

**SECOND DAY
ANNUAL SESSION
November 15, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Michael A. Tabolt.

Roll Call: All Legislators were present, except Legislator Dolhof whom had been excused.

Chairman Tabolt offered the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman announced approval of the November 1, 2016 meeting minutes.

There were 18 persons present.

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.

Dated: November 15, 2016

Bryan Moser
Craig Brennan

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

Chairman Tabolt asked Clerk of the Board Teresa Clark to read the proclamation, which he then presented to Joshua Genter, commending him for receiving the NYS EMS Council- 2016 Basic Life Support Provider of the Year Award for exemplary service.

Chairman Tabolt then opened the public hearing for comments on the 2017 Tentative Lewis County Budget.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Speaking on behalf of all local libraries, Mary Hunyadi thanked the Board for their past and current support. Libraries struggle to keep up with new technology that is necessary to assist community residents. Libraries have experienced a six percent increase in visits and have conducted 82 more children sessions during the past year. They have increased their inventories by 8,000 items and are proud of their efficiencies. Six of the twelve libraries will be markedly improved in 2017 including Internet service. Schools continue to integrate with libraries and are integral to operations.

Ms. Hunyadi made a plea for an appropriation to augment their fund raising receipts, estimating \$20/person or \$40,000 as the determined amount to keep pace with new technology and properly serve the communities.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES:

Mr. Glen Gagnier has submitted a letter of resignation from the Lewis County Planning Board effective October 27, 2016.

The Clerk read a letter from Village of Lowville Mayor Donna Smith thanking the Board for waiving the tipping fees for the wastewater treatment plant sludge removal project.

The Board acknowledges receipt of a resolution adopted by the Sullivan County Legislature encouraging the State-wide electorate to vote in favor of a Constitutional Convention referendum that will appear on the November 2017 ballot. The goal is to achieve widespread reform of New York State government and to permanently end unfunded State mandates on Counties and other local governments. It is further urged that each revision or amendment emerging from the Convention shall be, so far as practical, set forth as a distinct resolution to enable a vote on each proposal on its own merits, and not as part of a package.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS:

Legislators have received copies of the 11/10 /16 Solid Waste and 11/10/16 Highway Audit Reports; and a copy of the following Apportionment of Mortgage Tax Report:

APPORTIONMENT OF MORTGAGE TAX
April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016

| | <u>KEY</u> | <u>VALUATION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Town of Croghan | | 371,326,082 | \$19,174.17 |
| Village of Croghan | .025409882 | 18,870,704 | 499.92 |
| | | | <u>\$19,674.09</u> |
| Town of Denmark | | 182,246,471 | \$18,242.40 |
| Village of Castorland | .043434073 | 15,831,413 | 937.37 |
| Village of Copenhagen | .111287269 | 40,563,424 | 2,401.75 |
| | | | <u>\$21,581.52</u> |
| Town of Diana | | 180,304,532 | \$ 6,282.69 |
| Village of Harrisville | .062849441 | 22,664,078 | 421.35 |
| | | | <u>\$ 6,704.04</u> |
| Town of Greig | | 223,849,003 | \$ 8,058.89 |
| Town of Harrisburg | | 265,551,164 | \$ 7,914.36 |
| Town of Lewis | | 73,507,390 | \$ 5,718.58 |
| Town of Leyden | | 103,495,059 | \$ 7,564.74 |
| Village of Port Leyden | .078276732 | 16,202,510 | 642.43 |

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| | | | \$ 8,207.17 |
| Town of Lowville | | 453,980,665 | \$19,710.10 |
| Village of Lowville | .282500218 | 256,499,274 | <u>7,760.43</u> |
| | | | \$27,470.53 |
| Town of Lyonsdale | | 102,580,755 | \$ 3,977.35 |
| Village of Lyons Falls | .038066794 | 7,809,841 | 161.91 |
| Village of Port Leyden | .026819641 | 5,502,358 | <u>114.07</u> |
| | | | \$ 4,253.33 |
| Town of Martinsburg | | 400,250,942 | \$ 3,820.68 |
| Town of Montague | | 38,612,437 | \$ 1,332.58 |
| Town of New Bremen | | 176,748,851 | \$12,563.21 |
| Village of Croghan | .035948559 | 12,707,733 | <u>468.47</u> |
| | | | \$13,031.68 |
| Town of Osceola | | 51,380,831 | \$1,341.36 |
| Town of Pinckney | | 40,018,561 | \$2,953.94 |
| Town of Turin | | 76,649,931 | \$8,230.31 |
| Village of Turin | .079061735 | 12,120,153 | <u>706.56</u> |
| | | | \$ 8,936.87 |
| Town of Watson | | 208,198,527 | \$14,089.65 |
| Town of West Turin | | 140,205,752 | \$ 6,277.19 |
| Village of Constableville | .049223758 | 13,802,908 | 365.72 |
| Village of Lyons Falls | .105894108 | 29,693,926 | <u>786.76</u> |
| | | | \$ 7,429.67 |

GRAND TOTAL \$162,518.94

To County of Lewis

\$81,763.09

Gregory Kulzer, Chairman
 Craig Brennan
 Lawrence Dolhof
 Taxation Committee

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 \$162,518.94 from the tax on mortgages from April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 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 15th day of November 2016.

Michael A. Tabolt, Chairman
Teresa K. Clark, Clerk of the Board

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Philip Hathway, Ways and Means/Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairman, commended County Attorney Joan McNichol for representing the Board in the grievance to the Hudson River/Black River Regulating District (HRBRRD) for their overzealous assessment. He recognized her knowledgeable and distinctly delivered testimony stood out among the other regional county representatives. Legislator Hathway further acknowledged and thanked Legislators Moser and King for actively participating in the process and urging the grievance.

Legislator Hathway cited National Grid's initial estimate of \$729,000 to connect the solar array with a County share of \$633,000. He acknowledged and thanked Chairman Tabolt and Legislators King and Chartrand for reaching out to Public Service Commission officials, whom have facilitated cost reduction down to \$213,317 equating an ultimate County share of \$196,317. The project is on schedule for construction in the spring of 2017.

Legislator Hathway made a motion to authorize payment to National Grid of \$213,317, \$18,000 of which will be reimbursed to the County by Greenskies, to implement the solar connectivity process. The motion was seconded by Legislator Chartrand. In response to Legislator Moser, Legislator Hathway reported the cost is well below the original projection of \$500,000. The motion was then carried.

The Board had previously approved an agreement with Larsen Engineers to conduct an energy survey of County buildings. SmartWatt had subsequently reached out and renewed their offer for an energy survey at no cost. Recognizing the parallel study may identify things not otherwise discovered, while also providing a more thorough analysis and may enable additional grant options, Legislator Hathway made a motion to authorize SmartWatt to conduct a simultaneous energy study of County buildings, seconded by Legislator Brennan and carried.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

Liz Swearingin reiterated the last date for processing invoices in the current financial system will be 11/17/16, after which the core team will forward files to Tyler representatives to

be converted into the new database and sent back to the County on 11/28/16. Every general ledger account will be checked by the core team for balance accuracy before the system goes live later that week.

SPECIAL REPORT:

Pursuant to State regulations, Chairman Tabolt solicited interested County residents, irregardless whether they are supportive or in opposition to the proposed Number Three Wind, LLC project to be constructed in the Towns of Lowville and Harrisburg. Ms. Swearingin clarified that each of the towns and the county may nominate four persons. Atty. McNichol stated that if mutually agreed by all parties, the Chairman may nominate two persons, which would otherwise be selected by the State Secretary of Energy. The nominees cannot be elected officials. Planning Director Frank Pace reminded the 15-day deadline for nominee submissions started on November 9, 2016.

RESOLUTIONS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned on motion by Legislator Chartrand at 6:20 p.m., seconded by Legislator Brennan and carried.