

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE****June 16, 2014**

PRESENT: Committee Chairperson Clattenburg, Legislators Bausch, Torrey, DeJaneiro, Torrey, and Stein; County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Landers, County Attorney Charles Zambito and Clerk-Typist Diane Fiorentino. Also Present: Interim Public Defender Jerry Ader, District Attorney Larry Friedman, Highway Deputy Superintendent Dave Wozniak, Probation Director Tim Michalak, Planning Director Felipe Oltramari, Recycling Administrator Peggy Grayson, and News Reporter Howard Owens.

Chairperson Clattenburg called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room of the Old Courthouse. The minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Bausch and seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro.

District Attorney Larry Friedman presented his Department Review to the Committee. With five attorneys and one part-time attorney in the department, the department is managing to cover court appearances. Due to the rising cases, a visiting judge from Erie County has session concurrently with Judge Noonan. Summertime case activity trend is higher than other seasons. DA Friedman indicated that he is requesting no staffing changes. Approximately fifty percent of tried cases go to Grand Jury.

Probation Director Tim Michalak highlighted Departmental Progress in the areas of not requiring the County Deputies to transport female inmates for probation interviews, working with the local Drug Task Force, the increase of Probation Officer safety, re-establish use of 10% Restitution Affidavits, and re-establishing flex scheduling.

Director Michalak indicated that in the past departmental coverage has been 8am to 5pm on Mondays through Fridays. However, staff has volunteered to work days and/or hours other than those mentioned. At this time there is one staff vacancy to fill. Looking forward to the 2015, Director Michalak for sees a need to rise the age of criminal responsibility. Legislators commented on present crime situations in the County and the future needs.

Planning Director Felipe Oltramari and GLOW Administrator Peg Grayson requested approval to award the contract for the 2014 HHW Collection Program to Environmental Enterprises, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$29,575.

A motion was made by Legislator Bausch and seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro to approve this request and to place this on the next Legislature Agenda. A voice vote carried this motion. **(Resolution # 1)**

A request for permission to apply for a grant application and budget amendment to the Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan was made by Director Oltramari. This Plan needs of updated in order to support the agriculture industry effectively and efficiently. Legislator Stein stressed the importance of being prepared for growth in the agricultural development, the importance of the industry to the County, and the anticipated outcome for the tentative revised planning project.

This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro. This passed with a unanimous voice vote. **(Resolution #2)**

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County Attorney Chuck Zambito discussed with the Committee the Town of Darien's request for indemnification. A request for David DiMatteo's office stated the town officials' request. County Attorney believes it is not necessary but is asking Legislature to consider a resolution which will indemnify the Town of Darien against any potential damage caused by the new communication tower installed on the Darien Fire Department's property.

A motion to go forward on the creation of a resolution drafted by County Attorney was made by Legislator Torrey and seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro. This was unanimously passed by the Committee for placement on the next Legislature Agenda with a unanimous voice vote.

Jerry Ader requested approval of an appropriation transfer to cover a discrepancy to purchase a chair and desk in the amount of \$17.00.

A motion was made by Legislator Bausch and seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro to approve this motion and to recommend this to the Ways and Means Committee and for placement on the next Legislature Agenda. A unanimous voice vote passed this motion. **(Resolution #3)**

Next Public Defender Ader requested approval of a budget amendment to allow the use of Indigent Legal Services revenues in the amount of \$46,726.

A motion was made by Legislator Bausch and seconded by Legislator Torrey to approve this event and to refer this item to the Ways and Means Committee. A unanimous voice vote passed this motion. **(Resolution #4)**

Deputy Superintendent David Wozniak requested approval to award a bid to United Rentals for the purchase of one man lift in the amount of \$46,996.

This was recommended for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch and seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro. This passed with a unanimous voice vote. **(Resolution #5)**

Deputy Superintendent Wozniak requested the Committee to approve the replacement of the fuel system to include, above ground tanks, product readers, tank monitoring system, and a new fuel canopy at the County Highway Garage in the amount not to exceed \$500,000.

This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator DeJaneiro seconded by Legislator Torrey. This passed with a unanimous voice vote. **(Resolution #6)**

Deputy Superintendent Wozniak requested approval of a budget amendment/salary schedule amendment to upgrade the position of Engineering Technician to Senior Engineering Technician.

This was referred to the Ways and Means Committee for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro. This passed with a unanimous voice vote. **(Resolution #7)**

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Approval of seven vehicles and one forklift to be disposed of at auction or public bid was requested by Deputy Superintendent Wozniak.

A motion was made by Legislator Bausch and seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro to approve this item and to refer this for item to the Ways and Means Committee for placement on the next Legislature Agenda. This passed with a unanimous voice vote. **(Resolution #8)**

Lastly, Deputy Superintendent Wozniak requested the Committee's approval regarding the Fuel Farm Improvements herein in regards to the SEQRA.

A motion was made and seconded by Legislators DeJaneiro and Torrey respectively and to recommend this for placement on the next Legislature Agenda. A unanimous voice vote approved this motion. **(Resolution #9)**

County Manager Gsell reported nothing further.

Chairperson Clattenburg requested that the Committee consider the appointment of Virginia B. Adams of Bergen for a vacancy on the County's Planning Board.

A motion was made by Legislator Bausch and seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro to appoint Ms. Adams to the Planning Board and to refer this item to the Ways and Means Committee for consideration of placement on the next Legislature Agenda. A voice vote carried this motion. **(Resolution #10)**

The next Public Service meeting will be held on August 5, 2014 at 4:30PM.

A motion was made by Legislator Bausch and seconded by Legislator Torrey to adjourn at 5:47 PM.

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Marianne Clattenburg, Chair  
Public Service Committee

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