

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022
1:30 P.M.

PRESENT: D. Knapp, W. Wadsworth, D. Fanaro, D. Babbitt Henry, D. LeFeber, D. Pangrazio, J. Deming, D. DiSalvo, M. Falk, S. Hillier
ABSENT: E. Gott

Ways & Means Chair Dwight Knapp asked County Treasurer Amy Davies to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNTY TREASURER – AMY DAVIES

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

1. DECEMBER 31, 2021 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Bonadio will present the final 12/31/21 audited financial statements. The County Treasurer introduced Bonadio Partner Randy Shepard to give a brief review and update of the audited financial statements for 2021.
2. Foreclosure Update-Ms. Davies gave an update on the foreclosure auction scheduled for this Thursday. There are 21 parcels. There was discussion on acceptable identification for members of the Amish community. The County Attorney explained that some sort of identification is needed in order to follow the terms of sale. Ms. Davies explained that we have had some participation by the Amish community in the past.

OTHER – CHAIRMAN LEFEBER

Pre-Approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

1. Gas Sales Tax Discussion-Chairman LeFeber reviewed the research on gas prices in surrounding areas in response to questions from several constituents on why gas prices in Livingston County are equal to or more than counties that did not participate in the fuel tax action. County residents are going outside of Livingston to purchase gas and diesel for less. While this action was a good gesture by the Board, the gas stations are keeping the savings to themselves. In his absence, Chairman LeFeber shared Mr. Gott's support of continuing the savings and his concern that to discontinue the legislation would cause the gas prices in Livingston County to be higher. The County Attorney explained that the county can only make changes this legislation at the start of a tax quarter, so we would need to take action now and have something mailed out to the Office of Taxation and Finance no later than August 2. She has prepared a draft resolution amending the resolution changing the end date to September 1 instead of January 1.

AMENDING A PORTION OF RESOLUTION 2022-194 – A CENTS PER GALLON RATE OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES ON MOTOR FUEL AND DIESEL MOTOR FUEL

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2022-194 amended Resolution No. 1967-190 by adding new section 4-B. Said section established a cents per gallon rate of sales and compensating use taxes on motor fuel and diesel motor fuel in lieu of the percentage rate of such taxes pursuant to the authority of Article 29 of the New York State Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2022-194 took effect June 1, 2022 and is currently set to expire and be repealed on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors now desires to amend Resolution 2022-194 such that it shall be repealed on September 1, 2022; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 2022-194 is hereby amended to now expire and be deemed repealed on September 1, 2022.

Motion: Mr. Pangrazio moved and Mr. Wadsworth seconded to approve the resolution to discontinue the fuel tax legislation, Ms. Babbitt opposed Carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION – DWIGHT KNAPP

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. **APPROVING ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS #7B-JULY 27, 2022**

Motion: Mr. LeFeber moved and Mr. Wadsworth seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

2. AMENDING 2022 LIVINGSTON COUNTY BUDGET: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & PLANNING

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Treasurer is authorized and directed to make the requested Budget Amendments per the Budget Amendment entries that have been approved by the Livingston County Administrator.

The Board amendment is for the purchase of chairs for the Board room and the Planning amendment is for the water supply project ground penetrating radar systems for leak detection survey.

Motion: Mr. Pangrazio moved and Mr. LeFeber seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

3. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HIGHWAY

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Treasurer is authorized and directed to make the requested transfers per the Budget Amendment entries that have been approved by the Livingston County Administrator.

Motion: Mr. Fanaro moved and Mr. Pangrazio seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pangrazio moved and Mr. Wadsworth seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele R. Rees, IIMC-CMC
Clerk of the Board