

**Finance Meeting
November 8, 2023**

Attendees

Committee: Art Merrill, Wayne Marshfield, Jeff Taggart, Mark Tuthill, John Kosier,
Wayland Gladstone, George Haynes, Tina Molé

Staff: Bev Shields, Amy Merklen, Penny Bishop, Christa Schafer, Joe deMauro

Mr. Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Taggart, seconded by Mr. Kosier, the Committee entered into executive session to discuss an ongoing investigation.

Committee reconvened in regular session.

On a motion by Mr. Kosier, seconded by Mr. Taggart, the draft minutes of the October 25 meeting were unanimously approved.

The September 30, 2023 Bank Balance report was reviewed. The November 7 Sales Tax report was reviewed. The report indicates an increase in sales tax of 2.1271 percent compared to the same time period last year.

Treasurer's Office – Beverly Shields

In reply to Mr. Gladstone's question of how much consumers have saved in sales tax on gasoline as a result of the local law reducing the amount collected per gallon, Mrs. Shields said she does not get a report for that specific information, but she will contact the state and ask for the data.

Responding to Mr. Marshfield's question about training for towns to use the new tax collection software, Mrs. Shields said training is not being offered at this time.

Mrs. Shields reported they received an additional invoice from Tompkins Community College in excess of \$100,000 and will need more funds transferred to cover the costs. Mr. Taggart made a motion to transfer \$200,000 to cover additional community college expenses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and unanimously carried. A not-prefiled resolution to transfer the funds will be presented at the afternoon Board meeting.

Mr. Merrill presented two additional not-prefiled resolutions: the audit resolution and a resolution to schedule a public hearing for the tentative budget.

Travel, equipment, and fill vacancy requests were approved as presented. Mr. Merrill noted that the County Clerk's office will be purchasing their requested equipment now as opposed to budgeting the funds for 2024. Mr. Haynes concurred and said DPW is doing the same for equipment requests.

Mr. Taggart requested a resolution be drawn up to object to the State for not having a tax cap in place.

Upon a motion, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.