



November 3, 2014

**CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Agenda**

**6:50 PM P.H. – 2015 Comprehensive Budget**  
**6:55 PM P.H. – Amendment to Franchise Agreement**

**7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES**

**PRESENTATION(S)**

1. Ryan Biggs – Update on the Canfield Casino Ceiling

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of 10/14/14 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
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**MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT**

1. Announcement: \$1.6 Million for Geyser Road Trail from Governor Cuomo
2. Announcement: Code Blue Update
3. Announcement: Presentation by the US Environmental Protection Agency November 18<sup>th</sup>
4. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign OPRHP Grant for Historic Preservation Speaker Series
5. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Hodgson-Russ for Legal Services

**ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT**

1. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Direct Energy for Natural Gas

#### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

1. Discussion: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report
2. Discussion and Vote: Assignment – Refund Prior Years Taxes
3. Discussion and Vote: 2013 Excess Fund Balance Recommendations
4. Discussion and Vote: 2015 Budget
5. Discussion and Vote: Health Care Plan Rate Renewals
6. Discussion and vote: Bond Resolution – Ballston Avenue Traffic Improvements
7. Discussion and Vote: Capital Budget Amendment – Ballston Avenue Traffic Improvements
8. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll
9. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Benefits
10. Announcement: Reciprocal Deposit Program

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

1. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Renewal, Extension and Modification of Agreement Saratoga Historic Properties
2. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Agreement with Ryan Biggs Associates, PC for the Stabilization Phase II Canfield Casino Ceiling

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

1. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Change Order #22 for Hoosick Valley Contractors
2. Announcement: Report on Fire 101 Event Held on October 25, 2014

#### **SUPERVISORS**

##### Matthew Veitch

1. Saratoga County 2015 Budget
2. Center for Economic Growth Annual Meeting
3. Geyser Road Trail
4. Home Energy Assistance Program

##### Peter Martin

1. Veteran's Affairs
2. County Fire Training
3. Revolutionary Run

#### **ADJOURN**



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

**PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Joe Ogden, Deputy Mayor  
Sharon Kellner-Byrnes, Deputy Commissioner, Accounts  
Lynn Bachner, Deputy Commissioner, Finance  
Tim Cogan, Deputy Commissioner, DPW  
Eileen Finneran, Deputy Commissioner, DPS  
  
Vincent DeLeonardis  
  
Peter Martin, Supervisor  
Matthew Veitch, Supervisor

**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 HEARINGS**

**2015 Comprehensive Budget**

Mayor Yepsen opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Commissioner Madigan stated this is the second public hearing. This public hearing will stay open until the budget is passed.

Marcelline Taylor of 49 Doten Avenue stated she has serious concerns about the way the project for Doten Avenue is described in the capital budget. She is afraid that Doten Avenue and East Broadway are not the highest priority. Given the explosion of construction on Doten Avenue, the streets are flooded and too narrow. Doten Avenue needs to be reconstructed within the first phase of the multi-year project. It is a substandard street.

Raina Caldwell of 96 Fifth Avenue stated she would like to recommend that the City hire a sustainability coordinator. If you don't you are losing the opportunity to get grants, improve operations, and energy efficiencies.

Robert Townsend of 23 Doten Avenue thanked the City for meeting with the residents this summer. This is an infrastructure issue and a problem that needs to be addressed on Doten Avenue. It needs to be addressed as a priority because of all the building taking place in that area.

Tina Carton of the Home Performance Energy Star Program, stated she would like to build on what Raina Caldwell stated regarding the need for a sustainability coordinator for the City. Her family has decided to move here because Saratoga is a beautiful walkable city. There are a lot of opportunities here.

Bob Lippman of 48 Bryan Street stated he is in favor of the POSH coordinator. He can't think of better use for taxpayer money. Careful planning is a hallmark of who we are and would like to see that continue.

Phil Diamond of 55 Railroad Place stated the budget was done well but in the past few months this Council, with the exception of the mayor, has not been the most transparent. We could use positions in the sustainability field. He doesn't want to see positions created after the budget is passed and with transfers in a non-transparent way.

Harry Moran of 14 Patricia Lane and chairman of Sustainable Saratoga stated they are pleased the Council is considering a sustainability position. They look forward to working with whomever is chosen.

Mayor Yepsen concluded the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. and kept the public hearing open.

#### Amendment to Franchise Agreement

Mayor Yepsen opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Tony Izzo, city attorney, advised this happens infrequently. The City issued a franchise in 2001 to a fiber optics company to have rights of way under certain city streets and sidewalks. This company wants to transfer their obligations and liability to another fiber optics company. The procedure includes legal ads for 3 weeks and a public hearing. We have accomplished this piece.

No one spoke.

Mayor Yepsen closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yepsen called the meeting to order at 7:09 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 7:10 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Yepsen closed the public comment period at 7:11 p.m.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Ryan Biggs – Update on the Canfield Casino Ceiling

Commissioner Scirocco introduced Jack Healy of Ryan-Biggs. They designed the stabilization of the ceiling at the Canfield Casino. They are asking for Ryan-Biggs assistance for the long term emergency repairs to the Casino ballroom.

Mr. Healy stated Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects were retained to do an overall evaluation of the Casino envelope. Images were shown of the deterioration and overall restoration of the space. The skylights are independently supported from the plaster. A number of the support mechanisms for the plaster were cracked. As a quick fix straps were installed through the skylight openings. The next step is to introduce support that will be historically accurate. The first piece will be done through the shut- down of winter 2015; the second piece will be done at some point when the weather gets better (spring or summer months); and the third piece is to bring the entire dining room back to its original configuration. They have retained and are part of the proposal, Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects.

Commissioner Franck stated Commissioner Scirocco did the right thing by shutting it down.

Commissioner Scirocco the City has put a lot of money into the Casino and its one of the jewels of the City. It sells itself. They have stopped the moisture issues in the basement and put drains in; they redid the front steps and sidewalks. This is the next step.

Mr. Healy stated they anticipate the construction has economies of scale. They will look at the next room as well.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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**Ayes - All**

## **MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT**

### Announcement: \$1.6 Million for Geyser Road Trail from Governor Cuomo

Mayor Yepsen announced last Tuesday she made the announcement that Governor Cuomo has awarded Saratoga Springs \$1.6 million dollars for the Geyser Road Trail. This will allow for the connection from the southwest portion of our City to downtown. She will provide the public and the Council with updates.

Announcement: Code Blue Update

Mayor Yepsen announced they will be announcing this season's location. The program will run from November 15<sup>th</sup> until March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Announcement: Presentation by the US Environmental Protection Agency November 18<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Yepsen announced she met with Judith Ink, the regional director for the EPA. There will be a presentation at our next City Council meeting. The area of the clean-up is at the old rink.

Commissioner Scirocco questioned the location as his understanding is the area in need of clean up is by the Red Spring.

Mayor Yepsen stated she will get more details at the next meeting.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign OPRHP Grant for Historic Preservation Speaker Series (14-412)

Mayor Yepsen stated the intent of this program is to develop a historic preservation speaker series. There will be 4 quarterly training sessions and produce a resource manual. This is a grant received for \$12,000 and we will match with in-kind services.

**Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a grant with the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for \$12,000 to be matched with City in-kind services in the amount of \$4,020.**

**Ayes - All**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Hodgson-Russ for Legal Services (14-413)

Mayor Yepsen stated this is for the purpose of providing the City with legal advice of how we can clean up the way appointments are made to boards and committees. Funding is in line A3011424 / 54720.

**Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Hodgson-Russ for legal services for an amount that will not exceed \$7,500 and as distributed with the agenda.**

Commissioner Madigan asked what the scope will involve. She asked if we have problems with the way appointments are being made.

Mayor Yepsen stated there have been several issues, some of which she inherited.

Commissioner Franck stated through investigation in his office there have been a number of errors in oaths of office, terms, and when people are suppose be put on boards. This was not intentional. He believes it is something that is worthwhile.

Mayor Yepsen stated they are still trying to clean up the appointments handed to them December 31, 2013.

Commissioner Scirocco asked if this will include the new committees just appointed.

Joe Ogden, deputy mayor stated it wouldn't pertain to the ad-hoc committees. Any member of Council can call a committee for any purpose they want. We have a number of committees that are governed by either City Charter, state law, or municipal law. Some boards/committees are spoken to very clearly in the state law and City Charter and other are not. We are trying to find a concise and clear way of doing this. They

are asking for up to \$7,500 but don't expect to use all of it. They are looking for advice on how to improve the rules.

Commissioner Scirocco asked if a timeframe has been set and if there will be a report to the Council.

Joe advised this contract has a cap.

**Ayes - All**

## **ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT**

### Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Direct Energy for Natural Gas (14-414)

Commissioner Franck advised the rate isn't in the contract as it is determined on a day to day basis, like the utility rate contract. The rate for the natural gas contract if signed today is \$4.214/DTH and will be through November, 30, 2015.

**Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with Direct Energy for natural gas rates as described.**

**Ayes - All**

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

### Discussion: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report

Commissioner Madigan advised the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial report has been provided on time to the City Clerk's Office and is on the City's website. Figures reflect amounts posted as of September 30, 2014 and largely on target for 2014. A lot of this information has been updated and reviewed at budget workshops.

### Discussion and Vote: Assignment – Refund Prior Years Taxes (14-415)

Commissioner Madigan stated the budget line for the prior year taxes covers the costs of assessments that have been reduced; it covers the amount for back taxes owed to a property owner when an assessment is reduced due to grievance or lawsuit. Taxpayers are being taxed on new funds each year with little regard to whether or not sufficient funds in the current encumbrance or City fund balance to cover the probability of settlements. Experts at several accounting firms have been consulted and have confirmed the City should create an assignment for the Refund of Prior Years Taxes and stop budgeting an annual allowance. Her recommendation is to use funds remaining in the Refund for Prior Year Taxes line as of 12/31/14 to create an assignment for these purposes. In addition, she recommended an additional \$70,000 from 2013 excess fund balance be added to this amount. The following resolution was read into the record as follows:

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City council of the City of Saratoga Springs New York as follows:

This Council hereby establishes an Assignment of Fund Balance for the Refund of Prior Years Taxes ("Assignment"), resulting from any proceeding to review an assessment under Article 7 of the real property tax law, including court orders or settlements relative to such proceedings, in an amount equal to amounts available in the 2014 budget line A3051944-54370 as of December 31, 2014. This Assignment shall be strictly construed according to the following terms:

1. The use of this Assignment shall be limited to property tax refunds and statutory interest resulting from Article 7 proceedings. Monies in this Assignment shall not be expended for any other purposes other than those expressly stated herein.
  - a. The Assignment cannot be used for future lost tax revenues to the City for property taxes due to the reduction of assessment resulting from an Article 7 proceeding.

- b. Settled tax refunds paid from this Assignment shall be paid in accordance with the court order or settlement resulting from the Article 7 proceedings. With Council approval, settled tax refunds paid from this Assignment shall be paid no later than 30 days from the date Council approves to accept a Petitioner's offer or a court's ruling.
2. Amounts available in this Assignment shall be not less than 50% and not more than 100% of the outstanding tax refund exposure to the City resulting from Article 7 proceedings.
  - a. The Commissioner of Accounts shall annually calculate and verify the outstanding tax refund exposure to the City resulting from Article 7 proceedings. This information shall be transmitted to the Commissioner of Finance on or before the second regularly scheduled City Council meeting in August each year.
  - b. The Commissioner of Finance shall annually calculate and verify the City Council's compliance with the terms of this Assignment.
  - c. The Commissioner of Finance shall report annually to the City Council the results of the calculation. The Commissioner of Finance shall, as he or she deems necessary, make recommendations for the use of funds in the event of a surplus or the replenishment of funds in the event of a deficit.
  - d. Surplus: In the event the Assignment balance exceeds the maximum requirements, the excess may be utilized for any lawful purpose approved by the City Council.
  - e. Deficit: In the event the Assignment balance falls below the minimum requirement of 50% for any fiscal year, the Commissioner of Finance shall prepare and submit to the City Council for approval a plan to restore the balance to the minimum target level in the next budget year or other appropriate period of time. At no time will this plan include funding from the Accounts Department Budget.
3. If a court should determine that the amount in this Assignment is insufficient according to law, additional amounts as ordered by said court shall not be transferred to this Assignment from the Accounts Department budget.

**Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the resolution, Assignment of Fund Balance for the Refund of Prior Years Taxes that was distributed with the agenda.**

Commissioner Franck stated he is happy with this however when the Commissioner says with little or no regard – that is not true. He wants to make sure everyone understands this is not a 'slush' fund as he has been accused of. He is happy with the changes made to this resolution by the Commissioner. He does worry about funding this in the future.

**Ayes – All**

Discussion and Vote: 2013 Excess Fund Balance Recommendations (14-416)

Commissioner Madigan stated she reported that the City's 2013 audited unrestricted fund balance is in excess of the policy by \$1,752,069. Her recommendations for the excess fund balance have changed since the beginning of October. The recommendations are as follows:

- Contribution to the assignment of fund balance for the refund of prior years taxes in the amount of \$70,000.
- Assignment for costs (excluding legal fees) associated with the settlement of City employment contracts or resolutions, including salaries, other negotiated contract terms, and NYS retirement expenses, in an amount of \$650,000. This assignment will be available until all expired contracts have been settled, or until the year-end 2015, whichever occurs first, at which time all amounts remaining under this designation shall go to the Reserve Fund for the payment of bonded indebtedness.
- Contribution to the Reserve Fund for the payment of bonded indebtedness in the amount of \$465,000.
- Contribution to the retirement reserve in the amount of \$165,000.
- Contribution to the capital reserve for buildings in the amount of \$100,000.
- Contribution to the insurance reserve in the amount of \$80,000.
- Assignment for a web-site and social media design/update and IT initiatives in the amount of up to \$202,069. Any remainders from this assignment shall go to the capital reserve for buildings.



- Assignment for the City centennial celebration in the amount of up to \$20,000. Amounts unencumbered and remaining by year-end 2015 shall go to the reserve for the payment of bonded indebtedness.

**Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the 2013 excess fund balance recommendations as stated.**

Commissioner Franck stated originally was not able to support this and will now be able to support this as Commissioner Madigan has made some changing of the wording.

Mayor Yepsen asked that once it is determined what the remaining balance is after the web-site and IT initiatives, the Council meet again to discuss what to with those funds.

Commissioner Madigan stated they could do that.

**Ayes - All**

Discussion and Vote: 2015 Budget (14-417)

Commissioner Madigan stated the 6<sup>th</sup> budget workshop was completed last week. The proposed 2015 budget includes some but not all departments' requested changes to the Comprehensive budget. There is no increase in taxes for the inside district and there is a small decrease in taxes for the outside district.

**Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the 2015 amended budget presented this evening, all funds, as the 2015 adopted budget.**

Commissioner Scirocco commended the commissioner and her staff for this budget.

Mayor Yepsen stated we need to add that we need the VLT money to keep the budget at a zero percent increase.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated he also commends the commissioner and Deputy Bachner.

Commissioner Franck stated he can support this budget but he wanted to express some concerns. He doesn't believe he will get anyone for the 'POSH' position for \$30,000. He spoke with a number of people on the 2001 Charter Committee and they stated the POSH position was intended to be full time. Another concern relates to our dependence on the VLT funding. He believes there will be a reduction and eliminated in short order. His biggest concern at this time is voting on the budget now versus waiting until the next meeting or towards the end of the month. This vote is not on a regular Tuesday night; it's a Monday night.

Commissioner Madigan stated they have to file the tax cap and levy with the state. There isn't a right or wrong way to do this. The budget is ready.

Commissioner Franck asked if something dramatic happens, will we have the ability to amend this budget.

Commissioner Madigan stated we have the ability to amend the budget any time throughout the year.

Commissioner Franck stated sales tax is a big concern. The more information we can get on sales tax is important. As long as they can make an adjustment to the budget than he's fine with this budget. Knowing what happens and who get the casino bid will be important information and why the vote should have been extended.

Mayor Yepsen thanked the commissioner and the finance staff for all their hard work on this budget. We are all pleased about the zero tax increase. She ran on the platform of sustainability and the creation of the 'POSH' position will help to fulfill her promise to the Saratogians. It is hard to get volunteers when you

don't have staff to support them. There are so many grants that we haven't had the time to go after. This is a start and one that may not be successful. She will continue to think about how we can add funds to this position.

Commissioner Scirocco asked if the Charter states the POSH position is a full time position.

Commissioner Franck stated it doesn't say that but the committee stated that was their intention.

Commissioner Scirocco stated the first thing he would do with the \$30,000 and find a grant writer.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated the POSH position is well described in the Charter. It sounds like the mayor is looking to expand upon that. It would make sense to look at the Charter and update that.

**Ayes – All**

Discussion and Vote: Health Care Plan Rate Renewals (14-418)

Commissioner Madigan stated MVP Gold, MVP Co-plan 10, Empire HMO, CDPHP have

**Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the health care plan rate renewals.**

**Ayes – All**

Discussion and Vote: Bond Resolution – Ballston Avenue Traffic Improvements (14-419)

Commissioner Franck recused himself and left the room for this agenda item and the next.

Commissioner Madigan stated the city is required to provide 5% of the total cost. The resolution is for an amount of \$19,550.

**Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to approve the 2014 bond resolution that was distributed with the agenda.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Discussion and Vote: Capital Budget Amendment – Ballston Avenue Traffic Improvements (14-420)

Commissioner Madigan stated the amendment brings \$391,000 into the budget for the Ballston Avenue Traffic Improvement Project; \$312,800 is federally funded, \$58,650 is State funded, and \$19,550 is City funded via bonding.

**Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to approved 2014 capital budget amendment for the Ballston Ave Traffic Improvement project which was distributed with the agenda.**

**Ayes – All**

Commissioner Franck re-joined the meeting.

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll (14-421)

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

**Ayes – All**

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Benefits (14-422)

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

**Ayes - All**

Announcement: Reciprocal Deposit Program

Commissioner Madigan announced the General Municipal Law requires the City to designate one or more banks or trust companies to deposit public funds. Using the reciprocal deposit program allows the City an additional option to secure public funds. Under such a program, the City's funds are re-deposited in one or more banking institutions, all under the \$250,000 FDIC limit, through the deposit placement program. This arrangement reduces costs and can increase interest earnings. The City amended its investment policy this past summer to allow for the use of this type of program. The City took advantage of this program in September with one of its designated banks for two money market accounts which hold cash reserves.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Renewal, Extension and Modification of Agreement Saratoga Historic Properties (14-423)

Commissioner Scirocco advised this agreement is an extension for the land abutting City Hall and Maple Avenue. They agree to grant the City an easement to travel across the paved parking area for the purpose of gaining access to the building entrances and trash collection. This agreement will expire December 31, 2015.

**Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the extension agreement with Saratoga Historic Properties.**

**Ayes - All**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Agreement with Ryan Biggs Associates, PC for the Stabilization Phase II Canfield Casino Ceiling (14-424)

Commissioner Scirocco stated this agreement is the next step is to perform long term structural repairs. Ryan-Biggs will hire Mid State Industries to perform the removals and probes to provide access to ballroom spaces for investigation. The work will be done when we have limited bookings at the Casino.

**Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Ryan Biggs Associates, PC for the next phase of the emergency stabilization and repairs of the Canfield Casino ceiling in the amount of \$54,000.**

Funding is in line H3537112 / 52000 / 1165 and H3031492 / 5200 / 1141.

**Ayes - All**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Change Order #22 with Hoosick Valley Contractors (14-425)

Commissioner Mathiesen stated this is the last change order and completes the renovation project in the Police Department and Public Safety. The change order is in the amount of \$3,263.

**Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to sign change order #22 to Hoosick Valley Construction in the amount of \$3,263.**

Funding is in line H3146952 / 52000 / 1188.

**Ayes - All**

Announcement: Report on Fire 101 Event Held on October 25, 2014

Commissioner Mathiesen announced a training event was held at the County Fire Training Center. They went over strategies and brought participants out to see the facility. Assistant Chief Shaw was the main presenter of the program.

## **SUPERVISORS**

**Matthew Veitch**

Saratoga County 2015 Budget

Supervisor Veitch reported they released the budget this morning. They have held the line on property taxes this year and kept the property tax at \$2.28. No new positions were added to the budget and no major initiatives. Public hearings for the budget have been scheduled and a vote will be taken on the budget on 12/10/14 prior to their regular meeting.

Center for Economic Growth Annual Meeting

Supervisor Veitch reported he attended this meeting. Saratoga County is a member of Center for Economic Growth. He provided the Council and the public with a pamphlet that was provided regarding Global Foundries.

Geyser Road Trail

Supervisor Veitch reported they worked hard to get this trail in Saratoga Springs. When this project started, Commissioner Scirocco was the chair of the Public Works Committee. He thanked everyone for their help with this.

Home Energy Assistance Program

Supervisor Veitch reported the HEAP program is scheduled to start Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and will close on December 31. Applications are on line or can be filled out in person.

**Peter Martin**

Veteran's Affairs

Supervisor Martin reported the presentation put on this past Thursday was spectacular. This was an amazing history lesson. He was so impressed by this he asked the Veteran's Committee to see if they would find other locations to host this event. There are a lot of programs for veterans where they need to have proof of an honorable discharge; therefore copies of their discharge will be kept at the county when filed by a veteran.

#### County Fire Training

Supervisor Martin reported the facility is being used 5 days a week almost every week of the year. They teach volunteer firemen as well as paid. They have a car that has been put on fire thousands of times.

#### Revolutionary Run

Supervisor Martin reported the fun run is this Saturday.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Yepsen adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis  
Clerk

Approved:  
Vote: