

REGULAR MEETING

June 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Lawrence Dolhof.

Roll Call: All Legislators were present.

Chairman Dolhof offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There were 47 persons present.

Chairman Dolhof declared the May 1, 2018 meeting minutes approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE RULES AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

The Rules and Legislation Committee had met and recommended to waive the rules to allow action on late resolutions.

Signed by: Ronald Burns, Chairman
Jerry King
Randall LaChausse

Dated: June 5, 2018

Legislator Moser made a motion to waive the rules, seconded by Legislator LaChausse, and carried.

Chairman Dolhof opened the public hearing for comments on Local Law (Introductory No. 2-2018) A Local Law Increasing Salaries of Certain Local Officials”.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chairman Dolhof presented a NYSDOH congratulatory plaque to Public Health Planner Ashley Waite for achieving the 2018 Honor Roll Award in recognition of her outstanding commitment to public health by promoting overall health of the community and preventing disease.

Clerk of the Board Teresa Clark read the proclamation whereby the Chairman had declared “June as Dairy Month” in Lewis County. Chairman Dolhof introduced Cooperative Extension Executive Director Michele Ledoux and Brittany Berrus of the Industrial Development Agency (“IDA”) who provided statistical information on the regional impact of dairy and a visual launch of the “Naturally Dairy” marketing campaign. She recognized Lewis County Dairy Princess Reegan Domagala and her court for graciously offering milk and cheese to attendees tonight. To augment the campaign, Lindsey Ferlito announced a monthly dairy focused theme that will encourage residents to think, shop and buy local products. Chairman

Dolhof referenced the County's contract with the IDA for Brittany's marketing expertise to promote dairy, as well as inform of County services.

The Clerk then read a proclamation to recognize the efforts and availability of the Lewis County Community Crisis Response Team. Director of Community Services Patricia Fralick introduced Team Co-Chairs Anna Platz and Bereavement Specialist Crystal Collette. The team is prepared to respond to those in need to support, intervene and relay information to those who are overwhelmed, feel helpless or confused following a traumatic loss. Team members Kay Larabee, Ed Steckly and Carla Hellinger were also introduced. Persons may access the established website at www.lewislivesmatter.com-ccrt or call the Lewis County General Hospital switchboard at 315-376-5200 to request team assistance.

County Manager Ryan Piche reported the results of the Legislator 25-question survey that replicated the survey conducted by the Lewis County General Hospital Board of Managers' for development of a vision, mission and goals. Financial management, economic development, the aging physical structures and availability of good jobs were cited as important focus issues. Governmental program and procedural priority issues were also identified for focus.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES:

Congresswoman Elise M. Stefanik acknowledged receipt of this Board's resolution in support of the Farm Bill for reauthorization of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that includes reforms to certain programs.

The Board acknowledges receipt of resolutions from the Cattaraugus, Livingston and Seneca County Legislatures in support of Senate Bill 8210 amending executive law in relation to the cost of maintenance and operation of County Veterans' Service Agencies.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS:

Legislators have received copies of the Treasurer's May report, the 5/22 and 5/24/18 Highway Audit Reports and the 5/1 and 5/24/18 Solid Waste Audit Reports; as well as minutes of the 2/20/18 Public Health Services Advisory Committee, 4/17/18 Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors, and 5/16/18 Youth Bureau Advisory Board meetings.

Legislators had received the following apportionment of mortgage tax report:

**APPORTIONMENT OF MORTGAGE TAX
October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018**

	<u>KEY</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Town of Croghan		372,663,282	\$14,292.67
Village of Croghan	.025309389	18,863,760	<u>371.13</u>
			\$14,663.80

Town of Denmark		180,810,463	\$19,199.08
Village of Castorland	.043609913	15,770,257	991.88
Village of Copenhagen	.112265392	40,597,515	<u>2,553.40</u>
			\$22,744.36
Town of Diana		181,459,743	\$11,456.63
Village of Harrisville	.062799510	22,791,166	<u>767.68</u>
			\$12,224.31
Town of Greig		225,547,776	\$18,770.74
Town of Harrisburg		273,795,859	\$ 4,866.31
Town of Lewis		73,770,509	\$ 8,854.39
Town of Leyden		104,553,452	\$ 5,503.47
Village of Port Leyden	.078151279	16,341,972	<u>466.57</u>
			\$ 5,970.04
Town of Lowville		457,443,050	\$17,574.96
Village of Lowville	.283787520	259,633,257	<u>6,963.79</u>
			\$24,538.75
Town of Lyonsdale		113,066,613	\$ 7,293.85
Village of Lyons Falls	.039064790	8,833,847	305.00
Village of Port Leyden	.026734236	6,045,499	<u>208.73</u>
			\$ 7,807.58
Town of Martinsburg		400,790,483	\$ 5,678.28
Town of Montague		38,281,354	\$ 790.73
Town of New Bremen		178,085,304	\$14,532.21
Village of Croghan	.036286169	12,924,067	<u>547.17</u>
			\$15,079.38
Town of Osceola		51,748,372	\$1,953.85
Town of Pinckney		37,415,630	\$3,023.14
Town of Turin		79,246,117	\$7,934.68
Village of Turin	.077862320	12,340,573	<u>669.98</u>
			\$ 8,604.66
Town of Watson		210,412,592	\$11,883.39

Town of West Turin		141,217,808	\$ 4,487.92
Village of Constableville	.049130496	13,876,202	260.63
Village of Lyons Falls	.104875626	29,620,612	<u>556.36</u>
			\$ 5,304.91

GRAND TOTAL \$172,758.62

To County of Lewis \$86,379.48

Randall LaChausse, Chairman
 Andrea Moroughan
 Gregory Kulzer
 Taxation Committee

Dated: June 5, 2018

WARRANT

TO: The Treasurer of the County of Lewis

You are hereby notified by the Board of Legislators of Lewis County that the sum of \$172,758.62 from the tax on mortgages from October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 has been apportioned to the Tax Districts entitled to same and, you are hereby directed to pay the respective Supervisors the amount due to the Towns, to their Village Treasurers the amount due the Villages, and to the County of Lewis the amount stated, according to the foregoing schedule, pursuant to the provisions of Section 261 of the Tax Law.

Given under the hands of the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board of Legislators of Lewis County, and the seal of the Board of Legislators being hereto affixed on the 6th day of June 2018.

Signed By: Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman
 Teresa Clark, Clerk of the Board

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator John Lehman, Social Services/Office For the Aging/Youth Bureau Committee Chairman, reported receipt of 21 HEAP applications for cooling assistance, 57 for clean and tune services and 11 for furnace repair and replacement. Benefit eligibility is based on medical and financial need. Foster parenting classes will be held in September. Kelly Services will host a recruiting event at the One Stop office each Tuesday in June, and United Cerebral Palsy will recruit on Thursdays.

Legislator Lehman reported 25 youths are employed in the summer program at various Lewis County departments. The Youth Bureau had awarded \$1,270 to the Project Safe Community in Harrisville, \$1,865 to the Lewis County 4-H Teen Council and \$1,865 to American Youth Soccer organization.

Legislator Lehman had attended the 45th Credo anniversary celebration where he had an opportunity to meet one-on-one with program participants, one of which declared the program as being by far the best and toughest program he had experienced.

Legislator Lehman made a motion to authorize DSS Commissioner Jennifer Jones to refill the permanent full-time Employment & Training Specialist, Social Services Program Examiner and Community Services Worker positions, effective immediately, due to a resignation and promotions. The motion was seconded by Legislator King and carried.

In deference to Election Committee Chairman Legislator LaChausse, Legislator Chartrand informed of the 6/26/18 Federal election primary.

Legislator Bryan Moser, Veterans Services/Human Resources Committee Chairman, solicited Legislators' opinions about whether to relax or continue the policy requiring Department Heads to request and justify refilling vacancies for budgeted positions. He informed the search for replacement of the retiring Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds is underway, while mentioning the impending recruitment for a Superintendent of Highways.

Legislator Moser termed the first annual Community Cup event as a success. The Committee had reviewed the results of the employee survey that would be distributed to each Legislator. County Manager Ryan Piche stated that he and Human Resources Director Chris Boulio had compiled and analyzed the survey data and would be prepared for in-depth discussion at the next committee meeting to identify responding initiatives. He will share the survey results with Department Heads on 6/7/18.

Legislator Jerry King, Ways and Means/Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairman, stated that in consideration of recently learned financial obligations, county building projects were being deferred. He also reported the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds' applicants remain under review.

Legislator Thomas Osborne, Public Health/Community Services Committee Chairman, encouraged the public to inform the Public Health office of the location of dead wild animals or those that appear sick or are acting strangely. The animals may be picked up and tested by the USDA Wildlife Service. Lewis County Public Health did not apply for subsequent Cancer Services Program funding due to the requirement to serve a four-county region. The current Lewis County program will be appropriately closed out at the end of 2018.

The Children With Special Needs Program has 113 children registered for the Pre-School Program, a program that equates 60% of the overall Public Health County Share.

Legislator Osborne reported completion of the Community Services 2019 Local Services Plan as required pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law and submitted to each of the State regulatory agencies; ie. Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Office of Mental Health and the Office of People With Developmental Disabilities. The plan identifies priority needs for improving consumer transportation options, attracting qualified and efficient workers to serve the community, reduce opiate use and establishing partnerships with school districts to enhance access to services. The Plan also cites metrics to measure outcomes, and was approved by the Community Services Board that is comprised of local service providers, consumers and other community members.

In response to Legislator Chartrand, Director Penny Ingham assured the County would continue to be wholly served with access to cancer screenings through a program administered by another lead agency. Existing local program providers will continue to provide services, and Public Health staff will assure that referrals reach the selected new program coordinator.

Legislator Gregory Kulzer, Courts and Law Enforcement/Fire & Emergency Management Director/Building Codes Committee Chairman, reported continued search for a facility contract for secured detention by 10/1/18 when the "Raise the Age" regulations will prohibit 17 year olds from being processed or housed at the jail.

Legislator Kulzer reported the County submitted a claim for 100 percent of available State funding reimbursement for snowmobile season patrols, a departure from persistent low reimbursements. Sheriff Carpinelli had informed of a \$59,000 expense for a helicopter inmate transport to Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse; and at his request an E-Z pass account will be set up for thruway tolls to avoid having to stop patrol vehicles when transporting inmates.

Legislator Chartrand, Hospital Committee Chairman, recognized and congratulated April employee-of-the-month Registered Nurse Gina Buckingham. The Auxiliary scholarship committee had awarded \$15,000 to local students.

Legislator Chartrand reported an April gain of \$28,995 equating a year-to-date surplus of \$319,819. Gross receipts for in-patient, out-patient and physician offices were an all-time high of \$12.4 million, but would be partially offset by higher medical supply expenses.

The resignation of Mr. Gary Turck as a member of the Board of Managers will be effective 6/30/2018. Susan Ross, a Hospital retiree after more than 30 years of service, was the sole applicant interested to fill the impending vacancy and is recommended for appointment. Legislator Chartrand made a plea to persons who may be interested to serve on the Board of Managers to make their intentions known.

In conclusion, Legislator Chartrand announced the Hospital Foundation is sponsoring their annual golf tournament on 6/15/18 at the Brantingham Golf Course.

Legislator Andrea Moroughan, Transportation/Solid Waste Committee Chair, announced the impending retirement of David L. Becker as Superintendent of Highways on 7/26/2018. Mr. Becker is working on a multi-modal grant through Assemblyman Blankenbush to cover the unanticipated Burdick's Crossing Road culvert repair. Replacement of the Jerden Falls Road Bridge will begin on 7/17/18.

Legislator Moroughan urged support of the proposed resolution to impose a \$5/Ton tipping fee increase and a \$.25/bag fee increase at the transfer station. Repressed recycling markets caused a \$2,000 and \$1,000 deficit respectively for March and April. Legislator Kulzer questioned the need for the proposed two percent increases for 2019 and 2020. Legislator Moser submits that proposed increases were meant to forewarn haulers, but could be waived if recycling markets rebounded, which are currently down worldwide. Incremental increases are

avored over a large instant increase. Currently, warehouses are full of recyclables. Notably, St. Lawrence County is currently paying \$78/Ton for disposing recyclables.

Legislator Moser relayed that local haulers have informed Director Pete Wood they do not intend to pass on fee increases to customers, recognizing there is no charge for depositing increasing recyclable volumes. He further noted our department efficiently transports recyclables in compact trailers. Mr. Piche explained the proposed fees will enable the Solid Waste Enterprise fund to appropriately cover operating costs. Legislator King urged consistent review for efficiency initiatives, asserting greater costs directly related to the number of times waste and/or recyclables are handled. The respective resolution was enacted later in the meeting.

Legislator King made a motion to authorize advertising a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for site, utilities, construction and technical aspects pursuant to specifications developed by C & S Engineering for the JCC Educational Center, seconded by Legislator Moser.

In response to Legislator Lehman, Mr. Piche reported having a general discussion with the suggested individual for Clerk of the Works, who was willing to make a presentation to the Board, if desired. However, C & S Engineers had included \$90,000 for project management services within their proposal, which could be replaced by an independent manager at the Board’s discretion.

In response to Legislator Moser, Mr. Piche reported a line-by-line specification review and analyzation by Planning Director Frank Pace, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Frank Archer, Superintendent of Highways David Becker and himself. Several processes were identified that can be accomplished by County personnel and equipment, and Soil & Water Conservation District has offered to do the seeding at no cost. Further review is scheduled with the collective goal to reduce costs as close as possible to the \$4 million budget appropriation. The \$250,000 grant allocation through Senator Griffo has yet to be confirmed. Mr. Piche affirmed the project was on-schedule to issue the Request for Proposals by 6/15/18. The motion to advertise the RFP was unanimously carried.

In reference to the proposed solid waste fees, Legislator Chartrand asserted his objection to automatic increases in lieu of timely review, if or when necessary.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Piche reported solar project completion alerting everyone to view the first floor monitor that indicates constant power generation levels. On a sunny day generation climbs above the estimated 2 megawatts. The solar monitor also shows various favorable impacts on the environment. Legislator Lehman suggested reaching out to school districts to offer teaching opportunities.

At a recent conference with County Managers throughout the State, Mr. Piche ascertained that all counties share the challenges to meet obligations related to “Raise the Age”, Indigent Defense and delayed State reimbursements.

Mr. Piche commended the Health & Wellness Committee for organizing a successful inaugural Community Cup event, congratulating the winning South Lewis Central School team.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Patricia O'Brien recited the balances of the Special Legislative Contingency Fund - \$76,675.96; Contingency Fund-\$349,457.23; Capital Data Processing Fund- \$98,360.76 and Capital Equipment Fund - \$372,987.17, of which \$158,431.24 is the Highway portion. She stated that year-to-date sales tax revenue of \$3,218,938.54 is slightly below projections; and the current Hospital debt of \$700,000. The balance of the Internal Service Fund is \$2,947,292.90.

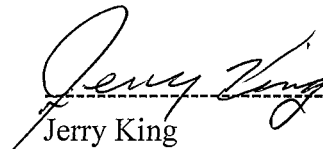
At 6:20 p.m. Chairman Dolhof declared the public hearing closed for comments on Local Law (Introductory No. 2-2018) "A Local Law Increasing Salaries of Certain Local Officials".

REPORT OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

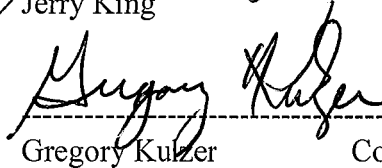
**REPORT OF
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
ON THE EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS**

To: The Honorable County Legislators

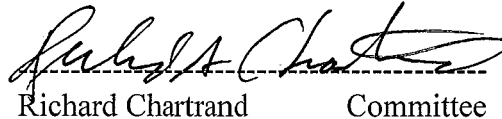
The Ways and Means Committee reports that they have examined the claims presented for payment in the total amount of \$ 892,479.17 and recommend that they be audited and allowed for the amounts claimed.



Jerry King Chair



Gregory Kulzer Committee



Richard Chartrand Committee

Dated: June 5, 2018

Approved on motion by Legislator Lehman, seconded by
Legislator Chartrand, and carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned on motion by Legislator Chartrand at 6:58 p.m., seconded by Legislator King and carried.