

REGULAR MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OCTOBER 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, Vice Chairman Mark Tuthill presiding.

The Clerk called the roll and all Supervisors were present except Ms. Molé and Mr. Spaccaforno.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

Mr. Gladstone led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

The Clerk noted that all communications received have been referred to the appropriate committees for review.

Vice Chairman Tuthill granted privilege of the floor to Supervisor Tom Hynes. Mr. Hynes introduced Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County Executive Director Jeanne Darling.

Mrs. Darling stated that Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) is dedicated to growing healthy families, confident youth, successful farms and stronger communities. This year CCE partnered with the Walton Chamber of Commerce to expand the Walton Farmers' Market. This market was open every Friday from July through September and provided a new event each Friday from an ice cream social to Apple Day where the community was invited to bring their own apples to press into cider. In addition, nutrition educators were on hand each Friday to teach the community how to prepare fresh produce. This season saw new farmers who participated at the markets along with the introduction of new products and overall increased sales.

Mrs. Darling introduced 4-H Camp Shankitunk Director Corrine Tompkins who expressed that their main goal is to get youth to attend camp for the experience of making friends, learning new skills, and having fun. Mrs. Tompkins stated that Camp Shankitunk was full again this summer and noted that there was a nice 10% increase in the number of campers from Delaware County. There had been a decline in campers from Delaware County indicative of the population decrease in the County. One way to increase camp enrollment is through camperships and camp scholarships. This year over 200 partial to full camperships were awarded. Offering these camperships would not be possible without partners like the Town of Tompkins, Delaware County Youth Bureau, the Ricky J. Parisian Foundation, and many other associations. Tina Molé arranged for 10 Delaware County youth to attend camp at no cost

through the Michael & Erin Martucci Family Foundation. The Delaware County Camper Access Mentor Program (DCCAMP) is a new and innovative scholarship opportunity this year. Partnering with two other 4-H camps around New York State, 130 children were able to attend camp for the first time at no cost. Mr. Cetta helped spread the word about the availability of these camperships and this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity brought 27 Delaware County youth to 4-H Camp Shankitunk. With additional funding from the Community Foundation for South Central NY, these campers also received supplies such as sleeping bags, flashlights, and personal effects necessary for a successful camp experience. DCCAMP was an overwhelming success and they hope to continue the program to meet the needs of our local youth and will be looking for ways to keep the program going in the future.

Mrs. Tompkins revealed the newest addition to Camp Shankitunk—a traverse wall. Supervisors who came to the CCE picnic at camp in July saw the traverse wall first hand. The traverse wall was inspired by a camper and community funded through grants from the A. Lindsay & Olive B. O’Connor Foundation, the Ricky J. Parisian Foundation, Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP, Walter Gladstone, and other private donations made on #GivingTuesday last November. The traverse wall promotes teamwork, communication, trust, confidence building, goal setting, healthy risk taking, and offers a full-body workout. Campers have thoroughly enjoyed this activity and the traverse wall will add value to the camp experience for many years.

In a final note, Mrs. Tompkins said that camp administration is pursuing accreditation from the American Camp Association (ACA). ACA professionals spent a day at Camp Shankitunk for observation, to review policies and protocols, and test operations to compare with national standards. Application results are expected in November.

Mrs. Tompkins thanked the Supervisors for their support of 4-H Camp Shankitunk and CCE.

CCE Ag Senior Extension Resource Educator Mariane Kiraly spoke about the importance of growing successful farms and two programs designed to stimulate more economic development in the County. She stated that Family Farm Day is an opportunity for the community to visit participating farms for tours and activities and 18 farms in Delaware County participated in Family Farm Day in August. The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce provides funding for Delaware County farmers to participate.

Mrs. Kiraly elaborated on their new To Market, To Market program which is sponsored by the Watershed Agricultural Council. This program helps innovators take a product or service from an idea all the way to the market. It’s a challenge for startups to navigate the requirements and regulations necessary to bring something new to market. The program is open to all types of startups which do not necessarily need to be farm related.

CCE Horticulture and Natural Resource Educator Carla Crim discussed how CCE has grown a Master Gardener Volunteer Program from the ground up. Master Gardeners statewide are overseen by Cornell and are required to complete 40 to 60 hours of training over a 10-week period. David Cox of CCE Schoharie and Otsego Counties holds Master Gardener training every other year. Once training is completed, the volunteers commit to a service component

where they give back to the community within two years. In Delaware County the Master Gardener Program was started in 2016 when two volunteers were trained. In 2018, an additional five volunteers were trained and they are now recruiting for 2020 master gardeners.

Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) branch out from CCE to deliver horticulture education around the County. These volunteers will independently develop and oversee projects in their own communities such as these MGV projects:

- Sheila Ayres – Historic kitchen garden next to the Frisbee House at the Delaware County Historical Association in Delhi.
- Laura Sanford – Orchard apple identification project to determine what variety of apples are growing in the original orchard at Woodchuck Lodge, Naturalist John Burrough's childhood home in Roxbury.
- Bonnie Seegemiller – Hands-on horticulture workshops including succulents, hypertufa pot casting, and herbal infusions in the Colchester community.
- Judy Morse – Raised bed gardens for senior citizens who participate in the "Our Place" program at St. James Church in Bovina. Includes a vegetable garden and a pollinator garden.
- Sonya Meiselbach – Community Garden at Birdsong Farm in Hamden. In this second year, Community Garden produce was brought to the Walton Farmers' Market. The Community Garden was also open to the public on Family Farm Day in August and had over 100 visitors.

Ms. Crim invited the Supervisors and attendees to enjoy fresh vegetables from the community garden along with other refreshments in the lobby at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mrs. Darling encouraged Supervisors to attend the CCE annual meeting scheduled for November 13 at the Castle in Walton. Senator Jen Metzger will be the guest speaker and a luncheon is scheduled as well as a presentation on important issues. There will be a tour of two farms in the afternoon and finishing up the evening at the Castle in Walton with a reception at 5:00 p.m. Agri-business and farmers will be part of the reception followed with a meal that will feature local foods. After Senator Metzger's presentation, a panel of farmers will be talking about the future of agriculture in Delaware County. The County Department of Economic Development, the Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, and the Soil and Water Conservation District are all working together to look at the future and develop a strategic plan for agriculture in our county and region with the goal of keeping small farms in business and making sure there's a future for farms here in Delaware County.

Vice Chairman Tuthill thanked Mrs. Darling and her staff for their informative presentation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 137

**TITLE: 2019 BUDGET ADMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Public Health Services has experienced multiple staff retirements and restructuring of job positions since the 2019 budget was approved; and

WHEREAS, the 14059 Early Intervention Personal Services and Fringe accounts are low on funds; and

WHEREAS, the 14012 Public Health Services Personal Services and Fringe accounts have sufficient funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 budget be amended as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

10-14059-51000000	Personal Services Expense	\$65,206.00
10-14059-58300000	Social Security Emplr Contrib	\$4,043.00
10-14059-58550000	Disability Insurance	\$105.00
10-14059-58600000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	\$24,573.00
10-14059-58900000	Medicare Emplr Contrib	\$945.00

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

10-14012-51000000	Personal Services Expense	\$65,206.00
10-14012-58300000	Social Security Emplr Contrib	\$4,043.00
10-14012-58550000	Disability Insurance	\$105.00
10-14012-58600000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	\$24,573.00
10-14012-58900000	Medicare Emplr Contrib	\$945.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4604, Noes 0, Absent 195 (Molé, Spaccaformo).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 138

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION
2019 CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WEEK
& NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County is dedicated to growing healthy families, confident youth, successful farms and stronger communities; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension represents a statewide system of partnerships working with federal, state and county governments; and

WHEREAS, the heart of Cooperative Extension is found in the strength of its 3,000 volunteers who give their time, expertise and enthusiasm as members of board/committees, as 4-H club leaders, and in Extension's educational outreach; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension has served Delaware County for 106 years since 1913; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension is proud of the 92 years of youth camping programs at 4-H Camp Shankitunk and the 11th year of 4C Camp for seniors; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County continues to offer programs that link university-based research with the talents, enthusiasm and goals of our community; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County has reached families, farmers, youth, consumers, gardeners, and agencies with excellent programs on agriculture and food systems sustainability, positive youth development, community and economic development, energy, environment and natural resources education, nutrition, health, and safety; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County will continue to work closely with its many local partners to offer educational programs that promote healthful eating, access to local foods, quality health care, energy efficient communities, safe housing, active living, confident youth, profitable agriculture, productive businesses, healthy families and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors hereby designates the week of October 5-11, 2019 as Cornell Cooperative Extension Week and National 4-H Week in Delaware County.

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

Vice Chairman Tuthill waived Board Rule 10 to permit the introduction without objection of the following not-prefiled resolutions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 139

**TITLE: 2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Delaware County has been awarded grant funding under the FY 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). State Homeland Security Program from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the EMPG Program is to make grants to States to assist State, local, and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act* (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). Title VI of the *Stafford Act* authorizes FEMA to make grants for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the United States from hazards and to vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the Federal Government, States, and their political subdivisions. The Federal Government, through the EMPG Program, provides necessary direction, coordination, and guidance, and provides necessary assistance, as authorized in this title so that a comprehensive emergency preparedness system exists for all hazards; and

WHEREAS, this grant was awarded in the amount of \$22,818.00 to Delaware County and shall be used to purchase furniture for the multi-purpose room/emergency operations center which will include desks, chairs and related items.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Emergency Services office be authorized to accept this grant funding as described above and that the 2019 budget be amended as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-13640-43330500/3640058/911 State Civil Defense \$22,818.00

INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-13640-52200001/3640058/911 Equipment \$22,818.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Davis and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4604, Noes 0, Absent 195 (Molé, Spaccaforno).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 140

TITLE: SALE OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY

RESOLVED that the following described parcels of tax acquired property be sold to the parties indicated for the price herein stated and the County Treasurer is authorized to execute and deliver deed, therefor, and to cancel all Delaware County tax liens thereon, upon receipt of cash consideration hereinafter set forth.

ASSESSED TO:

TOWN OF:
TAX MAP NO:
SCHOOL DISTRICT:
ACREAGE:
CONVEYED TO:

DEP17TX.019
MARILYNN P SOMMERS ESTATE
123001:DEPOSIT
349.17-3-1
034201:DEPOSIT
90'F x 205'D: 0.25A ACRES

MIRIAM ABDUL-MAJIED
MUJAHEED ABDUL-MAJIED
1723 ROODS CREEK RD
HANCOCK NY 13783

CASH CONSIDERATION: \$5,400.00
VILLAGE SHARE \$2,808.00
COUNTY SHARE \$2,592.00
TAX DEFICIT: \$2,039.04

SID16TX.010

ASSESSED TO:

KEVIN BUTLER

TOWN OF: 125001:SIDNEY
TAX MAP NO: 115.11-2-8
SCHOOL DISTRICT: 125001:SIDNEY
ACREAGE: 55'F X 121'D: 0.18A ACRES
CONVEYED TO: H. HARUTYUNYAN
20542 COLUMBUS CIRCLE STA
NEW YORK NY 10023-9991
CASH CONSIDERATION: \$2,000.00
TAX DEFICIT: \$6,457.89

SID12TX.015

ASSESSED TO:

ADRIENNE DELMEDICO

TOWN OF: 125001:SIDNEY
TAX MAP NO: 115.11-5-15
SCHOOL DISTRICT: 125001:SIDNEY
ACREAGE: 50.00'F X 107.00'D: 0.12A ACRES
CONVEYED TO: H. HARUTYUNYAN
20542 COLUMBUS CIRCLE STA
NEW YORK NY 10023-9991
CASH CONSIDERATION: \$2,000.00
TAX DEFICIT: \$4,699.31

SID17TX.029

ASSESSED TO:

TROY RAMAGE

TOWN OF: 125089:SIDNEY
TAX MAP NO: 141.4-1-12
SCHOOL DISTRICT: 125001:SIDNEY
ACREAGE: 66'F X 125'D: 0.24A ACRES
CONVEYED TO: H. HARUTYUNYAN
20542 COLUMBUS CIRCLE STA
NEW YORK NY 10023-9991
CASH CONSIDERATION: \$2,500.00
TAX DEFICIT: \$7,248.21

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4604, Noes 0, Absent 195 (Molé, Spaccaferno).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 141

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

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 the public use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Probation Department is authorized to sell by on-line auction or for scrap the following item:

<u>Vehicle No.</u>	<u>Description Vehicle</u>	<u>SN/VIN</u>
PRO 31	2009 Ford Fusion	3FAHP0GA6AR110216

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 142

**TITLE: RATIFICATION OF BAGS LANDFILL
BUDGET FOR 2020**

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020 budget for the BAGS Landfill in the total amount of \$14,294.00 with \$1,820.35 the apportioned cost to the Town of Sidney be ratified as presented.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold.

Vice Chairman Tuthill stated that this resolution is brought before the Board every year.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 143

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board’s office in the amount of \$3,418,481.02 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	\$1,454,144.42
OET	\$20,052.38
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
CAP 97-Main Street	\$534.43
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights and Measures	\$276.28
Landfill	\$117,461.19
Road	\$2,105.97
Machinery	\$32,142.69
Capital Road & Bridge	\$1,791,763.66
Capital Solid Waste	\$0.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4604, Noes 0, Absent 195 (Molé, Spaccaforno).

Vice Chairman Tuthill reminded Supervisors to stop in the lobby to enjoy refreshments provided by CCE.

Upon a motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.