

Finance & Rules Committee
May 29, 2018
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Michael Montigelli, Legislators William Johnson, Allen Drake, James Nabywaniec, Carolyn Fitzpatrick and Board Chairman Scott Gray

Others Present: Legislator Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Information Technology and Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Gregory Hudson, JCC President Ty Stone, Probation Director Marty Morrison, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Abraham Kenmore, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor.

Thompson Park Conservancy Chairman Mark Irwin introduced the new NYS Zoo at Thompson Park Executive Director Larry Sorrell who comes to Watertown from the Rochester Zoo where he was Executive Director for over 20 years. Mr. Sorrell has been a long term supporter of our zoo, and for at least the last 10 years while Mr. Irwin has been involved, he has been an advisor and mentor to Zoo Board members and staff.

Mr. Sorrell addressed the Committee advising that he has been involved with the NYS Zoo in Watertown since the 1998 Ice Storm when he and staff came up to help get trees off of some habitats and clean up. He has been involved with various staff and board members since that time and has always thought it was a wonderful place and had great opportunity to be a gem of the North, it just needed a little polishing. Mr. Sorrell said he has committed at least five years here to get things stabilized and get it on strong financial footing. He appreciated the support of the Board for the Zoo in the past and looked forward to that continuing and working in a positive way with the Board as they continue to move Thompson Park Conservancy, NYS Zoo at Thompson Park and the North Country community forward. He encouraged legislators to contact him should they have any questions.

The minutes of the April Committee meeting stand approved in the absence of objection or correction.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution authorizing the vacating of judgment of foreclosure for owners of certain parcels of real property and discontinuance of foreclosure proceeding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution approving mortgage tax report and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Johnson and seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec. Legislator Drake inquired about the percentages retained by the state and municipalities. Mr. Hagemann advised that we charge .75% ; .and it is distributed .25% State and .50% Town(s). There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution setting time and place for public hearing on tentative 2018-2019 Jefferson Community College Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution authorizing the provision of educational services by Jefferson Community College beyond its sponsorship area through an agreement between the College Board of Trustees and the County of Lewis and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution authorizing reappointments to the Workforce Development Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislator Johnson and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution accepting funding from the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative and amending the 2018 County Budget in relation thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution authorizing the lease of lands of the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority to the State of New York for a period greater than ten years and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution conditionally authorizing sale of real property to the Village of Ellisburg, New York and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Johnson and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

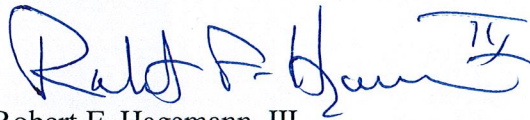
Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution for payment of legislators' expenses and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

On a motion by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following resolution sponsored by the General Services Committee:

- ✓ Accepting Funding and Authorizing an Agreement in Connection with Public Health Rabies Control Activities and Amending the 2018 County Budget in Relation Thereto

There being no further business of the Committee on a motion by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Johnson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Hagemann, III", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board