

FINANCE COMMITTEE
December 8, 2015

Present: Doug Paddock, Tim Dennis, Margaret Dunn, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Dan Banach, Leslie Church, Leland Sackett, Bob Clark, Jim Smith, Mark Morris, Nonie Flynn, Connie Hayes, Gary Montgomery, Elden Morrison, Bill Holgate, Gwen Chamberlain, Chronicle Express.

Doug and Gary will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment:

Ms. Chamberlain questioned if the County Attorney will be reporting on the Outlet Trail. Doug explained that the issue will be discussed in executive session under acquisition of real property.

Planning – Shawna Bonshak

Shawna was unable to attend the meeting.

The Historian's report was reviewed with no questions.

Real Property – Patricia Brede

Pat was excused from attending the meeting, as she was preparing tax mailings.

Treasurer – Nonie Flynn/Budget Officer

Nonie reviewed the 2015 Appropriations.

Nonie reviewed the Sales Tax Report which shows sales tax is running flat. Nonie explained if the receipts stay on track compared to 2014, she estimates sales tax will come in around \$10.9 million.

Nonie reviewed the amounts due from Federal & NYS which total approximately \$1.6 million.

Nonie reviewed the School & Village Returned Taxes which showed approximately \$1.2 million in returned school taxes and approximately \$176,000 in village taxes.

Nonie reviewed a bid received on Tax Acquired Property. The consensus of the Committee was to accept the bid.

Nonie reviewed a position review form for a temporary Deputy Treasurer's position. Nonie explained the current Deputy Treasurer will be retiring early next year so to allow for a brief training period she would like to hire a Temporary Deputy Treasurer. The consensus of the Committee was to fill the position.

Nonie reported on tax foreclosures. The Sheriff's Department posted the Petition and Notice of Foreclosure on six properties where the original mailings were returned for unpaid 2014 taxes. The date of redemption on 2014 unpaid taxes is 2/1/16. As of 11/25/15 there are 117 parcels that have 2014 property taxes remaining unpaid.

Nonie reported on the Constitutional Debt Limit. The debt limit report has been filed with the NYS Office of State Comptroller. NYS requires limiting the amount that can be levied in property tax to 1.5% of the five year average of full valuation of taxable real property. This year's levy is 43.83% of our tax limit. The debt limit in 2016 is 4.26% of the allowable limit.

Nonie reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- 2015 Budget Transfers
- Appropriate Additional State & Federal Aid (Youth)
- Reverse 2014 Reserve for Encumbrances
- Accept Bid on Tax Acquired Property
- Authorize Treasurer to Fill Position (Temporary Deputy Treasurer)
- Appropriate Airport Pavement Maintenance Funds

Doug reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Resolution to Adopt Local Law 4-15 Entitled A Local Law To Increase Tax Exemption For Persons 65 Years Of Age Or Over

Mark moved to enter into executive session to discuss the acquisition or sale of real property with the legislators and newly elected legislators present along with the County Attorney, seconded by Bill.

VOTE: Unanimous

At 7:28 Mark moved to return to open session, seconded by Jim. VOTE: Unanimous

Jim moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person with legislature and newly elected legislators present, seconded by Gary. VOTE: Unanimous

At 7:38 Jim moved to return to open session, seconded by Mark. VOTE: Unanimous

Tim reported that he has informed the Southern Tier Network (STN) that Sarah was no longer the representative to STN, and that he would be Yates County's representative. He has received information from Steve Manning.

Tim feels there is no clamoring from the public for a meeting/presentation, but there is from this board. He proposed that STN be invited to speak to the legislature and advise what has happened since signing the agreement on 4/7/15. The presentation would have to be in executive session.

Elden feels that perhaps a press release would help. He feels STN has been uncommunicative. He believes he saw in the paper that cable would be strung in November, now it's March.

Tim informed that cable takes 10-12 weeks to be delivered.

Tim will discuss and review with STN.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.