



February 18, 2014

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
City Council Meeting
Agenda

**6:50 PM – P.H. – Amend Chapter 225-72
Schedule VII – One Way Streets**
**6:55 PM – P.H. – Amend Chapter 212 Article
3 – Senior Citizens Tax Exemption**

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES

PRESENTATION(S)

1. 2014 Water & sewer Rates

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CONSENT AGENDA

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5. Approve Payroll 2/07/14 \$436,253.33
6. Approve Payroll 2/14/14 \$428,175.47
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MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

1. Discussion: Mayor's Desk
2. Discussion and Vote: Heritage Advisory Board Appointments
3. Discussion and Vote: Approval and Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with the LA Group for Waterfront Park Site Design, Plans & Bid Documents
4. Discussion and Vote: Approval and Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation for East Side Historic District Survey Update
5. Discussion and Vote: Approval and Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Saratoga County Animal Shelter
6. Discussion and Vote: Merit for Review – Amendment to Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Maps for Neumann Building, 233 Lake Avenue
7. Set Public Hearing: Amend Section 34-1 and Section 51-1 of City Code Re: Zoning Board/Planning Board Alternates
8. Discussion: New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Winter Meeting Report
9. Announcement: \$50 Million Transportation Grant
10. Announcement: Business Advisory Council Meeting

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

1. Discussion and Vote: Approval of Lockout Tagout Protocol
2. Discussion and Vote: Approve Amendment to Chapter 212 Article 3 – Senior Citizens Tax Exemption
3. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign All Documents Related to the Records Management Grant Application
4. Award of Bid: Extension of Bid for Emergency Medical Supplies to Henry Schein

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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2. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Set Public Hearing: 2014 Water & Sewer Rates
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3. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Agreement Addendum with C.T. Male Associates – Weibel Avenue Landfill Post-Closure Monitoring Services
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PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

1. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with MultiMed for Ambulance Billing Service
2. Discussion and Vote: Amend Chapter 225-72 Schedule VII: One Way Streets
3. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with Fire Apparatus
4. Set Public Hearing: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 148 of the City Code Entitled “Noise”
5. Announcement: Department of Public Safety Forum on March 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Room
6. Discussion: Police Department Renovation Project Update
7. Set Public Hearing: Amend Capital Budget

SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

1. Update: Public Safety Committee
2. Update: 2014 County Legislative Program
3. Update: Director of Emergency Services
4. Update: Law & Finance Committee

Peter Martin

1. Veterans Affairs
2. Social Programs
3. 2014 Legislative Agenda

ADJOURN



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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Ogden, Deputy Mayor
Lynn Bachner, Deputy Commissioner, Finance
Sharon Kellner-Byrnes, Deputy Commissioner, Accounts
Tim Cogan, Deputy Commissioner, DPW
Eileen Finneran, Deputy Commissioner, DPS

Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
Peter Martin, Supervisor
Sarah Burger, City Attorney

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

Amend Chapter 225-72 Schedule VII – One Way Streets

Mayor Yepsen opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated this change is regarding traffic in the area of the clubhouse gate at the track. The change would make Wright Street one-way going east from Nelson Avenue to Frank Sullivan; Frank Sullivan would be one-way going north from Wright to Lincoln; and Lincoln would become one-way going west from Frank Sullivan to Nelson.

No one spoke.

Mayor Yepsen closed the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.

Amend Chapter 212 Article 3 – Senior Citizens Tax Exemption

Mayor Yepsen opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.

Commissioner Franck advised the current deadline set by the state is March 1st. He would like to amend this chapter to allow the Accounts Office to give an extension to senior citizens. Congress has extended the deadline for the issuing of 1099s and W-2s to February 18th, so now they need to extend the deadline for exemptions for the senior citizens.

No one spoke.

Mayor Yepsen closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yepsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Yepsen 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.

Mayor Yepsen opened the public comment period at 7:01 p.m.

Mark Baker, president of the City Center stated 4,000 guests were in town for the Dance Flurry. Another 2,000 were welcomed shortly after by the Baptist community. Too often thanks are not given, so he thanked all who helped with the Dance Flurry. He also advised the City Center Authority passed a resolution declaring its opposition to the 'multi-purpose event center' that has been announced. He provided a hard copy of the resolution to the Council. (a copy is attached to the minutes).

Mike Hoffman of 38 High Rock Avenue stated everyone should take it slow and wait for the RFA to know the facts. The downtown is a star. Having a hotel at the raceway doesn't bother him a bit. What does scare him is having a casino in another community that we have to compete against.

Joe Kulin of 1 Bunker Hill stated his friends and neighbors feel the soul of our city is being threatened by outside gambling financiers whose main purpose is profit. This leads to the detriment of the quality of life in the community. A larger scale casino will be like a parasite preying on Saratoga's vitality and tarnishing our national reputation. Our time will become less appealing to future residents and parents of potential Skidmore students. We need better ideas and longer term visions from our leaders.

Leslie DeCarlo of 2 Fifth Avenue stated Saratoga is such a special place that the gambling wants to move in. Because of the amount of outside money behind casinos, local interests would not stand a chance. Less than 1/3 of the Downtown Business Association members polled support a casino. How can this be in conformance with the master plan if we do not know the details of their proposal? She asked the Council to pass a resolution rejecting a full casino.

Rick Vallone stated recently a series of articles have appeared in the Times Union regarding which chronicle the hundreds of thousands of dollars that the gaming lobbyist have paid the NYS Legislature as a whole and individual members. He asked if any have received campaign contributions from the gaming lobbyists.

Annie Holgate of Victoria Lane stated she has lots of family members who lived in Connecticut near Mohigan Sun and Foxwood. The property values fell drastically; traffic increased drastically; there was a lot of crime; and a lot of drug traffic. She begged the Council to think about what we are inviting in.

Marcie Taylor of 49 Doten Avenue stated it is premature to take a vote until the RFA comes out. She doesn't feel this is unreasonable; anything else would be irresponsible.

Tom Schrade of 43 Marvin Street stated if we don't have growth, where will our children go. People are leaving this state in droves.

Robert Davis of Phila Street stated there are things the Council can do now. He is concerned with the southern end of the greenbelt. The racino property is not within the zoning control of the City. He would like to ask the Council to ask the racino to cease and desist. At this moment regardless if a casino is sited in Saratoga Spring or not, the racino is going to expand.

Theresa Hammer of Kirby Road stated she thought she made a positive comment when she suggested SAVE stop talking scare tactics. She asked the Council to consider postponing any premature resolution.

Ben Mirling of Nelson Avenue state opinions are a dime a dozen but there is a stack of information of what the impact of casinos is. Most of the jobs in casinos are low paying. This is a place that is a smashing success. There was a study done by Behan Associates that protecting the greenbelt was going to be financially advantageous rather than developing the greenbelt. Growth is not the answer to everything.

Bob Wright of 22 Patricia Lane stated there are a lot of stories out there that don't talk about honor with a casino. Jefferson Street is your buffer between the racino and the public.

Colin Klepetar of Waterbury Street state he delivered 'no' resolutions last week. They believe any style casino is not good for the City.

Bill Rubadeau of 7 Wilshire, Albany stated it is amazing to him how many experts there are tonight. To say their jobs aren't at risk isn't accurate. People are hung up on 'what ifs'.

Richard McConnell of Franklin Street questioned if the RFP will come out before the concrete footings are poured.

Skip Carlson of 9 Eureka Avenue stated the governor and legislators have laid out a clear path for the siting of casinos. He asked the Council to wait for the RFA to come out. More info will be available as to what is necessary to be put in their bid.

Scott Cartier of 18 Avery Street stated the meetings held in Queensbury and Washington County always ask how they can mimic Saratoga. He moved here because of the quality of life. A casino would put stress on the city's infrastructure.

Mayor Yepsen closed the public comment period at 7:38 p.m.

PRESENTATION

2014 Water & Sewer Rates

Commissioner Scirocco explained there will be a public hearing at the next City Council meeting on this topic. He advised there are 132 miles of water, sanitary and sewer lines. They pump and treat at 3 sources. Capital improvements include items such as the Water Treatment Plant upgrade, Bog Meadow groundwater source/supply project; development of the City water model; and the Washington Street water line. Capital improvements are paid through a sliding scale based upon meter size; which will raise approximately \$488,000 this year.

Anna Plante of the Utilities Department showed the comparison of the current rates to the proposed rates for 2014.

Commissioner Scirocco stated estimated revenues were \$3,291,143 and estimated expenditures were \$2,878,241 for 2013. They are starting to build a surplus.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Commissioner Madigan asked for item #9 to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to her agenda.

Ayes – All

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Discussion: Mayor's Desk

Mayor Yepsen advised this is a new item that will be included on her agenda periodically. It will relate to issues she deals with that are on her desk. The resolution on the casino that was passed in 2012 before the existing legislation was passed and before new information was available. Resolutions should reflect the current thinking. Her office works hard to investigate the RFA and has reason to believe the March 1 date is no longer but will come out soon after that. There is an expansion being proposed at the raceway. They anticipate they will be submitting the site plan and SEQRA process by month's end.

Discussion and Vote: Heritage Advisory Board Appointments (14- 054)

Mayor Yepsen stated she would like to appoint Carol Maxwell, Todd Garafano, Jacob Hopper, and Sara Masters to the Heritage Advisory Board.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to approve Todd Garafano, Sara Masters, Carol Maxwell, and Jacob Hopper as members of the Heritage Area Program Advisory Board.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Approval and Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with the LA Group for Waterfront Park Site Design, Plans & Bid Documents (14-055)

Brad Birge of Planning and Economic Development advised the Council approved the master plan this past November. The City has received 2 grants from New York State for the development totaling a little over \$2 million. They are seeking a contract with the LA Group for specific designs and bid docs.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with the LA Group for the Waterfront Park site design, plans and bid documents.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Approval and Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation for East Side Historic District Survey Update (14-056)

Brad Birge of Planning and Economic Development advised the City received a grant to work with the Preservation Foundation to update the property surveys for properties within the east side survey district. The Preservation foundation has requested minor change to the City's standard contract language. This has been reviewed by city attorney and risk and safety.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation for the East Side Historic District Survey Update as distributed with the agenda.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Approval and Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Saratoga County Animal Shelter (14- 057)

Mayor Yepsen advised this is an annual contract for the maintenance and operation of the shelter. The amount of the contract is \$3,648.75 and funding is in line A3113514 / 54720.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Saratoga County for animal shelter services in the amount of \$3,648.75.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Merit for Review – Amendment to Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Maps for Neumann Building, 233 Lake Avenue (14- 058)

Brad Birge of Planning and Economic Development advised they received application for 2 changes; one to the comprehensive plan and one to the zoning map. The applicant plans to reuse the existing building and add 2 wings for a total of 85 senior apartments. If there is merit, this item would go to the Planning Board and the Design Review Commission as it is in an architectural review district.

Mike Toohey, attorney for the applicant, stated this is a reuse of a building built in 1920. The building has to remain intact. The grotto will stay under the supervision of St. Clement's Parrish. Senior housing (55+) will alter the comprehensive plan to convert to HDR-1; institutional use will no longer work. The Council may also want to discuss SEQRA process – who will be lead agency.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded that there is sufficient merit for review to refer the Neumann building, City zoning code and comprehensive plan amendments for concurrent advisory opinions to the Design Review Commission and City Planning Board.

Commissioner Scirocco asked if this change will affect any other sections of the City.

Mr. Toohey advised it would not.

Commissioner Madigan stated she is pleased to see the use of the existing building and it being rehabilitated. She asked if there is anything in place to ensure the woods would remain.

Mr. Toohey stated the picture shows every tree marked. No plans of taking down their other trees.

Commissioner Madigan stated she would specifically ask the Planning Board to come back with an opinion on the recreation fees.

Commissioner Franck state he agrees with Mr. Toohey regarding the Planning Board taking lead on SEQRA. His only objection is, and it's not illegal as it is in the Charter, is this has fallen under the

Accounts Department agenda as that is where the application comes in. The first 6 or 7 years he was here it was on his agenda. He asked that in the future these fall under his agenda – best practices.

Mayor Yepsen stated they can discuss this in the future; it's a Council project.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated this is a great use of the building. **He asked for a friendly amendment to the motion to include the Planning Board as lead agency.**

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded that there is sufficient merit for review to refer the Neumann building, City zoning code and comprehensive plan amendments for concurrent advisory opinions to the Design Review Commission and City Planning Board and to defer SEQRA lead agency to the Planning Board.

Ayes – All

Set Public Hearing: Amend Section 34-1 and Section 51-1 of City Code Re: Zoning Board/Planning Board Alternates

Mayor Yepsen set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:55 p.m.

Discussion: New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Winter Meeting Report

Mayor Yepsen advised there were presentations on property tax caps. Many people were interested in how we do things in our city.

Announcement: \$50 Million Transportation Grant

Brad Birge of Planning and Economic Development advised this is a new opportunity for new grant funds. It is a new funding source called Alternative Transportation Program. This fits with the Geyser Road Trail.

Announcement: Business Advisory Council Inaugural Meeting

Mayor Yepsen advised a preliminary meeting was held. The group was very energized and ready to get to work. They are looking for recommendations by May.

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Approval of Lockout Tagout Protocol (14- 059)

Marilyn Rivers advised in 2008 lockout tagout was created primarily for electricians. PESH was here today and put their stamp of approval on it.

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to approve the Lockout Tagout Protocol which was distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Approve Amendment to Chapter 212 Article 3 – Senior Citizens Tax Exemption (14-060)

Commissioner Franck advised that the purpose of this amendment is to allow senior citizens to renew their existing exemptions after the City's taxable status date of March 1st; giving seniors more time to file these important documents.

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to approve the amendment to Chapter 212 Article 3 – Senior Citizen Tax Exemption as described.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign All Documents Related to the Records Management Grant Application (14- 061)

Commissioner Franck advised that the proposed records management project is in the category of inactive records and will include the culling and indexing of the inactive records of the City Attorney; Community Development and Recreation; and the scanning, archiving and conversion into searchable format of 38 rolls of the microfilm of city payroll and retirement ledgers. The deadline for submission is March 3rd. We do not know the exact amount of money requested- it is estimated to be between \$33,000 and \$38,000.

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents and permission to submit a non-matching competitive application for a grant from the New York State Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund.

Ayes - All

Award of Bid: Extension of Bid for Emergency Medical Supplies to Henry Schein (14- 062)

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to award the extension of the bid for Emergency Medical Supplies to Henry Schein for an additional year under the same terms and conditions.

Funding is in line A3143414 / 54150.

Ayes - All

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Benefits (14- 063)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the 2014 budget transfers – benefits which were distributed with the agenda.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll (14- 064)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the 2014 budget transfers – payroll which were distributed with the agenda.

Ayes – All

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to add an item to her agenda to approve the warrant 2014Mid – 14MWFEB1 for \$122,980.67 to a revised amount of \$121,524.62.

Ayes – All

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded for Council approval of the 2014Mid – 14MWFEB1 in the amount of \$121,524.62.

Ayes - All

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Set Public Hearing: 2014 Water & Sewer Rates

Commissioner Scirocco set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:50 p.m.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Change Order with Bunkoff General Contractors, Inc. for the Casino Reinforcing & Basement Moisture Remediation (14- 065)

Commissioner Scirocco advised this is for the installation of the geo-seal membrane, vapor venting system, and structure reinforcing of the first floor framing. Change order 2 includes both charges and a credit to the City for a total increase of \$8,141. The new completion date of the project is 4/22/14.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a change order with Bunkoff General Contractors, Inc. for Casino first floor reinforcing and basement moisture remediation in the amount of \$8,141.

Funding is in line H3537112 / 52000 / 1165.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Agreement Addendum with C.T. Male Associates – Weibel Avenue Landfill Post-Closure Monitoring Services (14- 066)

Tim Wales, city engineer advised

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement addendum with C.T. Male Associates for the Weibel Avenue Landfill Post-closure monitoring Services in the amount of \$9,217.75.

Funding is in line A3638184 / 54720

Ayes – All

Set Public Hearing: Change Name of Pleasant Street to Coach Waldron Way from Washington Street to the Westside Rec

Commissioner Scirocco set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with MultiMed for Ambulance Billing Service (14- 067)

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commission Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with MultiMed for ambulance billing services.

Funding is in line A3143634 / 54747.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Amend Chapter 225-72 Schedule VII: One Way Streets (14- 068)

Commissioner Mathiesen stated the traffic pattern would only change for the 6 weeks of the racing season.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to amend Chapter 225-72 schedule VII of the City Code entitled “One Way Streets”: Wright Street – direction of travel east between Nelson Avenue and Frank Sullivan Place for each day of the Saratoga thoroughbred racing meet; Frank Sullivan Place – north between Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue for each day of the Saratoga thoroughbred racing meet; Lincoln Avenue – west between Frank Sullivan Place and Nelson Avenue for each day of the Saratoga thoroughbred racing meet.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Fire Apparatus Unlimited (14- 069)

Commissioner Mathiesen stated this is an annual agreement for equipment maintenance of the Fire Department.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Fire Apparatus Unlimited.

Funding is in line A3143414 / 54510.

Ayes - All

Set Public Hearing: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 148 of the City Code Entitled “Noise”

Commissioner Mathiesen set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:40 p.m.

Announcement: Department of Public Safety Forum on March 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Room

Commissioner Mathiesen advised the next Public Safety forum is March 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Room.

Discussion: Police Department Renovation Project

Sarah Burger, city attorney, advised that the City received notice on February 7, 2014, through the lead architect of this project, that Eastern Building was closing their doors and not returning. We began correspondence with the bond holder to come up with numbers regarding the delay if any with this. Eastern as the general contractor had not performed any duties as of that date. Precision had performed some abatement work under Eastern. The Council has a contract which is nearly identical to the Eastern Building contract for Hoosick Valley who is the second lowest bidder. She reviewed the payment the bonding company has agreed to pay. It is the difference between what Eastern’s contract price was and Hoosick - \$36,437. There is an \$11,000 difference between what Precision had agreed to for the abatement process under Eastern and Sullivan, who is the asbestos abatement contractor who is part of the Hoosick bid. They also tried to estimate the amount of costs we may incur due to the delay, such as leases on the building for Public Safety, a storage unit, and steel.

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to add two items to his agenda to rescind the bid award to Eastern Building and to award a bid. (14-070)

Ayes – All

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to rescind bid 2013-33 – renovations to the Police Department originally awarded to Eastern Building and Restoration awarded on January 7, 2014; this company has since gone out of business. (14-071)

Ayes – All

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to award the bid for the Saratoga Springs Police Department Infrastructure project – general construction to Hoosick Valley Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$428,000. (14-072)

Commissioner Madigan advised she would like this motion to be amended to include the award of bid is contingent upon a capital budget amendment.

Commissioner Franck agreed to this friendly amendment to make his motion contingent upon a capital budget amendment.

Ayes - All

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to add two items to his agenda; to sign a tender agreement and final release with Alleghany Casualty and to sign a contract with Hoosick Valley Contractors. (14-073)

Ayes – All

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the tender agreement and final release with Alleghany Casualty Company as discussed by City Attorney Sarah Burger. (14-074)

Ayes – All

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Hoosick Valley Contractors, contingent upon the capital budget amendment. (14-077)

Ayes – All

Commissioner Mathiesen asked for a moment of silence for the passing of John Goldberg.

SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

Public Safety Committee

Supervisor Veitch reported they received the annual report from the County Animal Shelter. They were provided with the number of animals brought into the shelter, reunited with their families and those adopted. Also, there was a grant acceptance for the Public Defender's Office for conflict cases; there is a new County coroner who is tying up loose ends; and contract amendments/agreements with the Sheriff's Department.

2014 County Legislative Program

Supervisor Veitch reported they are scheduled to vote on 11 items. They are going to call on the governor to fully restore the VLT funding level; proposing the closing of Mt. McGregor Prison and assistant with the re-development of that facility; and more of the 911 surcharge received.

Director of Emergency Services

Supervisor Veitch reported they have talked about hiring Carl Zielman as the new director of emergency services for the County.

Law & Finance Committee

Supervisor Veitch reported they received a report from Saratoga PLAN of what they have been doing over the past few years.

Peter Martin

Veterans Affairs

Supervisor Martin reported he is supporting the Blue Water Navy Veteran's federal legislation.

Social Programs

Supervisor Martin reported they should be renewing contracts for in-home services for the elderly. All of these providers charge a different rate. The committee agreed that the County should increase the reimbursement to undertakers for burial expenses of indigents.

2014 Legislative Agenda

Supervisor Martin reported they will be urging the NYS Department of Labor to fill the Veteran's Outreach Program position. Also, he supports the combining the dates of primaries to reduce costs.

Mayor Yepsen asked if the program they are asking the state to fill is for the Peer to Peer Program.

Supervisor Martin advised it is for an disabled veteran outreach program specialist.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Yepsen adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Clerk

Approved:
Vote: