

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE & RULES

DATE: MAY 2, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STROUGH
LEGGETT
BRAYMER
WILD
MCDEVITT
DIAMOND
DICKINSON
GERAGHTY
MAGOWAN
SOKOL
DRISCOLL

OTHERS PRESENT:

RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS FRASIER
HOGAN
LOEB
MERLINO
SIMPSON
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY SERVICES
MARK THIELKING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ENERGIZE NY (*GUEST BY PHONE*)
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
JEFF CLARK, BRANT LAKE HOUSEKEEPING COTTAGE EMPLOYEE
JOAN CARUSO, BRANT LAKE RESIDENT
RUDY RUNKO, BRANT LAKE RESIDENT
RACHEL SEEBER, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 2, 2019 meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2019/legislative/>

Mr. Strough called the meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee to order at 10:38 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Legislative & Rules Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the agenda packet were distributed to the Committee members and a copy of same is on file with the minutes.

Commencing the agenda review Mr. Strough apprised they would start with the Referrals/Pending Items portion of the agenda with a referral from the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee in regards to a local law to establish a sustainable energy loan program in an effort to become a clean energy community. He stated there was a guest speaker on the phone and he extended privilege of the floor to Ms. Braymer, who apprised Warren County was on the path to becoming a clean energy community, but in order to do so there were four high impact actions from a list of ten that needed to be met, one of which was offering the Energize NY finance program to commercial properties in the County. She spoke briefly about the program before introducing Mark Thielking, *Executive Director, Energize NY*, who was unable to attend the meeting, but had made himself available via teleconference to answer any questions the Committee may have on the matter. Mr. Thielking then proceeded to provide an overview of the program.

A brief question and answer session ensued following which a motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously to authorize a Local Law to allow Warren County businesses to participate in the Energize Pace NY program for C-Pace and the necessary resolution was

authorized for the May 17th Board meeting.

Proceeding to the Action Agenda/New Business Items, Mr. Strough apprised Item 1 pertained to consideration of support from other Counties as the following:

- 1) To authorize support of Orange County Legislature No. 45 of 2019, for New York State Legislative Action to classify as controlled substances certain fentanyl “analogues” that are responsible for opioid overdose deaths.

A brief discussion ensued, during which Mr. Magowan indicated he knew a doctor who was knowledgeable on this issue and could invite that person to speak at the next Committee meeting. It was the consensus of the Committee to delay any action on this item and hold further discussion at a future meeting which Mr. Magowan would invite his contact to attend. Mr. Strough also asked that the Warren County Sheriff or Undersheriff to speak on the matter, as well.

- 2) To authorize a resolution opposing New York State Senate Bill S.1947 which seeks to prohibit firearms as prizes in any game of chance, but identifying that Warren County is only supportive if background checks are being completed as required by Law.

Following some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17th Board meeting.

- 3) To authorize support of snowmobiling and increasing snowmobile trail miles in the Adirondacks.

A motion was made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Leggett to approve the request as outlined above.

A discussion ensued during which Mr. Simpson requested that the motion be tabled as there were affiliated outside agencies still researching this matter and he felt action should be delayed until further information was made available. Messrs Dickinson and Leggett amended their motion to table the request following which Mr. Strough called the question and the motion to table was carried unanimously.

- 4) To authorize support of urging Adirondack Intercounty, AOT, NYCOM, NYSAC, and NYS to come together with a plan to provide cell coverage for all Adirondack residents and visitors.

A brief discussion ensued, following which it was decided the Board of Supervisors had previously supported resolutions on the subject.

- 5) To authorize a resolution urging New York State to fund all costs associated with New York State Enacted Voting Reforms Implemented at the County level.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17th Board meeting.

- 6) To authorize a resolution opposing New York State Senate Bill S. 1947 and New York State Assembly Bill A.1261 Related to Hours, Wages and Supplements in Contracts for Public Works.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Dickinson, and carried by majority vote, with Ms. Braymer voting in opposition, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17th Board meeting.

Moving on to the Discussion Items portion of the agenda, Mr. Strough apprised Item 4 referred to further discussion on the redistribution of sales tax revenues in Warren County which Ryan Moore, *County*

Administrator, had previously provided a presentation on the subject from all angles.

A lengthy discussion amongst the Committee members and other Supervisors in present ensued before Mr. Strough offered privilege of the floor to those members of the public who were present and wishing to address the Committee. Three Brant Lake residents (*Jeff Clark, Joan Caruso and Rudy Ronko*) all spoke in opposition to the redistribution of sales tax.

Based on the discussion held, Mr. Strough concluded the consensus of the majority of the Committee was for the sales tax distribution formula to remain the same. He mentioned other suggestions made during their discussion included a 1% sales tax increase and suggested that discussions continue on that matter at a future meeting when projections were available regarding the impact of such increase.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Geraghty, Mr. Strough adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board