

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DECEMBER 10, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, December 10, 2014 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 James E. Eisel, Sr. presiding.

The Clerk called the roll and all Supervisors were present except Mr. Rowe who arrived late.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 226**

**TITLE: 2014 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) 2014-2015  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Department of Social Services is the designated local agency to administer the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for 2014-2015; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State has allocated funds for HEAP local program expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, these program expenditures will be 100% reimbursed with federal funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2014 Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-16141-44464100	Federal Aid-HEAP	\$7,119.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-16141-54342030	HEAP-Public Assistance	\$7,119.00
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The resolution was seconded by Ms. Miller and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4477, Noes 0, Absent 322 (Rowe).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 227**

**TITLE: LEVY OF TAXES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS,  
HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL OUTSIDE OF VILLAGE**

**WHEREAS** there has been presented to the Board of Supervisors a duly certified copy of the annual budget of each of the several towns of Delaware County for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015;

**RESOLVED** that there shall be and hereby is assessed and levied upon and collected from the taxable property situated wholly or partially therein the amounts indicated below for the Highway Outside Village and General Outside Village purposes as specified in the budgets of the respective towns:

TOWN	HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE
Delhi	\$539,620.68	\$.00
Deposit	\$370,786.00	\$33,363.00
Franklin	\$295,150.00	\$36,775.00
Hancock	\$748,000.00	\$42,790.00
Harpersfield	\$304,446.00	\$45,784.00
Middletown	\$791,354.00	\$99,783.00
Sidney	\$276,697.00	\$12,080.00
Stamford	\$222,356.00	\$39,513.00
Walton	\$494,750.00	\$54,932.00

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that there shall be and hereby is assessed and levied upon and collected from the real property liable therefore within the respective budgets:

<b>ANDES</b>	
Andes Joint Fire District	\$197,795.00
Arena Fire District	\$14,212.63
Andes Light	\$8,000.00
Delinquent Water	\$10,140.00

Delinquent Sewer	\$5,390.00
BOVINA	
Bovina Center Light District	\$1,845.00
Bovina Rural Fire District	\$95,380.00
Bovina Water District	\$36,789.00
Bovina Sewer District	\$8,809.50
DAVENPORT	
East Meredith Fire District	\$106,967.70
Davenport Fire District	\$48,488.01
Davenport Light District	\$1,160.00
Davenport Center Light District	\$1,670.00
West Davenport Light District	\$920.00
Davenport Water	\$5,666.00
Delinquent Water	\$3,066.50
DELHI	
Delhi Rural Fire District	\$229,669.73
DEPOSIT	
Deposit Fire and Ambulance	\$82,724.00
FRANKLIN	
Treadwell Light District	\$3,782.00
Treadwell Water District	\$11,850.00
Franklin-Treadwell Fire District	\$203,230.10
HAMDEN	
Hamden Light District	\$2,600.00
DeLancey Light District	\$1,800.00
Delhi Fire District	\$694.70
Walton Fire and Protection	\$21,899.00
Downsville Fire Protection	\$3,500.00
Delhi Rural Fire Protection	\$63,235.26
Downsville Fire District	\$4,260.12
Hamden Sewer District	\$8,930.00
Delinquent Water	\$3,809.00
HANCOCK	
Upper Delaware Valley Ambulance District	\$2,411.27
Cadosia Light District	\$3,000.00
East Branch Light District	\$5,400.00
East Branch Fire District	\$97,000.00
Fishs Eddy Light District	\$4,500.00
Hancock Rural Fire District	\$169,886.21

Long Eddy Fire District	\$23,011.66
<b>HARPERSFIELD</b>	
Stamford Fire District	\$37,278.30
Hobart Fire District	\$5,636.06
Davenport Fire District	\$13,159.08
North Harpersfield Fire Protection	\$43,500.00
North Harpersfield Light District	\$2,000.00
<b>KORTRIGHT</b>	
Kortright Fire District	\$98,498.88
Bloomville Light District	\$4,000.00
Bloomville Sewer District	\$15,667.06
Stamford Fire District	\$6,746.58
Hobart Rural Fire District	\$10,545.31
East Meredith Fire District	\$3,518.94
Davenport Fire District	\$8,233.91
Delinquent Water	\$5,539.75
<b>MASONVILLE</b>	
Masonville Fire District	\$106,435.00
Masonville Light District	\$2,500.00
<b>MEREDITH</b>	
East Meredith Light District	\$1,268.50
Delhi Fire District	\$37,805.91
Meredith Square Light District	\$531.00
Franklin-Treadwell Fire District	\$25,389.13
Meridale Rural Fire District	\$53,700.00
East Meredith Fire District	\$18,214.36
Meridale Light District	\$1,150.50
<b>MIDDLETOWN</b>	
Halcottsville Light District	\$1,596.00
Arena Fire District	\$14,698.93
Arkville Light District	\$8,470.00
Arkville Water District	\$20,000.00
New Kingston Light District	\$817.00
Arkville Fire District	\$33,300.00
Fire District No. 1	\$70,128.00
Middletown-Hardenburgh Fire District	\$240,042.84
Delinquent Arkville Water	\$1,188.28
Delinquent Halcottsville Water	\$2,003.50
<b>ROXBURY</b>	
Roxbury Fire District	\$179,600.00

Roxbury Light District	\$13,495.00
Roxbury Water District	\$33,031.00
Grand Gorge Fire District	\$150,875.00
Grand Gorge Light District	\$10,996.00
Grand Gorge Water District	\$65,233.00
Middletown/Hardenburgh Fire District	\$5,128.53
Roxbury Run Light District	\$2,699.00
Roxbury Sewer District (unit charge)	\$37,918.59
Denver Sewer District (debt charge)	\$0.00
Denver Sewer District (unit charge)	\$80,925.00
Denver Water District	\$27,281.00
Delinquent Denver Water	\$1,737.04
Delinquent Grand Gorge Water	\$7,814.17
Delinquent Roxbury Water	\$5,148.22

**SIDNEY**

Consolidated Health District	\$3,400.00
Sidney Center Light District	\$4,000.00
Sidney Center Fire District	\$77,215.00
Sidney Fire Protection District	\$59,303.00

**STAMFORD**

Stamford Fire District	\$7,543.24
South Kortright Fire District	\$4,000.00
Hobart Fire District	\$29,918.63
Kortright Fire District	\$9,752.12
South Kortright Light District	\$1,300.00

**TOMPKINS**

Tompkins Fire District	\$102,452.00
Hancock Rural Fire District	\$23,379.79
Sewer District	\$6,250.00

**WALTON**

Walton Fire District	\$336,051.00
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**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the amounts to be raised by tax for all other purposes, as specified in the annual budgets as presented to the Board and which are on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board, are hereby assessed and levied upon and collected from all of the taxable property in the towns as enumerated below, except as otherwise provided by law; namely:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>TOWN GENERAL</u>	<u>HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE</u>
Andes	\$621,383.00	\$859,490.00
Bovina	\$257,519.00	\$378,740.00

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>TOWN GENERAL</u>	<u>HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE</u>
Colchester	\$852,213.00	\$1,300,400.00
Davenport	\$245,031.00	\$669,599.00
Delhi	\$412,210.51	\$489,810.72
Deposit	\$351,519.00	\$405,148.00
Franklin	\$190,150.00	\$576,445.00
Hamden	\$176,139.00	\$499,680.00
Hancock	\$426,129.64	\$681,000.00
Harpersfield	\$302,873.00	\$244,783.00
Kortright	\$259,005.00	\$613,850.00
Masonville	\$207,265.00	\$365,000.00
Meredith	\$136,150.00	\$735,421.00
Middletown	\$633,723.00	\$1,083,946.00
Roxbury	\$968,644.00	\$1,556,804.00
Sidney	\$627,251.00	\$330,387.00
Stamford	\$255,384.00	\$248,000.00
Tompkins	\$218,611.00	\$685,202.00
Walton	\$267,443.00	\$490,400.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4477, Noes 0, Absent 322 (Rowe).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 228**

**TITLE: LEVY OF COUNTY TAX, EXTENSION OF ROLL,  
WARRANTS FOR SAME**

**RESOLVED**, that the sum of \$30,725,430.66 be levied against the taxable property of the County of Delaware and the same be credited by the County Treasurer to the objects specified in the Appropriation Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be and hereby is directed to extend the tax according to this resolution on the tax rolls of the several towns and that, when the same have been extended, the various rolls of the several towns shall become the tax rolls thereof.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the several tax rolls, when completed in accordance with the direction of the Board and the several warrants are signed for the collection of taxes by the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board to bear the date of December 29, 2014 the taxes be returnable the first day of April 2015 and that the County Treasurer of the County of Delaware be and hereby is authorized to extend the time of collection in any town not beyond the first day of June 2015, upon the collector's complying with the statute thereto.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Triolo and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4477, Noes 0, Absent 322 (Rowe).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 229**

**TITLE: AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CAUSE TO BE PRINTED A SUMMARY OF ABSTRACT OF THE TOWN BUDGETS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 115 of the Town Law requires that the budgets of the respective towns for each year be printed in the Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, said section authorizes the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to cause to be printed a summary or abstract of each budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board be and hereby is authorized and directed to cause to be printed in the Proceedings of this Board a summary or abstract of the budgets of the respective towns in this County in such form as the State Comptroller shall prescribe.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 230**

**TITLE: CALLING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 151 [1] of the County Law and Rule 1 of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, the organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors shall be held on January 7, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the County Office Building, Delhi, New York.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO 231**

**TITLE: 2015 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING SCHEDULE**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance to Rule 2 of the Rules of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, Board Meeting dates are annually designated in December each year for the following year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors meetings will be held on the dates and times as stated below

Wednesday, January 7, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, January 28, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 25, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, March 11, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, March 25, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, April 22, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, May 27, 2015	- 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 24, 2015	- 5:30 p.m.		
Wednesday, July 22, 2015	- 5:30 p.m.		
Wednesday, August 26, 2015	- 5:30 p.m.		
Wednesday, September 23, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, October 14, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, October 28, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 10, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.	Tuesday, November 24, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 9, 2015	- 1:00 p.m.		

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

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 232**

**TITLE: AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 123-14  
SALE OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY  
TREASURER'S OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, the cash consideration is incorrect on the previous resolution;

DEL12TX.004A

**ASSESSED TO:** **DELHI GROUP LLC**  
TOWN OF: 122801:DELHI  
TAX MAP NO: 171.7-9-30  
SCHOOL DISTRICT: 122801:DELAWARE ACADEMY  
ACREAGE: 37.00'F X 103.60'D ACRES  
CONVEYED TO: PINNACLE VENTURES GROUP LLC  
433 E 56 ST  
NEW YORK NY 10022  
  
CASH CONSIDERATION: \$3,863.27  
VILLAGE SHARE \$1,313.51  
COUNTY SHARE \$2,549.75  
  
TAX DEFICIT: \$6,894.38

DEL12TX.034

**ASSESSED TO:** **WAYNE F SNYDER**  
TOWN OF: 122889:DELHI  
TAX MAP NO: 150.-1-40.1  
SCHOOL DISTRICT: 122801:DELAWARE ACADEMY  
ACREAGE: 5.00A ACRES  
CONVEYED TO: WAYNE F SNYDER  
45793 STATE HWY 10  
DELHI NY 13753  
  
CASH CONSIDERATION: \$10,072.45  
TAX DEFICIT: \$8,250.67

STA11TX.026

**ASSESSED TO:** **THOMAS NEFF AND CHIN-YUN NEFF**  
TOWN OF: 125289:STAMFORD  
TAX MAP NO: 69.-2-24.4  
SCHOOL DISTRICT: 125201:STAMFORD  
ACREAGE: 1.20A ACRES  
CONVEYED TO: THOMAS NEFF AND CHIN-YUN NEFF  
17040 COUNTY HWY 18  
STAMFORD NY 12167  
  
CASH CONSIDERATION: \$11,258.62  
TAX DEFICIT: \$8,575.21

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the cash consideration be corrected as stated above.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 233**

**TITLE: AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 123-14  
SALE OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY  
TREASURER'S OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, the tax deficit is incorrect on the previous resolution;

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<b><u>ASSESSED TO:</u></b>	<b><u>SARAH BRAEN SCOTT</u></b>
TOWN OF:	123201:FRANKLIN
TAX MAP NO:	97.8-4-19
SCHOOL DISTRICT:	123201:FRANKLIN
ACREAGE:	83.78F x 222.50'D ACRES
CONVEYED TO:	JOHN KOWATCH AND RANDY VONBERNEWITZ 66 Co Hwy 36 MARGARETVILLE NY 12455
CASH CONSIDERATION:	\$18,582.45
TAX DEFICIT:	\$15,021.27

	HAR12TX.005
<b><u>ASSESSED TO:</u></b>	<b><u>GUY AXTELL</u></b>
TOWN OF:	123889:HARPERSFIELD
TAX MAP NO:	28.-2-17
SCHOOL DISTRICT:	125201:STAMFORD
ACREAGE:	5.40A ACRES
CONVEYED TO:	WILLIAM P BOYLE JR JENNIFER A BOYLE 288 GAFFEY RD HARPERSFIELD NY 13786
CASH CONSIDERATION:	\$4,000.00
TAX DEFICIT:	\$2,442.29

	WAL12TX.022
<b><u>ASSESSED TO:</u></b>	<b><u>ICTHUS PROPERTIES LLC</u></b>
TOWN OF:	125689:WALTON
TAX MAP NO:	250.-2-14
SCHOOL DISTRICT:	125601:WALTON
ACREAGE:	1.10A ACRES
CONVEYED TO:	ICTHUS PROPERTIES LLC

4189 STATE HWY 28  
MILFORD NY 13087

CASH CONSIDERATION:  
TAX DEFICIT:

\$8,010.07  
\$6,691.31

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the tax deficit be corrected as stated above.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 234**

**TITLE: LEVYING OF 2014 -2015 RETURNED SCHOOL TAXES  
TREASURER'S OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Board of Education of the several school districts of Delaware County have transmitted to the County Treasurer the several amounts of unpaid school taxes, duly verified and certified as provided by the Real Property Tax Law, §1330.

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to §1330 of the Real Property Tax Law, there shall be and hereby is assessed and levied upon and collected from the lands of the several towns as listed herewith, upon which the same were imposed, the amounts of said returned school taxes as certified, with seven percentum thereon in addition as follows:

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>TAX</b>	<b>7% PENALTY</b>	<b>TOTAL TAX RELEVIED</b>
ANDES	218,253.51	15,277.76	233,531.27
BOVINA	170,368.58	11,925.81	182,294.39
COLCHESTER	295,958.41	20,717.18	316,675.59
DAVENPORT	238,222.63	16,675.64	254,898.27
DELHI	261,841.01	18,328.86	280,169.87
DEPOSIT	199,712.09	13,979.87	213,691.96
FRANKLIN	294,811.67	20,636.86	315,448.53
HAMDEN	176,702.08	12,369.24	189,071.32
HANCOCK	668,537.79	46,797.41	715,335.20
HARPERSFIELD	270,886.99	18,962.12	289,849.11
KORTRIGHT	253,240.23	17,726.78	270,967.01
MASONVILLE	152,749.94	10,692.48	163,442.42
MEREDITH	189,144.11	13,240.09	202,384.20
MIDDLETOWN	630,572.06	44,140.15	674,712.21
ROXBURY	368,691.38	25,808.33	394,499.71

SIDNEY	459,730.50	32,181.13	491,911.63
STAMFORD	258,385.98	18,087.04	276,473.02
TOMPKINS	128,302.89	8,981.20	137,284.09
WALTON	430,717.15	30,150.11	460,867.26
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,666,829.00</b>	<b>\$396,678.06</b>	<b>\$6,063,507.06</b>

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield.

Mr. Marshfield noted that the total of releived school taxes is up \$105,000 from last year. He opined that it reflects times.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 235**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE POSITION OF ACTING COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 192 of 2014 created the position of Assistant to the Commissioner of Social Services and simultaneously appointed Dana Scuderi-Hunter to that position; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Commissioner of Social Services will be retiring effective Saturday, January 3, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the organizational meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at which time it is anticipated that Dana Scuderi-Hunter will be appointed to a full five (5) year term as Commissioner of the Delaware County Department of Social Services; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the foregoing there will be a vacancy in the position of Commissioner of the Delaware County Department of Social Services for the period January 4, 2015 to January 7, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of County Law § 66 (7)(a), the Board of Supervisors has the authority to appoint Dana Scuderi-Hunter as Acting Commissioner effective January 4, 2015 and continuing until her appointment as Commissioner of the Delaware County Department of Social Services, provided said appointment as Commissioner occurs within one (1) year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, pursuant to the provisions of County Law § 66 (7)(a), Dana Scuderi-Hunter is hereby appointed as Acting Commissioner of the Delaware County Department of Social Services, effective January 4, 2015 and

continuing until her appointment as Commissioner of the Delaware County Department of Social Services, provided said appointment as Commissioner occurs within one (1) year.

The resolution was seconded by Ms. Miller and unanimously adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 236**

**TITLE: POSITION AUTHORIZATION  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Veterans' Affairs has announced that he will retire in January of the year 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a transition period for the purpose of training a new Director of Veterans' Affairs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that authorization is hereby given for the creation of a temporary position of Deputy to the Director of Veterans' Affairs at the salary determined by the Social Services Committee. The duration of the temporary position is December 22, 2014, and until permanent appointment to the Director of Veterans' Services at the Organizational Meeting.

The resolution was seconded by Ms. Miller.

Mr. Marshfield shared that the Social Services Committee chose Charles Piper from many excellent applications submitted for the Director of Veterans' Service. Mr. Piper was a First Sergeant in the Air Force and a 26-year veteran with a Master's Degree in Counselor Education from SUNY Oneonta. The committee felt that Mr. Piper's broad experience and interactions with veterans and their family members made him the best person to continue the working relationships with our veterans. He thanked Mr. Spaccaferno for his invaluable assistance to the committee in the interview process as a veteran-to-veteran representative.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 237**

**TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$1,175,603.38 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	\$962,803.37
OET	\$22,584.63
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights and Measures	\$0.00
Landfill	\$62,921.01
Road	\$28,432.73
Machinery	\$50,588.91
Capital Road & Bridge	\$4,401.04
Capital Solid Waste	\$43,871.69

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

Mr. Axtell recalled Local Law Intro No. 2 of 2014 entitled: A Local Law Imposing a Surcharge on Wireless Communications Service in the County of Delaware. The Local Law was seconded by Mr. Rowe and adopted by the following vote Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Chairman Eisel thanked Mr. Taggart for the platter of cheese and crackers, and County Treasurer Beverly Shields for her homemade cookie platter.

Chairman Eisel continued the meeting recognizing the Director of Veterans' Affairs John Boecke and Commissioner of Social Services William Moon who are both retiring at year end.

Recognizing Mr. Boecke in his absence, Chairman Eisel shared that Mr. Boecke began as the part-time Director of Veterans' Affairs five years ago. The position went from part-time to full-time based on Mr. Boecke's total involvement with the veterans. Director of Veterans' Affairs was the perfect position for him. As a Vietnam veteran, Mr. Boecke was aware of the needs and dedicated himself to fighting for the rights of all veterans. In his retirement letter to the Chairman, he wrote, "this was more than a job to me. It became my passion and I will for the remainder of my life keep involved in activities that will help support and preserve the rights and entitlements of our active military and veterans." Chairman Eisel said that Mr. Boecke's words best reflect his commitment and dedication to all veterans.

Chairman Eisel read the certificate of appreciation that will be given to Mr. Boecke for his dedication and commitment as Director of Veterans' Services from January 2010 to January 2015. The certificate states "Congratulations on your decision to retire. Our veterans have been well served by your outstanding service and dedication as Director of Veterans' Services. You have worked diligently and have always been available to our veterans to make sure their needs have been properly addressed. On behalf of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, we recognize and appreciate your guidance and devotion to the veterans of Delaware County."

Mr. Spaccaforo shared that Mr. Boecke was unable to attend this meeting because he received a call from a veteran who needed assistance. Mr. Boecke has measurably enhanced the services offered to the veterans and brought the Department of Veterans' Affairs into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Mr. Marshfield noted that he has been fortunate to serve on the Veteran's Affairs Committee during Mr. Boecke's tenure. Mr. Boecke has been known to work whenever a veteran or a veteran's family needed his or the department's assistance. Mr. Boecke has felt frustration and sadness over the treatment of veterans and their families in the past but is encouraged by recent developments for the betterment of the veterans. He has been totally dedicated to the veterans and has gone way beyond what would have been expected of him.

On behalf of himself and the Social Services Committee, he thanked Mr. Boecke for his dedication to the Department of Veterans' Services and wished him and his family all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Ms. Molé noted that she was on the committee that selected Mr. Boecke. His total commitment, drive and passion for the veterans have exceeded all expectations. She thanked Mr. Boecke for all he has done for the veterans of Delaware County. On behalf of herself and her family, she thanked him for helping her father receive his proper recognition forty-six years after serving in Vietnam. Mr. Boecke was always willing to be of help and will be missed.

Mr. Donnelly shared that Mr. Boecke took over as Director at a very trying time. Mr. Boecke's commitment to the betterment of all veterans was his passion. He opined that the county and the veterans owe him a debt of gratitude for his services.

Chairman Eisel called Commissioner of Social Services William Moon to the podium.

Chairman Eisel thanked Commissioner Moon for thirty-five years of dedicated service from January 1980 to January 2015. He noted that Commissioner Moon is well respected among his peers and has had the privilege of training other Commissioners in New York State. Commissioner Moon has been successful in maximizing reimbursements to the county and was responsible for the decision to bring the Department of Veterans Affairs under the Department of Social Services. Having that Department under Social Services has benefited the veterans in many ways, most recently the purchase of a new van to transport veterans to Albany.

Commissioner Moon's passion is the children in foster care. As Commissioner, he is their guardian and he takes that responsibility very seriously. Chairman Eisel said that he would miss working with Commissioner Moon who has served the county very well during his tenure.

Chairman Eisel presented Commissioner Moon with a framed certificate of appreciation that read, "Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement after 35 years of continuous and outstanding service to Delaware County. We will be forever grateful for your boundless creativity, your shared insights, and your guidance in directing the Department of Social Services. On behalf of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, we thank you for your years of dedicated service, outstanding accomplishments, and deep appreciation to this county."

Mr. Marshfield noted that as a member of the Social Services Committee he has witnessed the dedication and strong desire of Commissioner Moon to help our children, our aged and other eligible families and individuals. He is highly respected by his staff and his peers throughout the state. He understands how to get the most out of revenues and state and federal dollars. He led the department by example; works well with others and expects his employees to understand their responsibilities and roles in the distribution of our social programs. Commissioner Moon is truly a hardworking, caring and people-oriented person, one that has it in heart to help others. Mr. Marshfield noted that it has been a privilege to know and work with Commissioner Moon and believes that the programs and ideas implemented in our county will be used for decades to come.

Ms. Molé shared that it has been her pleasure to know Commissioner Moon for over thirty-five years. She knows the perception of what the department does is far different from what it actually stands for. Her mother's career was working for the Department of Social Services under Commissioner Moon. Ms. Molé noted that both her and her mother have a high regard for the commitment and dedication Commissioner Moon has for the county, adding she is grateful that he comes to work every day with the goal of helping someone in need.

Mr. Kirkwood said that it was eighteen years ago when Commissioner Moon gave him his stamp of approval. Mr. Kirkwood stated that he has nothing but respect for Commissioner Moon and the department and will miss working with the Commissioner. Mr. Kirkwood wished Commissioner Moon all the best in his retirement.

Mr. Donnelly thanked Commissioner Moon for always being available when needed. He recognized the Commissioner's commitment to the foster care program and shared that as an adoptive parent himself he appreciates the importance of finding permanent homes for foster children.

Mr. Rowe shared that his mother, former Town of Hancock Supervisor Joy Rowe, was one of a three-person committee charged with hiring the best candidate for Commissioner of Social Services thirty-five years ago and Commissioner Moon was not the committee's first choice. However, Mrs. Rowe felt certain that Commissioner Moon met all the points on the checklist and was the best candidate for the position. On the Board floor, it was mentioned that the decision was not unanimous and Mrs. Rowe was asked to give the report for the majority. After the report had been given, someone said that they knew the previous Commissioner would be hard to replace but they never thought the county would have to go to the "moon" to find a replacement. Mrs. Rowe was always proud of the decision the committee made and was glad it lasted over thirty years.

Mr. Taggart said that prior to becoming a Supervisor he did not think very highly of Commissioner Moon or the Department of Social Services considering them the "big bad gorilla." His opinion changed as he began to understand the obstacles Commissioner Moon and the department faces. Commissioner Moon is a good man, doing a great job for the county. Mr. Taggart thanked him for his service to the county.



Clerk of the Board Christa Schafer shared that she started her career working for the county under Commissioner Moon and seeing firsthand the challenges of the position. It takes a special person to handle the difficulties people sometimes face in their lifetime. Commissioner Moon has always been willing, compassionate and understanding of people in need. Mrs. Schafer noted that she will miss working with Commissioner Moon and wished him well in his retirement.

Mr. Dolph expressed his appreciation for the manner in which he and the Commissioner worked on the budget, never quite agreeing but always working towards that goal. He noted that he considered the Department of Social Services the “big gorilla” in our community as well, but his time as a Supervisor has shown him how effectively the department works. He shared his appreciation for the guidance the department provided him while dealing with the care of his mother.

Commissioner Moon shared a synopsis of his long and successful career with Delaware County and fondly recounted a few of the highlights and prominent relationships developed over the years. He noted that the success of the Department of Social Services comes from the leadership of the Board of Supervisors, the Social Services Committee and a truly dedicated staff.

The Commissioner said that he is looking forward to retiring and the new challenges it will bring. He expressed his grateful appreciation for the thoughts and comments shared today and thanked the Board of Supervisors for allowing him the privilege of serving the county as its Commissioner of Social Services. He offered his assistance if needed and thanked the Social Services Committee and the Board of Supervisors for their support through the years.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 238**

**TITLE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel negotiations.

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

The meeting reconvened in regular session with all Supervisors present. Chairman Eisel wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Upon a motion, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.