



March 18, 2014

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
City Council Meeting
Agenda

**6:50 PM – P.H. – Amend Capital Budget for
Public Safety Infrastructure
Project**

**6:55 PM – P.H. – Community Development
Block Grants**

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. Swearing in of New Police Officers

SALUTE TO FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Commander Garcia – Navy Activities in Saratoga Springs

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion regarding proposed, pending or current litigation; collective negotiations.

CONSENT AGENDA

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8. Approve Warrant: 2014 REG – 14MAR2 \$3,416,541.17

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

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2. Announcement: Vietnam Commemoration Committee Update
3. Announcement: Update on Waterfront Park Development Progress
4. Announcement: Update on Capital District Transportation Committee
5. Announcement: City Initiative for Transparency
6. Discussion: Saratoga Springs City Center Parking Garage
7. Discussion and Vote: Approval for Mayor to Sign Contract with Pinnacle Resources for Temporary Human Resources Support

8. Discussion and Vote: Approval to Amend Section 34-1 and 51-1 Zoning Board and Planning Board Alternatives

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8. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Benefits
9. Discussion: 2013 4th Quarter Financial Report

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1. Discussion and Vote: City to Sponsor a Reception at the Canfield Casino for the Semi-Conductor Manufacturing Conference
2. Discussion and Vote: Resolution – New York State Grant for the city Sanitary Pump Stations
3. Discussion and Vote: Resolution – SEQRA Finding Regarding Waste Water Pump Station Project

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5. Discussion and Vote: Accept Donation from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County

SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

1. Update: Public Safety Committee
2. Update: March Board of Supervisors' Meeting Report
3. Update: Saratoga County Economic Development Strategic Plan

Peter Martin

1. Social Programs
2. Buildings and Grounds
3. Meeting with Senator Marchione
4. County Board of Supervisors' Meeting

ADJOURN



March 18, 2014

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.

Mayor Yepsen asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Gene Corsale. He was a graduate of Saratoga High School; an advocate for veterans of our city; a Korean War Veteran; and served on numerous City boards and committee. Gene was a selfless and wonderful man.

PUBLIC HEARING

Amend Capital Budget for Public Safety Infrastructure Project

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

Commissioner Mathiesen this involves the Police Station and second floor Public Safety offices. The original contractor went out of business and we have gone to the second lowest bidder, Hoosick Valley. There is an increase in the bid which has been covered by the bond company.

No one spoke.

Mayor Yepsen closed the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

Community Development Block Grants

Mayor Yepsen opened the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

Mayor Yepsen stated the funding of these grants have been made public. Rich Ferguson, chair of the committee was at the last City Council meeting to present their recommendations.

No one spoke.

Mayor Yepsen closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yepsen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Swearing in of Police Officers

Commissioner Mathiesen swore in Wade Collins, Jenna Carson, Jonathan Van Wie, and Gregory Lewis as police officers for the City of Saratoga Springs.

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 7:13 p.m.

Jim Morrone of 135 Grand Avenue stated he and his wife live across the street from an area that is proposed to change from residential to commercial. They are concerned about their property values, demand on parking, and increase traffic. They are appalled that the City would allow a few individuals to propose a change that would forever change their neighborhood.

Margaret Morrone of 135 Grand Avenue stated they put together a summary of the concerns of the residents from the west side regarding the Beekman Street proposal. More than 100 tax payers worry about losing the residential zoning status of their neighborhood. They do not want to be rezoned as commercial. Commercial enterprises in a residential neighborhood would be intrusive.

Maureen Curtin of 125 Grand Avenue continued to list the oppositions started by Margaret Morrone. They resent being asked to sacrifice their quality of life for a proposal. More than 100 neighbors that live in that area have signed a petition opposing this proposal.

Bonnie Sellers of 73 Fifth Avenue stated she is against the Beekman Street proposal. Parking is one of the key problems of this proposal. Please reminder it is the residential that keeps this area glued together.

Mitch Schneider of 105 West Circular Street stated they bought their house mainly of location. They are supportive of the Arts District but are opposed to the rezoning of their neighborhood. It will create more parking problems in an area where parking is already frustrating at times.

Franck Capone of 119 Grand Avenue stated he supports everything everyone has said prior to him. Another concern is something this drastic is not being addressed in the Comprehensive Plan.

Rick Fenton of Leffert Street and Sustainable Saratoga stated he is here to speak about the City Center parking structure. Sustainable Saratoga has put together a few letters and suggestions for the Council.

They want to talk about process. The Zoning Ordinance specifically addresses parking structures and there are a number of requirements like set-backs.

Tom McTygue of 251 County Route 68 and tax payer of Henry Street asked with the Phish concert coming back to SPAC, how many police are brought in on overtime, sheriffs that help, and the number of undercover officers. That type of event doesn't generate money for Saratoga Springs; we don't get taxes; we don't get part of the ticket sales; but it fills the emergency room and jails. This information should be brought forward.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated they have spoken to people from Live Nation and the Performing Arts Center. There has been good coordination between the City, park police, and state police.

Tom Denny of 205 East Avenue stated in recent projects, the streetscapes have been shrinking.

Colin Klepetar of Waterbury Street thanked the Council for the resolution passed. He believes the community as a whole wants to maintain the charm of Saratoga.

Al Callucci of 9 Lexington Road stated we asked Live Nation for a \$1 surcharge to try and offset our public safety issue. The surcharge has gone to \$15 but they couldn't give us a \$1.

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

PRESENTATION

Commander Garcia – Navy Activities in Saratoga Springs

Commander Garcia stated he is the first commanding officer assigned to this base. He comes here from 10 years of sea duty, D.C., and now here. He has been here about 3 years. They have a nuclear power plant there and he finds the more they are transparent with the community they are in the better. His mission is to support staff and students. He is responsible for base security, facility management, sailor/family support, housing, physical fitness, and morale welfare. They graduate approximately 1300 sailors per year. The direct impact the Navy has on this area is \$855 million per year. To become more involved with the community and make people more aware of their presence, he is getting involved in the Flag Day activities, and starting a shipmate program.

Commissioner Mathiesen asked what the mix is of male to female.

Commander Garcia stated it is 50/50.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council adjourned to executive session at 8:04 p.m. for the purpose of proposed, pending or current litigation; and collective negotiations.

The Council returned at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor Yepsen advised nothing was resolved in executive session therefore there is nothing to report.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Commissioner Madigan stated item #5 includes the retro pay for the Police Department.

Ayes – All

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Announcement: Mayor's Desk

Mayor Yepsen announced a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 25th at the Principessa Elena on Oak Street.

The Memorial Day Parade is Thursday, May 22nd. A Citizens and Veteran's Committee has been put together to work on this.

Mayor Yepsen also announced preliminary meetings have been held regarding sports tourism and recreation.

Announcement: Vietnam Commemoration Committee Update

Mayor Yepsen stated she announced yesterday that the City of Saratoga Springs has received formal designation as a commemorative partner. It is our understanding this designation is the first of its kind to be bestowed upon a municipality in Upstate New York.

Announcement: Update on Waterfront Park Development Progress

Mayor Yepsen stated she has assembled a working group to help move this project forward. The LA Group is making more specific plans and should have bid documents in the next few weeks.

Announcement: Update on Capital District Transportation Committee

Mayor Yepsen the mayor of Saratoga Springs is a member of the Capital District Transportation Committee. This committee meets quarterly. They have talked about the high speed rail from New York City to Buffalo, and a 25 year long transportation plan.

Announcement: City Initiative for Transparency

Mayor Yepsen announced her office is starting an initiative to have all consultant reports available at the library for public review. This is an opportunity for the public to read about where their tax dollars are being spent.

Discussion: Saratoga Springs City Center Parking Garage

Mayor Yepsen stated she has attended meetings of the City Center Authority Board as an ex-officio member. The last board meeting provided her the opportunity to talk with the board about where they are with the parking garage project.

Mark Baker, president of the City Center Authority advised this is a collaborative effort between the City and the City Center Authority. The Authority has put out a request for bid for design/build and have received 5. The Authority is conscious of green space and the look and feel. The connectivity to the City Center is a critical part of this project. They are being flexible as to what the components could be to find the best way to make this work and will serve the community for the long term. The Authority will need a lease and will be responsible for the financing. The parking structure will be 500 paid parking spaces.

Commissioner Madigan thanked Mark for being very responsive on this project and for addressing the allocation of revenue.

Discussion and Vote: Approval for Mayor to Sign Contract with Pinnacle Resources for Temporary Human Resources Support (14-099)

Mayor Yepsen stated we have approximately 315 employees with no human resource. They plan to have a human resource professional on duty, 2 days per week. The cost for this contract is \$39,000.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contact with Pinnacle Human Resources, LLC for temporary human resources support.

Commissioner Madigan stated she wanted to be sure we stated this contract is for up to \$39,000.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Approval to Amend Section 34-1 and 51-1 Zoning Board and Planning Board Alternatives (14-0100)

Mayor Yepsen stated a public hearing was held on March 4th. The current statue is not clear enough and asked that this section be made clearer.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded that the Council approve the proposed changes to section 34-1 and 51-1 of the City Code in relation to alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board as distributed to the Council and public.

Commissioner Franck asked if a member recuses himself; is that a 'no' vote or does the alternate step in.

Mayor Yepsen stated it is up to the chair of the board to decide when to use an alternate.

Tony Izzo stated this is Local Law #1 of 2014.

Ayes - All

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Announcement: Legal Aspects of Records Management Workshop

Commissioner Franck advised that municipalities are required by New York State law to have and maintain a Records Management Program. The law is implemented through the New York State Education Department. The State Education Department established the New York State Archives to provide records management services to cities, towns and villages including technical advice, publications and training.

We are hosting a state archives workshop entitled ***The Legal Aspects of Records Management-*** Wednesday, April 16, from 9 AM to noon in City Council Chambers. The workshop is free, totally sponsored by the New York State Education Department. The intended audience is local governments and the public. The workshop will explain the legal requirements of a records management program; and

review federal and state laws that greatly impact records management. The goal is the understanding of and compliance with records management laws.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Capital Budget Amendment – Police Department Infrastructure Project (14-101)

Commissioner Madigan stated the performance bond company has provided payment to cover difference between the current contractor and the prior contractor.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the 2014 capital budget amendment for the DPS Police Infrastructure Project which was distributed with the agenda.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Franck – Aye
Commissioner Madigan – Aye
Commissioner Scirocco – Aye
Commissioner Mathiesen – Aye
Mayor Yepsen – Aye

Discussion and Vote: Proposed Amendment of Tourist Related Business District – Referral to Planning Board (14-102)

Commissioner Madigan stated at the December 3, 2013 City Council meeting; she made it clear that her vote on this issue was reliant upon amending the tourist related business district. It has been suggested that she approach this Council with this issue. Her concerns include: the Turf Hotel could sell its property and a new owner could propose a project that is different; and the surrounding properties may also request a change to TRBD relying on precedence to do so. It has been noted by the City Planning Board, Design Review Commission and County Planning Board that there are uses allowed under TRB that are not appropriate or desirable given the location; the City's gateway. The planning staff has suggested the following: finding another zoning district that will work for this area; develop a new district for the corridor in question; call for a moratorium in the Tourist Related Business District until this is sorted out; or a text amendment to the Tourist Related Business District to limit, restrict, and revise the list of uses. She recommends the last suggestion.

Commissioner Madigan stated if there is consensus, the Council can approve a request to ask the Planning Board for an advisory opinion on a proposed amendment of the Tourist Related Business District to: limit, restrict, and revise the list of 1. uses permitted with site plan approval, 2. uses permitted with special use permit and site plan approval, and 3. permitted accessory uses and structure, and 4. the area and bulk schedule.

Brad Birge stated this is would be a new request of the Planning Board.

Commissioner Mathiesen asked how often the City Council has looked to revise uses in the past.

Brad Birge stated he is not aware of any off hand. This is a unique approach but allowed within the Zoning Ordinance.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated these changes would affect a lot of parcels in the City.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded for Council approval to ask the Planning Board for an advisory opinion on a proposed amendment of the Tourist Related Business District to limit, restrict, and so revise the list of 1. uses permitted with site plan approval,

2. uses permitted with special use permit and site plan approval, 3. permitted accessory uses and structures, and 4. the area and bulk schedule.

Commissioner Scirocco stated he believes there is water out there but not sanitary. He agrees with Commissioner Madigan on this.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign CDPHP Health Insurance Contract (14-103)

Commissioner Madigan stated CDPHP requires a signature regardless if there are any changes to the policy.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the CDPHP insurance contract renewal as distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Resolution for the Use of the Water System Reserve Funds (14-104)

Commissioner Madigan stated this is a capital reserve fund established in June, 2012 for the purpose of funding capital projects for the water system. The 2014 water budget will be using these reserve funds as one of its revenues.

The City Council agreed to waive the reading of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs established the Water System Reserve Fund on June 5, 2012 for the purpose of accumulating moneys to finance a type of capital improvement, specifically, improvements to the City water system, and WHEREAS, a \$320,734.00 expenditure is required to finance capital improvement to the City's Water System as provided for in the 2014 Water Fund Adopted Budget and is in accordance with the purposes of the Water System Reserve Fund.; The expenditures are for the payment of principal and interest on seventeen bonds relative to City water improvements;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-described expenditure of \$320,734.00 to finance capital improvements to the City water system is hereby approved as authorized as in accordance with the Water System Reserve Fund.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded for Council approval of the reserve resolution – water system reserve as distributed with the agenda.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Resolution for the Use of the Insurance Reserve (14-105)

Commissioner Madigan stated this was put in place during the 2014 budget session. This resolution was submitted by the director of risk and safety and approved by the Commissioner of Accounts. The resolution before us requests the use of \$2,876.33 for 3 auto insurance deductible claims.

The City Council agreed to waive the reading of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs established the INSURANCE Reserve Fund on October 15, 2013 pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law §6-n "to make expenditures for any loss, claim, action or judgment for which the City of Saratoga Springs is authorized or required to purchase or maintain insurance to said statute", and, WHEREAS, certain property and casualty claims have been filed against the City, and said claims are below the City's property and casualty insurance deductible. Expenditures for said claims remain due and owing, and said claims are of a kind or type that may be lawfully paid from the city's INSURANCE Reserve Fund. There are currently three such automobile insurance deductible claims for A3031934 – 54775 that total \$2,876.33 in one invoice Travelers Claims Deductible Invoice No. 000458292 that is hereby attached.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that payment of the above-mentioned expenditures in the amount of \$2,876.33 is hereby approved as authorized as in accordance with the INSURANCE Reserve Fund to be placed in A3031934 – 54775.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the resolution to use the insurance reserve in the amount of \$2,876.33 as distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Insurance Reserve (14-106)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to approve the 2014 budget amendment – insurance reserve which was distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll (14-107)

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

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Benefits (14-108)

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

Ayes - All

Discussion: 2013 4th Quarter Financial Report

Commissioner Madigan stated the City Charter requires a financial report be submitted to the Council and public within 45 days of closing the quarter. The last quarter books do not close until the end of February 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: City to Sponsor a Reception at the Canfield Casino for the Semi-Conductor Manufacturing Conference (14-109)

Commissioner Scirocco advised the City hosted this conference in 2011 and 2012. They specifically asked this conference return to the City. The Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau along with Saratoga Economic Development Corporation will host a reception at the Canfield Casino. The City will also be a co-sponsor.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the City of Saratoga Springs to partner with the Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau and the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation for this event on May 20, 2014 to use the Canfield Casino for 1 hour reception at no fee.

Mayor Yepsen asked Commissioner Scirocco if we know if we are getting any follow up business as a result of this.

Commissioner Scirocco stated there were 1,083 hotel rooms rented as a result of this.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Resolution – New York State Grant for the City Sanitary Pump Stations (14-110)

Commissioner Scirocco stated the City has been awarded a grant of \$30,000 for the study of sanitary pump stations in the City. The City's match is up to \$7,500.

The reading of the resolution was waived by the Council. The resolution is as follows:

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, following this Council's resolution and application in August 2013, The city of Saratoga Springs (City) has been awarded an Engineering Planning Grant in the amount of \$30,000 by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) to study several pump stations in the City; and

WHEREAS, the EFC Grant requires a 20% minimum local contribution to the total project costs; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that the project will allow for an important comprehensive study, by a consultant, of several City sanitary pump stations currently in need of upgrade, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the City Council accepts the EFC Grant and authorizes and appropriates a minimum 20% local match of the total project budget as required by the EPG program for the Saratoga Springs Wastewater Pump Station Study project. The maximum local share appropriated, subject to any changes agreed to by the City, shall not exceed \$7,500 based upon a total estimated project cost of \$37,500. The City may increase this local match through the use of in-kind services without further approval from the City Council; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the EFC and any and all other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project and to fulfill the City of Saratoga Springs obligations under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the Council to approve the grant of the Environmental Facilities Corporation for \$30,000 for the study of the City sanitary wastewater pump stations with a 20% local match of up to \$7,500.

Funding is in line H3638122 / 52000 / 1183.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Resolution – SEQRA Finding Regarding Waste Water Pump Station Project (14-111)

Commissioner Scirocco stated this resolution determines that the project is a Type II action and no SEQRA is required.

The reading of the resolution was waived by the Council. The resolution is as follows:

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT
RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING AND CLASSIFYING THE PROPOSED ACTION
FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION ENGINEERING
PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, following this Council's resolution and approval in August 2013, the city of Saratoga Springs ("City") has been awarded an Engineering Planning Grant in the amount of \$30,000 by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) to study several sanitary pump stations in the City; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended, the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 ("Regulations"), provide that certain actions identified in subdivision (c) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon review and consideration, the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs hereby determines that the proposed Wastewater Pump Station Study Project is a "Type II Action" (as the quoted term is defined in the Regulations) in accordance with h 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) 18 which constitutes the information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve a Type I or Unlisted Action, and is therefore not subject or review under 6 NYCRR Part 617. Therefore, the city Council determines that no SEQRA review for the Proposed Action is required.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to authorize the Council to approve the resolution for a Type II action with no SEQRA required for the sanitary wastewater pump stations study.

Ayes - All

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Announcement: 2013 DPS Annual Report

Commissioner Mathiesen advised the department puts out a report each year. This report has been provided to each Council member.

Discussion and Vote: Amend Capital Budget for Public Safety Infrastructure Project (14-112)

Commissioner Mathiesen stated this amendment is to accept the funds received from the property/casualty company for Eastern Building and Restoration. Eastern Building and Restoration had gone out of business and stopped work on their project.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to amend the capital budget in the amount of \$46,100.

The funding is in line H3146952 / 52000 / 1188.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Change Order #1 to Hoosick Valley Contractors (14-113)

Commissioner Mathiesen advised this change order is needed to continue to use Precision Environmental as the asbestos abatement contractor in lieu of Sullivan Contracting. The cost difference between the 2 contracts is \$11,000. The surety company for Eastern Building and Restoration is paying the difference.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to sign change order #1 with Hoosick Valley Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$11,000.

Funding is in line H3146952 / 52000 / 1188.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Change Order #2 to Hoosick Valley Contractors (14-114)

Commissioner Mathiesen advised this is needed to abate additional asbestos material found.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to sign change order #2 with Hoosick Valley Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$16,800.

Funding is in line H3146952 / 52000 / 1188.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Accept Donation from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County (14-115)

Commissioner Mathiesen advised this is a donation towards the care and feeding of our police horses.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to accept the donation from Cornell Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$200.

Ayes - All

SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

Public Safety Committee

Supervisor Veitch reported they passed the yearly resolution claiming April 6 – 12 as Crime Victim's Rights Week. They also accepted a grant for their 911 system to upgrade it.

March Board of Supervisors' Meeting Report

Supervisor Veitch reported they had 5 presentations today.

Saratoga County Economic Development Strategic Plan

Supervisor Veitch reported it was voted on today unanimously to accept the economic development strategic plan. TIP Strategies did an assessment of the County as they exist; an analysis of their strengths, weaknesses and opportunities and threats to economic development; and they made 3 visits to Saratoga County. He met with TIP and expressed their concerns and how it could help the City. Four guiding principles were put into the report – economic diversity, economic opportunities, competitive workforce, and developing a quality of place.

Peter Martin

Social Programs

Supervisor Martin reported they adopted some resolutions at the Board of Supervisors. One resolution was to enter into a contract with the Senior Center of Saratoga Springs for an in-home program. The Care Link program will help senior citizens in their own home. The County has decided to help them start this initiative by giving them \$15,000 to begin development and implementation.

Buildings and Grounds

Supervisor Martin reported trees were removed from about a ½ acre of County property to allow for night landings at the airport. The total project cost is going to be \$116,000 to remove more trees next winter. This committee also agreed to extend the lease in County Building #5.

Meeting with Senator Marchione

Supervisor Martin reported they discussed the County's 2014 priorities. They continue to advocate for full restoration of VLT benefits. He explained the City Council's resolution regarding a destination casino in Saratoga Springs.

County Board of Supervisors' Meeting

Supervisor Martin reported the long term economic development plan will have a significant impact on our City. It is a living document that we will be making changes to. A number of priority projects were identified with many based in the Luther Forest campus. Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership is the organization that is going to be structured with an advisory board of 40 people.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Yepsen adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Clerk

Approved:
Vote:

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