a Reserve for future repairs and maintenance to the infrastructure at the Park.

He noted Clinton County has expended the entire Grant at this time, and the newly-constructed wastewater system is fully constructed and in operation.

Additionally, he reported the County expects to close out the Grant soon.

Legislator Conroy applauded the efforts of Jeremiah Ward, John Kanoza, John Redden and Rodney Brown for having the knowledge and insight to transform this sanctioned mobile home park into the functioning park it is today.

Legislator Hall motioned to close the public hearing at 7:09 p.m., seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

Justin Ihne, the Plattsburgh and Malone YMCA Chief Executive Officer, spoke to the Legislature on a proposed project for the construction of a new facility or the renovation of an existing facility, to provide activity space for indoor events during the winter months, adequate programming space and possibly the addition of a pool for lap swimming or local swim teams. He stated the YMCA has partnered with Community Leaders seeking input on the specific needs of the Community for a community needs assessment (which has been completed).

He stated he has recently submitted a Tobacco Settlement application requesting out-of-cycle Tobacco Settlement funds in the amount of \$5,000 to help with the cost of a feasibility study for the project (out of a total cost of \$32,000).

There being no one else who wished to address the Legislature, Chairperson McManus moved on to Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. He was pleased to announce the Parking Lot Project has been completed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9th at 4:30 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolutions #924 and #925 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee from its meeting on Wednesday, November 13th.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Finance Committee met Thursday, November 21st and Monday, November 25th to review and discuss the Budget Officer's Recommended 2020 budget. Legislator Rosenquest expressed gratitude to Mr. Zurlo, the legislative staff, the department heads and the Legislative body for their roles and time in preparing and finalizing the 2020 budget.

He reported Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, discussed sales tax, occupancy tax, casino revenue, medical marijuana (compassionate care) revenue, In Rem foreclosure, land bank bylaws and the intergovernmental agreement.

Resolutions #922 and #926 through #930 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m., which will be followed by the Public Hearing on the 2020 Budget at 7 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the Health Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

Human Services - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated the Human Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th was cancelled.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame stated the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The meeting scheduled for Monday, December 2nd has been cancelled. The Committee members will be polled on the resolutions.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, updated the Committee on airlines, tenants and a personnel issue, and described a conference call with the Federal Aviation Administration that occurred earlier in the afternoon.

Resolutions #931 through #942 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 23rd at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, November 18th.

Lieutenant Nicholas Leon of the Sheriff's Department discussed Resolutions #943 through #945. Dave Marcoux, the Director of Probation, discussed Resolutions #947 and #948. Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, discussed Resolution #949. Jami Rock, the Administrative Assistant at the Child Advocacy Center, discussed Resolutions #950 through #952.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Transportation Committee met Monday, November 18th.

James Bosley, the Clinton County Planning Technician, was present and discussed Resolutions #953 through #956 which are included on the agenda.

Robert Poulin, the Executive Director of the North County Center for Independence, was present to discuss the proposed fare increases for riders utilizing the Clinton County Public Transit system. Mr. Poulin

stated he attended the recent public meeting regarding the fare changes. He was very pleased with the level of interaction with the Planning Office and felt concerns were heard. Through Mr. Poulin's advocacy, the Transportation Committee members agreed that a reduction in the proposed deviation surcharge/senior and deviation surcharge regular was worthwhile and warranted.

Karl Weiss, the Clinton County Highway Superintendent, discussed Resolutions #957 through #962 which are also included on the agenda.

Mr. Weiss also discussed snow and ice services provided by a town contracted to provide snow removal and maintenance services on County roads.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 6th.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy stated the Committee met last week and discussed the latest bail reform and how mental health and addiction services can be provided to defendants awaiting trial.

Cooperative Extension – Legislators Henry and Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Committee met last Tuesday, November 19th and reported the department is financially stable.

Intercounty Legislative Meeting of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated she attended the meeting in Saratoga County, in Ballston Spa, and toured their new state-of-the art facility which houses their probation department and jail.

She stated that she spoke with a New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) representative who stated there are 180 newly-elected officials and encouraged the new members to join NYSAC.

She noted podcasts are available on a variety of subjects should individuals be interested.

Legislator Dame inquired about the number of counties participating in the Intercounty Legislative Meeting of the Adirondacks. She replied she believes there are 13 counties.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated a Regional Development Corporation meeting was held Friday, November 22nd to discuss the Bylaws. He noted the Audit Committee will meet on Monday, January 20th.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher had no report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated he, Kim Kinblom, the Personnel Director, and Ms. Kelleher met with CSEA representatives and are continuing discussions on the labor contract that is due to expire at the end of the year.

He requested a brief Executive Session, prior to voting on the resolutions, to discuss a personnel matter.

There being no further business, Chairperson McManus entertained a motion by Legislator Rosenquest to enter Executive Session at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Henry motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus moved on to resolutions. The following resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #921 and #922 were approved.

Resolution #923 titled, “Rescinding Resolution #866 titled, “Authorizing Clinton County to Opt Out of Multi-Jurisdictional Opioid Litigation MDL Negotiating Class” was moved by Legislator McManus, and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated he, Ms. Kelleher and Chairperson McManus had a teleconference with Counsel who advised that opting into the MDL Negotiating Class would be more beneficial to the County. Initially, Counsel advised the County to opt out, but the recommendation of Counsel has changed. Ms. Sax, the County’s attorney, confirmed that Clinton County has indeed remained in the Negotiating Class.

Resolutions #924 through #954 were approved.

Resolution #955 titled, “Authorizing Clinton County Public Transit Fare Changes” was moved by Legislator Timmons, and seconded by Legislator Rosenquest.

Discussion: Legislators Waldron and Peryea voted in the negative. Carried (8-2-0).

Resolutions #956 through #972 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #973 and #974 were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator