

REGULAR MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOVEMBER 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, Chairman Tina B. Molé presiding.

The Clerk called the roll and all Supervisors were present.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

Chairman Molé moved the meeting across the street to the Courthouse Square for the Pledge and Dedication Ceremony.

Veterans Service Director Charles Piper led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Delaware Academy Treble Choir, a group of 21 students in grades six through twelve, sang the National Anthem led by their Music Director, Kimberly Collison.

Mr. Piper welcomed everyone and introduced Nam Knights Founder of the Southern Tier Chapter Bud Gibson, Chapter President of the Nam Knights Southern Tier Chapter Mike Allen and the 11 members of the group in attendance.

Mr. Allen shared that the Nam Knights are a motorcycle group of Veterans and Law Enforcement people whose mission is "to honor the memory of American Veterans and Police Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, to assist Veterans and Police Officers in their time of need and to promote community awareness through sponsorship and participation in various fundraising events."

Mr. Allen, on behalf of the Southern Tier Chapter members, presented the County with a commemorative bluestone bench donated in honor of our veterans and the outstanding community that supports them.

Mr. Piper thanked the Nam Knights for the bench and thanked Building and Grounds Superintendent Pete Montgomery and his staff for their hard work in prepping the bench foundation.

Chairman Molé thanked the Nam Knights for this very generous and beautiful commemorative bench adorned with the seal of each branch of military service that will serve as a reminder of those who have paid the ultimate price in the protection of our freedom.

Following the dedication ceremony, the Supervisors returned to the Board of Supervisors Room for the continuation of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

The Clerk noted that all communications received have been referred to their respective committees for review.

Chairman Molé granted privilege of the floor to Commissioner of Social Services Dana Scuderi-Hunter who introduced Keith Weaver as Employee of the Month.

Mr. Weaver began his employment at the Department of Social Services in 2005 as a Caseworker. In June of 2015, he was promoted to Senior Caseworker II in the Child Protective Services Unit.

Commissioner Scuderi-Hunter said that the qualities that make Mr. Weaver exceptional are his principles, his integrity and his belief that all people have the ability to improve their circumstances. Mr. Weaver is a positive force among his co-workers and clients in the often difficult and challenging circumstances faced by the department. Mr. Weaver believes that protecting children and helping families restore themselves to effective parenting is the most important part of what he does. His level of dedication and passion is evident in his day-to-day work ethic and are the reasons for his success in all that he accomplishes.

Commissioner Scuderi-Hunter presented Mr. Weaver with a \$50.00 check. Chairman Molé presented him with the Certificate of Employee of the Month and thanked him for his dedicated service.

Mr. Weaver thanked Commissioner Scuderi-Hunter and the Board of Supervisors for his recognition of honor. He shared a few of his thoughts; “You cannot judge your success by the success of your clients. “Being responsible for the coffee is the most important and underappreciated job in the County.” “Child welfare cannot be confined to a 9 to 5 work day and barring an emergency don’t leave the office on Friday until you have your paperwork done.”

Chairman Molé granted privilege of the floor to Sam Rowe who introduced Solid Waste Director Susan McIntyre.

Ms. McIntyre referenced two handouts placed on each Supervisor’s desk.

The handout entitled *Delaware County safe drop off sites for syringes and sharps – Household Sharps Disposal Program* is a public safety initiative of the Delaware County Solid Waste Management Center and the medical community around the county and state.

The handout entitled *TRASH 2 CASH* invites the public to a Solid Waste Management Center Open House sponsored by Delaware County and the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce on Sunday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Solid Waste Management Center & Compost Facility in Walton. All are welcome.

She noted that the Department of Public Works – Solid Waste Division received its Letter of Approvability allowing them to issue the Draft Delaware County Solid Waste Management Plan – 2018-2027 for public comment. Towns and villages will receive a hard copy of the Plan by mail and an electronic version will be posted to the County’s website located at <http://www.co.delaware.ny.us>, select Departments, Solid Waste Management Center & Compost Facility.

Mr. Rowe offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 187

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 OF PROPOSAL NO. 32-17
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution 100 of 2017 authorized the award of Proposal No. 32-17, Replacement of Bridge No. 216, BIN 3370900, Swart Street over Bull Run, Village of Margaretville to R. DeVincentis Construction, Inc., One Brick Avenue, Binghamton, NY 13901 for the bid amount of \$731,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the construction work is complete and the final quantities have been calculated and agreed upon between the County and the contractor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is herewith authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 for Proposal No. 32-17 adjusting the final quantities and resulting in a reduction of \$29,933.48 which reduces the total contract price from \$731,000.00 to \$701,066.52

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Haynes and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes, Absent 0.

Mr. Rowe offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 188

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL
PROPERTY NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, section 215 of the County Law stipulates that the Board of Supervisors must authorize for the disposition of personal property no longer necessary for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Department has to clean out existing shop on Page Avenue in preparation of moving out of the shop by winter; and

WHEREAS, there is years' worth of accumulation of old parts, tires, furniture, tools and small hand operated equipment that is no longer of any use to the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is authorized to sell by on-line auction or for scrap, items approved by the Public Works Committee.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Haynes.

In answer to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Rowe said the department is inventorying many years' worth of a variety of items. The disposal process will be in accordance with the County's disposition requirements.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Rowe offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 189

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION OF FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 55 of 1993, as modified, authorizes a four ten-hour-per-day work week in the Public Works Department which is subject to annual approval by the County and Public Works employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that subject to approval of the Public Works employees, four-day work schedules for 2018 are hereby approved in the Public Works Department as follows:

- 1.) January 1, 2018 to March 24, 2018: Bridge Crews only.
- 2.) March 25, 2018 to October 20, 2018: All Public Works employees, except those employees specifically excluded from the four-day work week by agreement with the union, i.e. landfill employees, certain engineering staff, etc.
- 3.) November 18, 2018 to December 31, 2018: Bridge Crews only.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Haynes and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Merrill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 190

TITLE: ADOPTION OF STATE ADVISORY EQUALIZATION RATES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following State Equalization Rates be adopted for the apportionment of the 2018 County Tax Levy pursuant to Title 2 of Article 8 of the Real Property Tax Law:

ANDES	100.00
BOVINA	23.50
COLCHESTER	3.04
DAVENPORT	75.25
DELHI	60.00
DEPOSIT	4.05
FRANKLIN	99.00
HAMDEN	18.00
HANCOCK	12.49
HARPERSFIELD	28.50

KORTRIGHT	100.00
MASONVILLE	100.00
MEREDITH	100.00
MIDDLETOWN	101.00
ROXBURY	100.00
SIDNEY	85.50
STAMFORD	26.40
TOMPKINS	3.93
WALTON	100.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Rowe withdrew Resolution No. 191 entitled: *Authorization to Enter into an Option for Land Purchase*. He explained the presentation prepared for this meeting was based on the known asking price of the Bishop property. Since the time of submission, there has been a change in the asking price and there was insufficient time to update the presentation. A resolution and presentation will be offered at a future meeting.

Mr. Marshfield suggested the DPW Committee reconsider a hybrid solution using the existing site and the next most suitable site.

Chairman Molé waived Board Rule 10 to permit the introduction without objection of the following not pre-filed resolution.

Mr. Merrill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 192

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board’s office in the amount of \$1,609,676.83 are hereby presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval of payment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer be directed to pay said expenditures as listed below:

General Fund	\$555,945.79
CAP 97 Main	12,107.85
OET	\$16,028.02
Public Safety Comm System	\$170,196.61
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights and Measures	\$16.23
Landfill	\$21,916.89

Road	\$2,149.71
Machinery	\$41,720.14
Capital Road & Bridge	\$788,321.48
Capital Solid Waste	\$1,274.11

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Budget Director Art Merrill presented the Tentative 2018 Budget. He thanked the members of the Finance Committee and Clerk of the Board Christa Schafer and her department for their commitment and dedication to the preparation of this budget.

He shared that the change in the tax levy from 2017 is 1.4623 percent which is under the tax cap. He pointed out that the total appropriations of \$99,648,438 is \$3 million less than two years ago.

Chairman Molé thanked Budget Director Merrill and the Finance Committee for their hard work that went into the budget process. She also noted with appreciation the willingness of the Department Heads to work with the Finance Committee. Supervisors were asked to review the budget for the next meeting.

Mr. Merrill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 193

**TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING
2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED that the budget, with the changes discussed, be adopted as the Tentative 2018 Delaware County Budget and a public hearing be held on the 21st day of November, 2017 at 12:45 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone and unanimously adopted.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.