

Present: Legislators Bausch, Stein, Clattenburg, Cianfrini. Also Present: Legislators Deleo, Davis, Torrey, Young, DeJaneiro, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Matt Landers, Conf. Secretary Vicky Muckle, HR Director Anita Cleveland, Real Property Director Kevin Andrews, County Attorney Kevin Earl, John Hilchey, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Chamber of Commerce President Tom Turnbull, Tourism Director Kelly Rapone, Marketing Asst. Lindsay Turrell, DA Larry Friedman, Gen. Justice Financial Clerk Tammy Schmidt, Mallory Dieffenbach, Howard Owens, Bill Quinn

Ways & Means Chairman Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM in the Legislature Conference room. The minutes of the November 1, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce President Tom Turnbull introduced Kelly Rapone and Lindsay Turrell, both are full-time Chamber employees. The Chamber moved into their new office space 13 months ago. Tourism revenue was reviewed; overall revenue is up from last year. They have incorporated local initiatives such as selling ads, golf packages and their coupon book. Mr. Turnbull explained that they are mandated to keep their overhead ratio below 40% the 2018 budget has it at 38.9%. Sports tournaments such as soccer and baseball have boosted hotel room occupancy over the last few years. Their visitor center traffic counter provides valuable information on when visitors are entering the building. This helps to determine when and how many volunteers are needed. Over 600 volunteer hours were logged last year. Mr. Turnbull stated they are looking forward to working with GCC on promoting the new Event Center. Legislator Stein congratulated Ms. Rapone on her recent honor and thanked Chamber representatives for the update.

The following referrals were from the Public Service Committee upon Motion of Chair Clattenburg:

1. 2017 Budget Amendment-District Attorney/Office Furniture seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.
2. 2017 Donation Acceptance/Budget Amendment-Genesee Justice-Foundation Donation For Training And Computer Equipment seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
3. Budget Amendment-Sheriff/Sale of Police Patrol Vehicle seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.
4. Budget Amendment/Award of Contract-Highway/Dude Solutions-Facility Maintenance and Highway Work Order System seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
5. Reappointment -Fish & Wildlife Management Act Board seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.
6. Amended and Restated Agreement-Monroe County Water Authority-Countywide Water Project seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell presented a resolution for a contract renewal with Labella Associates for grant writer services for January 2018 through December 2018 at a cost

not to exceed \$5,000. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell described how the 2018 tentative budget was reviewed by the Legislature and amendments were recommended to get the budget and tax levy to a rate the Legislature is satisfied with. The General Fund net appropriation and revenue changes equal \$197,511. This will lower the tax rate from \$10.13 (Tax Cap) to \$10.07 per thousand. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell explained the next required budget-related resolution is the adoption of the 2018 Budget which states the total amount to be raised by property taxes of \$29,295,272 and a tax rate equivalent to \$10.07. The 2018 property tax levy represents an increase of \$596,157 over 2017's. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

The third required resolution relating to the 2018 budget was explained by Mr. Gsell. This authorizes the County to set the sum of \$29,295 as levied against taxable property in the county and further authorizes the Real Property Director to apportion and spread that sum against the properties in the county subject to taxation. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell presented a resolution setting the Health Benefit Plan premium rates for 2018. He and the plan consultant conducted a review of the self-insured health plan and monthly participation fee and are recommending rates as outlined in the resolution. The rates remain flat from 2017. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell proceeded with the discussion on solar projects and the recent notification by Cypress Creek Renewables. They plan to have a solar array in the town of Batavia. Real Property Tax Law section 487 provides for a 15-year exemption from taxes for any increase in real property due to the installation of certain solar energy systems. Under this section of law the developer is required to provide written notification to the appropriate local taxing jurisdiction upon an interconnection agreement with a utility. That same section of law also requires a municipality to notify the developer within 60 days if they intent to require a PILOT. Real Property Director Kevin Andrews stated that 3 projects are established. Prior to this notification by Cypress Creek, another company contacted the County several months ago however, no action was taken. A moratorium on development of solar projects must be done at the town level however the County can pass a local law that allows for an "opt out" of the exemption on the increase in assessment. Chair Bausch stated that since a local law is not in effect and the 60-day window is nearly closed the County should proceed with notifying Cypress Creek that the County intends to have a PILOT. He further stated that a local law should be drafted that

identifies solar and wind projects in the County not be exempt from an increase in taxation.

Human Resources Director Anita Cleveland presented a resolution that adopts the 2018 Salary Schedule "A" which will provide for the recommended salary schedule to be put into place January 1, 2018. The list of titles and salaries was provided to the committee prior to the meeting. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

The next resolution was for the management salary schedule "Schedule B" for 2018. Legislator Cianfrini stated he had issue with the 2.5% management increase. Ms. Cleveland explained that the MAG report continues to be phased in and this is the fourth of the five year phase in. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

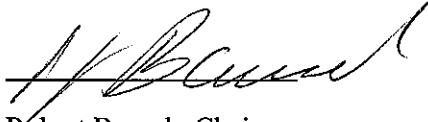
Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou presented the resolution for the distribution of mortgage tax-second payment of 2017. Total to be dispersed to the towns and villages is \$411,573.27. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

The next resolution presented by Clerk LaGrou was to set the date of the organizational meeting for 2018. The Legislature Rules state that the organizational meeting will be the first Wednesday after the First Tuesday of the year. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Next, Clerk LaGrou described how a public hearing must be set on introductory local law no. 5 of 2017 which sets the salaries of county officers who are elected or appointed for a fixed term. The public hearing will be December 13, 2017. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Lastly, Clerk LaGrou presented the resolution that includes local law introductory no. 5 which lists the salary for 2018 for the elections commissioners, Highway Superintendent, Real Property Director, HR Director, Public Defender, County Clerk, Sheriff and Treasurer. The positions listed include those in the middle of a term who are receiving a salary increase. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Bausch", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
Submitted 11/24/17 phl