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**SECOND DAY  
ANNUAL SESSION  
November 15, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Michael A. Tabolt.

Roll Call: All Legislators were present, except Legislators King and Moser.

Legislator Tabolt offered the Invocation then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**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: Lawrence Dolhof, Chairman  
Craig Brennan

Dated: November 15, 2017

Legislator Brennan made a motion to waive the rules, seconded by Legislator Dolhof and carried.

Chairman Tabolt clarified the reason for cancelling the November 16, 2017 Legislator meeting and public hearing was because the Watertown Daily Times had neglected to publish the hearing notices that they had acknowledged timely received. The purpose of the meeting today is to re-schedule the public hearings and, again, request the legal publications.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 452 - 2017**  
**RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON**  
**2018 TENTATIVE LEWIS COUNTY BUDGET**

Introduced by Legislator Craig Brennan, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with County Law Section 359, the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby sets the public hearing for comments on the 2018 Tentative Lewis County Budget to be held in the second floor board room of the County Court House, State Street, Lowville, New York on the 21st day of November, 2017 to begin at 5:00 p.m.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Dolhof, seconded by Legislator Brennan, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 453 - 2017**  
**FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW**  
**(INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 4 - 2017), COUNTY OF LEWIS**

Introduced by Legislator Craig Brennan, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

WHEREAS, there was presented and introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators held on November 7, 2017 a proposed Local Law entitled "LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2018 BUDGET."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That a public hearing will be held on November 21, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., before the Lewis County Board of Legislators on the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York to hear all persons for or against such local law.

Section 2. That at least five (5) days notice of such hearing shall be given by the Clerk of this Board by the due posting thereof upon the bulletin board of the Lewis County Court House, Lowville, New York, and by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspaper of the County.

Moved by Legislator Brennan, seconded by Legislator Fawcett, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 454 - 2017**  
**RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC INPUT**  
**ON THE GRANT OF A WAIVER FOR A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BETWEEN**  
**SNOW BELT HOUSING COMPANY, INC. VICE-CHAIRMAN AND AN ELIGIBLE**  
**REHABILITATION GRANT RECIPIENT**

Introduced by Legislator Michael A. Tabolt, Chairman of the Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, Lewis County ("County") is a recipient of a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (Lewis County 636HR334-16) which provides rehabilitation assistance to income eligible homeowners in the County; and

WHEREAS, Snow Belt Housing Company, Inc. ("Snow Belt") is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of New York State, with offices located at 7500 South State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, who acts as a sub-recipient to the County by administering said Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to obtain the views of citizens on a potential conflict of interest that is present between Dennis Mastascusa, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Snow Belt and an applicant for housing rehabilitation assistance who is otherwise eligible for the grant funds but for the family relationship between them; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Renewal (OCR) Grant Manual requires that under the CDBG program, an applicant who may have a conflict of interest may need a waiver in order to participate in the CDGB funded activity. Where the municipality that has received CDBG assistance determines, after a public hearing, that a conflict of interest exists but authorizes a waiver, a request for the waiver must be submitted by the local municipality to OCR prior to undertaking any activity on the application under the Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to set the public hearing to consider the conflict of interest and determine whether a waiver should be requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby sets a public hearing to solicit the views of citizens regarding the potential conflict of interest and requested waiver posed by Dennis Mastascusa, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Snow Belt Housing Company, Inc. and the otherwise eligible CDGB housing rehabilitation applicant, to be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Courthouse, Legislative Chambers, Second Floor, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367.

Section 2. That public notice of the hearing shall be advertised in accordance with law at least five (5) days prior to the hearing date.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Dolhof, seconded by Legislator Moroughan, and adopted.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

Legislator Hathway congratulated his elected successor John Lehman as District No. 1 Legislator Representative.

Legislator Hathway relayed that a Harrisville resident had expressed interest for more in-depth information than is reported by Legislators about their jurisdictional committees at Board meetings.

Legislator Dolhof favored the idea because it would provide more detail to the public, and may consequently reduce Legislator reports at Board meetings.

Legislator Chartrand was unsure of the timing for Hospital Board of Manager minutes availability.

Legislator Kulzer noted that the Solid Waste and Highway Committee meeting minutes are customarily received just prior to the monthly board meeting.

Clerk of the Board Teresa Clark agreed with County Manager Ryan Piche that there would be no issue with putting the minutes on the website. All minutes shall be labeled as "Draft".

Legislator Hathway made a motion to have the Clerk of the Board place all Legislative Committee meeting minutes on the County website, seconded by Legislator Brennan and carried.

Chairman Tabolt informed that Ryan Piche would accompany him tomorrow to the Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting hosted by St. Lawrence County.

Ryan Piche reminded Legislators that the annual Thanksgiving dinner would be served at all senior meal sites tomorrow.

At 2:14 p.m., Legislator Brennan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried.