



April 16, 2013

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
City Council Meeting
Agenda

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES

PRESENTATION(S):

1. City Center Authority Annual Report
2. Update on Recent High Profile Crime Investigations

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

CONSENT AGENDA

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2. Discussion: Response to Saratoga Springs Housing Authority
3. Discussion: Geyser Road Trail Project
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5. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Benefits
6. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – City Center Contingency

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2. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Daniel J. Wilson Architect – Spirit of Life
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2. Racing Resolution
3. Social Programs Committee Update
4. Potential Privatization of the County Landfill
5. Saratoga Lake Sewer Lines

Matt Veitch

1. Racing Committee
2. 2013 Stop DWI Funding
3. Saratoga Lake Sewer Upgrades
4. Public Hearing – Sale of County Landfill

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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
City Council Meeting
City Council Room
7:00 PM

PRESENT: Michele Madigan, Commissioner of Finance
John Franck, Commissioner of Accounts
Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner of DPW
Christian Mathiesen, Commissioner of DPS

Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
Joanne Yepsen, Supervisor

STAFF PRESENT: Shauna Sutton, Deputy Mayor
Lynn Bachner, Deputy Commissioner, Finance
Sharon Kellner-Chille, Deputy Commissioner, Accounts
Eileen Finneran, Deputy Commissioner, DPS
Tim Cogan, Deputy Commissioner, DPW

ABSENT: Scott Johnson, Mayor

RECORDING OF PROCEEDING

The proceedings of this meeting were taped for the benefit of the secretary. Because the minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, the minutes are not a word-for-word transcript.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Madigan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioner Madigan asked for a moment of silence for the tragedy in Boston yesterday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commission Madigan said the public comment period is limited to a total of 15 minutes and individuals are limited to two minutes each according to the rules approved in February of 2004 by the City Council.

Commissioner Madigan opened the public comment period at 7:05 p.m.

Molly Gagne of 22 Vichy Drive stated Milton is going to be working on their sidewalk project. She is hoping we will be looking at putting our trail in as a transportation trail so the people from Milton will be coming down our trail and patronizing our businesses.

Robin Dalton of 78 Caroline Street stated she finds herself nervous to walk in her neighborhood after the sunsets. As a community we need to further the police's efforts. She proposed the following: the City

Council put together a safe neighborhood initiative comprised of a permanent increase in the night time patrol; add lights; and neighborhood policing.

Richard Wirth of 17 Sandspring Drive stated he is proud to see an initiative he first proposed regarding the cameras downtown. We need to focus on the safety of the residents and visitors.

Charles Usas of 285 Jefferson Street stated he saw an article in the New York Times a few weeks ago regarding Taser International and their camera system. Their cameras seem to be less expensive and information is stored and can be retrieved later. It has reduced claims against police and reduced force by police officers.

Devin DeIPas of 20 Karner Drive thanked Commissioner Madigan for bringing the Geyser Road Project forward for discussion. Last year it was discussed bringing the fund balance from the Spring Run Trail over to the Geyser Road Project. It is important to move this forward.

Commissioner Madigan clarified that the fund balances from the Spring Run Trail Project are not being used for this project. Geyser Road Project is a capital project.

Wally Hilton of 36 Curt Boulevard stated he spoke with many regarding the timing of the design of the Geyser Road Trail. He was under the impression when he left that meeting that everyone was under the agreement that they should proceed immediately. They also discussed needing a cost for the trail to apply for a grant. It is important to get the trail shovel ready as you never know when another opportunity is going to come along.

Steve Kaplan of 267 Staffords Bridge Road stated the Council voted at the last meeting to increase the speed limit on Meadowbrook Road. We need to look at things holistically. We need to make sure there is good enforcement there as there are a lot of bikers and walkers. He urged the Council to pay attention to the enforcement of the speed limit and there is no shoulder on Gilbert Road for people to use for biking and walking.

Jennifer Leidig of 11 Pearl Street stated she is here to lend her voice to the countless women who enjoy living in a pedestrian friendly community. They are looking forward with a partnership with the City. They are looking for leadership.

Commissioner Madigan closed the public comment period at 7:19 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

City Center Authority Annual Report

Mark Baker, president of the City Center presented the City Center Authority Annual Report. The coversheet summarizes what is inside the packet. Last year, 2012 was an outstanding year - guest counts increased by 57.1%; total number of events increased by 10.3%; and there was a 23.9% increase in the number of paid event days. They have accomplished what they set out to do with the expansion of the City Center. The 2012 – 2013 period of time shows they are booking conferences into 2017. The catering rentals and catering revenues increased 21.2% in 2012, their overall earned revenue increased 22.2% in 2012 and their overall expenses in 2012 were down 2.2%. None of this would have been possible without their partners in the community – Chamber of Commerce, the Convention Bureau, and the local attractions. He specifically thanked Sergeant Thomas Mitchell, Assistant Chief Veitch, Donna Buckley, Christine Brown, Stephani Voigt, and Therese Connolly.

Commissioner Madigan thanked Mr. Baker for working with the City and presenting an annual report every year.

Commissioner Franck stated the report has gotten better every year. He also asked where we are with the potential parking garage.

Mr. Baker stated the parking process is started but a design has not been locked in. They awarded a contract for the SEQRA process; and they awarded a contract to negotiate a planned lease. The Authority is looking at outsourcing some of the parking by running a shuttle system. He doesn't believe they will see a downturn in revenue; people will still bring their event to the City Center. We have a huge conference / convention season.

Update on Recent High Profile Crime Investigations

Assistant Chief Veitch stated it is important to recognize the police can't do this alone and the public can't do this alone. The public has a responsibility on some level to protect themselves – lock your car doors, lock your house doors and windows. We all want Saratoga to be a safe place. We are trying to stay up on technological advances. We do not have the K-9 program, we do not have the D.A.R.E. program, and we don't have a training officer. We have taken those bodies and put them on the streets. Every officer we have that is available we are trying to assign them to the streets. Our crime rates have maintained relatively stable over the past 5 - 10 years. He understands it is frustrating for the public to hear the police can't talk about certain things. Every investigator and police officer is actively trying to solve these cases.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated since November they have been getting information regarding crimes much quicker to the public.

Commissioner Franck stated the NYPD has an app that updates people right away.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated Chief Cole will be attending a session regarding those types of programs.

Assistant Chief Veitch explained if someone calls '911' from a cell phone, the call goes directly to the county first and then to us as we do not have the capability to accept those calls. Calls from a land line phone to '911' will go directly to our dispatch.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated Saratoga Springs does have a reputation for being very safe. When a crime does happen it is news because of this. A lot has been done to try to keep the cops in the street.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

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Ayes – All

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Approval of Community Development Block Grant Recommendations (13-126)

Brad Birge of the Planning Department advised these are funds the City receives from the federal government to disburse within our community. They received 15 applications asking for about \$547,000 but the City only had \$336,000 to give out. The Committee reviewed the applications and made their recommendations to the Council on March 5th. This evening they submit the recommendations for approval.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the Community Development Block Grant recommendations as distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Saratoga Casino and Raceway Agreement (13-127)

Commissioner Madigan advised this is an agreement for the City to use the Saratoga Harness Racing Inc Polo fields for its 2013 soccer program.

John Hirliman of the Recreation Department stated this is an annual agreement to use the Saratoga Gaming and Raceway soccer fields. There is no charge.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the Saratoga Casino and Raceway agreement as distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Accept Donation for Recreation Department (13-128)

Commissioner Madigan the City has received 2 donations for the Recreation Department. Stewart's Shops has donated \$4,250 from the Holiday Match and Saratoga County Children's Committee has donated \$4,000.

John Hirliman explained the money from Stewart's Shops will be used for summer camp scholarships, concession stand area, and a computer lab area. The donation from the Saratoga County Children's Committee is for camp scholarships.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded for Council approval to accept the donations to the Recreation Department from Stewart's Shops in the amount of \$4,250 and Saratoga County Children's Committee in the amount of \$4,000 as described.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Camp Saradac Personnel Hourly Rates

Commissioner Madigan stated this item was pulled from the mayor's agenda.

Discussion and Vote: 2013 Camp Saradac Trip and Program Approvals (13-129)

John Hirliman advised this is the list of field trips they will be taking through Camp Saradac. There are usually 115 – 120 campers. Dates may change a bit due to rain.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the 2013 Camp Saradac Trip and Program approvals as attached with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Approval of the 2013 Camp Safety Plan (13-130)

John Hirliman advised this plan is required by DOH. Marilyn Rivers has also approved this. They will also submit this to the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief. This plan is put together every year for emergencies and other scenarios that may come up during camp. Assuming this plan is approved they will attach it to the DOH application.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the 2013 Camp Safety Plan as distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Approval for the Mayor to Sign the 2013 State of New York Department of Health Renewal Application for a Permit to Operate Camp Saradac (13-131)

John Hirliman stated this is an annual submission for the camp. There is no fee for a municipality. They will include the safety plan and all their field trip information.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded for the Council to approve the mayor to sign the 2013 NYS DOH renewal application for a permit to operate Camp Saradac as distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Announcement: Recreation Announcements – Camp, Summer Programs & Fall Soccer

John Hirliman announced they have limited spots for scholarships. The ending registration date is May 17th. Other programs can be seen on their website.

Discussion and Vote: Accept Donation for Summer Concert Series (13-132)

Commissioner Madigan advised the City received for its summer concert series a donation from the Adirondack Trust Company in the amount of \$250.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to accept the donation for the summer concert series from the Adirondack Trust Company in the amount of \$250.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Merit for Review of Zoning Map Amendment of 3368 South Broadway and Referral to City Planning Board for Advisory Opinion (13-133)

Brad Birge stated the City has received a request for a zoning change. It is currently zoned office / medical business 1 – and looking to change to a tourist related business district to construct a hotel. It is the former Weathervane Restaurant. If the Council believes this application has merit for review, they pass it along to the City Planning Board for its advisory opinion. Because of the location of this parcel, the Council may want to send this, although not required, to the Design Review Commission for an advisory opinion.

Commissioner Madigan advised she received a call regarding this due to a newspaper article. The article stated this application is in compliance with the 2001 Comprehensive Plan. She believes it is not in compliance with our Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Mathiesen asked if it would make sense to defer this since we have a committee to review the Comprehensive Plan this year. Wouldn't this be considered spot zoning?

Brad Birge advised it is completely up to the Council to decide how they wish to proceed. This is an area that has received attention through the GAPS Committee.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated he didn't feel it would be a great burden on the developer to delay this until the Comprehensive Plan Committee has a chance to look at this in its entirety.

Commissioner Scirocco stated he likes the plan he sees. He feels it is worth a look and would support this going forward.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated he agrees it is a great project if it is deemed that is the way they want this property utilized. Zoning changes need to be taken seriously.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded that the Council determine that petitioner's request for zoning map amendment of 3368 South Broadway has merit for review and that it be referred to both the City Planning Board and the Design Review Commission for respective advisory opinions.

Commissioner Franck stated Commissioner Mathiesen has made good point; however, it would be helpful for the Comprehensive Review Committee to see how the land use boards reviews it. This is not a vote to approve or disapprove tonight; it is a vote to move forward.

Ayes – 3

Nays – 1 (Commissioner Mathiesen)

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Award of Bid: Extension for Medical Supplies to Bound Tree Medical (13-134)

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to extend the award of bid for medical supplies to Bound Tree Medical for an additional year under the same terms and conditions.

Funds are in lines A3143414 / 54150 and A3143632 / 52100 and will not exceed \$10,000.

Ayes - All

Award of Bid: Extension of Bid for Medical Supplies to Henry Schein (13-135)

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to extend the award of bid for medical supplies to Henry Schein for an additional year under the same terms and conditions.

Funds are in lines A3143414 / 54150 and A3143634 / 54111 and will not exceed \$10,000.

Ayes - All

Award of Bid: Extension of Water and Sewer Pipe, Fittings, Hydrants and Valves to Ferguson Waterworks (13-136)

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to extend the award of bid for water and sewer pipe, fittings, hydrants and valves to Ferguson Waterworks for an additional year under the same terms and conditions.

Funding is in line F3638334 / 54180 and will not exceed allotted amount.

Ayes - All

Award of Bid: Renovations and Improvements for the Saratoga City Court Bench to David Fuller Cabinet Makers (13-137)

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to award the bid for Renovation and Improvements for the Saratoga City Court Bench to David Fuller Cabinet Makers in the amount of \$16,763.

Funding is in line A3031684 / 54720.

Ayes - All

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Discussion: 2012 Preliminary Year – End Financial Report

Commissioner Madigan advised this report serves as the fourth quarter financial report. This is written in conjunction with the state required Annual Update Document for 2012, which must be filed by April 30th of each year.

Commissioner Madigan explained that surplus is an annual calculation comparing year end revenue to year end expenses. This is the second year in a row that the City's General Fund revenue has outpaced expenses. We have a 2012 general fund surplus of \$2.2 million dollars. The water and sewer funds also had an annual surplus in 2012. The Finance Department is working with DPW to reduce and avoid further interfund loan debt as noted in the NYS audit. Revenue that contributed to the 2012 General Fund surplus included: sales tax increased from 2011 by \$541,000; sale of real property from foreclosure proceedings were completed in 2012; and the new ambulance program.

Commissioner Madigan explained expenses contributing to the general fund 2012 surplus included: health insurance costs decreased; utility costs were lower than budgeted; unemployment compensation was lower than budgeted; and overtime/comp time together were lower than budgeted.

Commissioner Madigan stated the fund balance is a cumulative calculation determined by adding the annual surplus to the prior years' fund balance. The year end figure for the 2012 general fund unrestricted, unassigned fund balance is about \$6.16 million. Under the City's Fund Balance Policy, the audited unrestricted, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund must be between 10 – 12.5%. The amount in excess of the limit is estimated at about \$1.2 million. She recommended the following for the excess fund balance: strengthening reserves, capital programs and departmental needs, and the citizens and taxpayers of Saratoga Springs.

Commissioner Madigan stated in years past, critical City resources were cut while the fund balance was increasing. The City's Police Department was hit hard and she believes we are now seeing the results of that today on our streets. It is crucial to address the need for crime control and prevention and be certain our services are adequately supported. Her goal is to realign fund balance accumulated with realistic revenue estimates and essential service expenditures.

Commissioner Madigan also stated we have an unanticipated increase in VLT funding. This should be used to provide increased crime control and prevention for the City. A safe city is an economically viable city.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated it is atrocious that we maintain the tax level at the expense of the deficiency of police personnel. There are a lot of tired, over-worked people on the streets. We need to start looking at bringing the staffing levels back to where they were. It is hard to do all things necessary for a community with a staffing deficiency.

Commissioner Madigan stated she feels this is a safe and strong City. Her goal is to do something with crime prevention and keep our tax rate where it is.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated if we can't keep our tax rate where it is, he would rather have it go up and have proper staffing in the Police Department. Public safety is important.

Discussion: Response to Saratoga Springs Housing Authority

Commissioner Madigan stated she sent a letter to Dr. Weller in response to his letter. Her letter stated he did not provide all of the information requested. They requested and did not receive information regarding all employee compensation including contracts and salary increases from May 16, 2000 through May 2011.

Commissioner Mathiesen asked Commissioner Madigan if she received a response to her letter.

Commissioner Madigan stated she has not.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated if they are not going to provide the information they should at least provide a response to Commissioner Madigan's letter with reasons why they aren't providing this information.

Commissioner Franck stated it would be nice for the Authority to abide by the law, which they have not done for 13 straight years. The law is very clear.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated he believes they are all in agreement that they need to hear from them.

Commissioner Madigan stated this is the second year in a row she is asking for this information and would like to have it before they approve their budget in June. Since 1997 there has been a change in employees and there is a salary out there that exceeds a comparable position.

Commissioner Franck stated the Lackawanna case was very clear and dealt normal, regular raises. In this instance the increases are not normal for up to 3 individuals who work there. It is clear that they have reached the level for the board to be removed.

Discussion: Geyser Road Trail Project

Commissioner Madigan advised she strongly supports this project. There are 2 sources of funding that the City's commitment may be leveraged. The Consolidated Funding Application includes funding for construction which requires the immediate expenditure of funds so that the design phase is well under way. The Transportation Enhancements Program (TEP) has a matching requirement and expended funds cannot be used for the match. She would like to see the Geyser Road Trail get underway as soon as possible and see the City apply for all possible funding available to complete this project. She hopes we can prepare both a Consolidated Funding Application due this summer as well as the Transportation Enhancements Program application for next fall.

Commissioner Scirocco asked what Council member's department is responsible for this.

Commissioner Madigan stated it would fall under the mayor and go through the Planning Department.

Commissioner Scirocco stated he would be willing for his department to do the RFP for the design phase.

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll (13-138)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the 2013 budget transfers – payroll which were distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Benefits (13-139)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the 2013 budget transfers – benefits which were distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – City Center Contingency (13-140)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to approve the 2013 budget transfers –contingency which were made available with the agenda materials. These transfers are listed separately from other transfers and have met the transfer guidelines. Lines 1-3: The City Center is asking to use \$3,000 from its contingency line to cover repairs and maintenance to vehicles, and legal expenses. This has been approved by the City Center Authority. Transfers from Contingency must include an update of the remaining contingency balance, and this is as follows: The current budget amount in the contingency line is \$18,211.02; there will remain \$15,211.02 after this transfer.

Ayes - All

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with David Fuller Cabinet Makers for Court Bench Renovations (13-141)

Commissioner Scirocco stated this is request of the 4th Judicial District, minor renovations are being proposed. Funds are available for the court to reimburse the City at 100%. The project addresses inefficiencies of the current set up of multiple desks, tables, and exposed wires along the floor. The space will be made more worker friendly. Work will be done by David Fuller Cabinet Makers for \$16,763.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with David Fuller Cabinet Makers for the renovations of the City Court bench in the amount of \$16,763.

Funding is in line A303168 / 54720.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Daniel J. Wilson Architect – Spirit of Life (13-142)

Commissioner Scirocco stated the DPW in partnership with the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation is undertaking the restoration and conservation of the Spirit of Life and the Spencer Trask Memorial. This is a 3 year restoration project. The fee is \$18,500.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Daniel J. Wilson, architect for the masonry and conservation plan for the Spirit of Life in the amount of \$18,500.

Funding is in line H3036952 / 52000 / 1039.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Martha Lyon – Spirit of Life (13-143)

Commissioner Scirocco stated this contract is for the preparation of the design of the landscape restoration and conservation plan for the Spirit of Life and the Spencer Trask Memorial. Some original planting are gone and others are overgrown. Martha Lyons Landscape specializes in the preservation of historical landscapes and will provide the landscape restoration conservation plan for \$25,000.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Martha Lyons Landscape Architect for the design landscape for the Spirit of Life in the amount of \$25,000.

Funding is in line H3036952 / 52000 / 1039.

Ayes – All

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with DSS for Downtown Security Cameras Project (13-144)

Commissioner Mathiesen stated the Department of Public Safety has been working on this for some time on this project. The cameras are another tool to protect people and assets of the community. The amount of the contract is \$53,931.12 and coming from line H3146952 / 52000 / 1190.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with DSS.

Commissioner Madigan stated based upon public comment tonight about Taser International and Assistant Chief Veitch's statement that that we are working with Taser International; is that the case.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated that is a different kind of camera mounted on personnel. This is entirely different; these are fixed cameras. They will be able to monitor these areas but will not have someone sitting there watching the cameras 24/7. They will have a tape/recording.

Commissioner Franck stated we will get a credit on our insurance for these.

Commissioner Scirocco stated he knows these cameras work. He questions if there are enough cameras. He would like to see the Council consider putting more money out there for down the road.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated they tried to stay within \$60,000 and found that would only allow them to purchase 6 cameras.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with Harry Snyder, Susan Kiley & Michael Toohey for Property Exchange (13-145)

Commissioner Franck recused himself and left the room as Mr. Snyder is a client of his.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated the property owned by the City and the property owned by Snyder, Kiley & Toohey are adjoining. The City and the property owners recognize a mutual benefit in exchanging a portion of tax parcel 165.80-1-15 for tax parcel 165.80-1-9.2. The City and property owners will be hiring Survey Associates, LLC for a survey with a cost of \$850 to each party. Funding is in line A3143414 / 54720.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Harry Snyder, Susan Kiley & Michael Toohey.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated the parcel is adjacent to the West Avenue Fire Station. The parcel owned by Snyder, Kiley & Toohey is around the back of the fire station and is of no value to them. We are splitting the cost of the survey with them. Once the survey is done, this will be brought to the Real Estate Committee.

Ayes – All

Commissioner Franck re-joined the meeting.

Announcement: Congratulations to Lt. Robert Jillson

Commissioner Mathiesen congratulated Lt. Robert Jillson on his graduation from the FBI National Academy Program. This session started on January 14, 2013 and was completed March 22, 2013.

Announcement: Congratulations to Fire Fighter Michael O'Reilly

Commissioner Mathiesen congratulated Fire Fighter Michael O'Reilly for his receipt of the Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award. This award is for his involvement in various organizations.

Discussion: Thank You to the Saratogian

Commissioner Mathiesen thanked the Saratogian for the article on the drug arrests a few weeks ago. It tied up a lot of different stories on drug arrests. It gave a good view of the effectiveness of the Police Department.

SUPERVISORS

Joanne Yepsen

Report from Full Board Meeting

Supervisor Yepsen reported they authorized the auction sale of county owned land for unpaid taxes. They also authorized the chair and the Sheriff to enter into a contract for additional police services for the Village of Corinth. They set a public hearing regarding the potential privatization of the County landfill and amended the 2013 Capital Plan County budget to increase NYS DOT CHIPS funding.

Racing Resolution

Supervisor Yepsen reported this was passed today regarding the potential next vote at the state legislature regarding the approval of increased gaming in New York. She is also going to set up another meeting with the Governor's Office.

Social Programs Committee Update

Supervisor Yepsen reported they authorized the chair to enter into an agreement with the Research Foundation to provide employment services under the Ticket to Work Program.

Potential Privatization of the County Landfill

Supervisor Yepsen reported a public hearing is being set for May 15th at 5:15 p.m.

Saratoga Lake Sewer Lines

Supervisor Yepsen reported they authorized the bonding of \$18.5 million to provide support for the construction for improvements along Saratoga Lake.

Matt Veitch

Racing Committee

Supervisor Veitch reported the resolution passed today supports all casinos to be located at current race tracks. Support payments would be made to local tracks for purse enhancements and breeding funds.

2013 Stop DWI Funding

Supervisor Veitch reported this is an annual program at the County. This money is distributed to law enforcement agencies to help stop DWI. This is a state program which the County approves for distribution to various parts of the County. The City will received \$34,200 for enhanced patrols.

Saratoga Lake Sewer Upgrades

Supervisor Veitch reported they approved a \$18.5 million capital fund for improvements to the Saratoga Lake area.

Public Hearing – Sale of County Landfill

Supervisor Veitch reported the public hearing regarding the sale of the landfill is May 15th at 5:15 pm.

Commissioner Scirocco asked if the sewer upgrades will impact the sewer rates.

Supervisor Veitch stated this will not increase any of the rates at this point. The users at Saratoga Lake will help offset the costs.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes – All

There being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Clerk

Approved:
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