

FINANCE COMMITTEE
August 4, 2015 at 6:00p.m.
Location: Legislative Chambers

Present: Doug Paddock, Sarah Purdy, Tim Dennis, Gary Montgomery, Margaret Dunn, Elden Morrison, Jim Multer, Bill Holgate, Dan Banach, Lee Sackett, Mark Morris, Jim Smith, Connie Hayes, Pat Brede, Shawna Bonshak, Nonie Flynn.

Doug and Bill will do the audit this month

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as presented.

Planning – Shawna Bonshak

Shawna reviewed the following resolution that will be needed. The Committee approved.

- Resolution to appoint Town of Middlesex representative to the Planning Board

Shawna reported on the Yates County Open Access Network. Shawna explained the Southern Tier Network (STN) and ECC have executed their contract on July 24th. STN is reviewing various contracts related to construction and pricing for our network. ECC has been in contract with the Municipal Board at the Village of Penn Yan to work on the pole attachment agreements. Any incremental costs that will be incurred because of our delay, Shawn will update the Committee on when she has the information.

Shawna asked for guidance on what the Legislature would like to see as far as a presentation on the Fiber Project. Gary explained the presentation would be for the public to inform them of what the Fiber Project is going to do and what is not going to. The ideal time would be sometime before Labor Day if information is ready. Shawna will talk with ECC and Sarah will talk with STN on possible dates for the presentation.

Jim Smith stated that he is uncomfortable with certain issues pertaining to STN. Jim is concerned a 9.4 mile stretch that goes into Ontario County, where our 12 strands are, what the status of the route is, what the mechanism is that we use to discuss changes, and who is authorized to approve or disapprove?

Tim explained we signed an agreement and when you sign an agreement you have to assume that that agreement will be carried out and it is our job to make sure it is carried out like we understood it. To date we don't know that it is not because nothing has happened, ok. Tim feels that perhaps we do need to have some of those questions particularly when a presentation occurs or as construction is going on. Tim stated that it is his understanding that the only people who have authorization to approve the change of route not the changes in construction because we allotted STN the rights of construction is the legislature.

Shawna updated the Committee on Penn Yan Marine. Shawna explained that LaBella has updated the SMP which was submitted on Friday. On site work including slab removal and crush/grinding is 100% complete. On target for December date for the certificate of completion.

Shawna reviewed the CIP 2016-2020. Doug suggested that \$190,000 be taken from the General Fund to get the cost down to \$2.8 million. The consensus of the Committee was to move forward with presenting the plan to the full legislature.

Shawna reported Keuka College will giving a presentation at next month's Legislative meeting.

The historian's report was reviewed there were no questions.

Real Property – Patricia Brede

Pat reported she has been preparing for the school tax bills and she has received some recertified star amounts due to the change in level from the updated towns.

Pat reported as of the 29th there have been 11 small claim assessment reviews applications filed at the county.

Treasurer – Nonie Flynn

Nonie reviewed the 2015 Appropriations.

Nonie reviewed the Sales Tax Report which showed sales tax running pretty flat.

Nonie reviewed the due from Federal & NYS which showed \$1,579,986.75 outstanding.

Nonie reviewed the 2015 Expenditures Exceeding 50%.

Nonie reviewed a Correction of Error – 2015 Town & County Tax Roll.

Nonie reviewed Resolution 229-04 Sale of Tax Acquired Properties Policy. Doug suggested that the 6th paragraph be changed to read as follows:

“RESOLVED, that such sale shall be for a price derived from the total dollar amount of all taxes due on such property, plus interest, penalties and all other related delinquency expenses, and including a processing fee of \$1,500, and providing that said payment shall be made to the Yates County Treasurer by cash or certified check no later than one week prior to the close of the bid date of the first public tax sale, and be it further”

Tim questioned if Nonie had looked into other methods of selling tax acquired property. Nonie has been talking with other Treasurer's as to how they do their tax sales. Nonie is also talking with the County Attorney on hold a tax sale on the courthouse steps. Nonie will report more as information becomes available.

Nonie reported two of the three late Occupancy Tax filers paid their back taxes that were due. The third is expected to come to a hearing scheduled for August 6th. This is a preliminary step to determine whether a warrant should be issued commanding a levy and sale of real and personal property.

Nonie reported she received the first quarter of 2015 gaming revenue payment of \$32,651.77 which is less than the first quarter of 2014. The 2014 payments received were \$140,651.00 which is less than the NYS projected amount of \$158,903.

Nonie reviewed the following resolutions needed. The Committee approved.

- 2015 Budget Transfers - Bill will talk with the Sheriff regarding the transfers from Contingent and whether he can find the money in other lines. Bill will report at Monday's legislative meeting.
- Appropriate Additional State Aid (Youth)
- Appropriate Additional State Aid (Real Property)
- Approval of Correction of Error 2015 County/Town Tax Roll

Other:

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

- Resolution Concerning The County Budget Officer

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

- Authorize Chairman To Execute Agreement With O'Connell Electric Co.
- Authorize Chairman To Execute Federal Grant Agreement And Related Documents
- Authorize Repair Work At The Penn Yan/Yates County Airport
- Authorize The Chairman To Sign Release Of Claim

Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.