



# CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

## City Council Meeting



August 14, 2017

City Council Room  
Special City Council Meeting to discuss  
the County's Shared Services Initiative.

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**10:00 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES**

**PRESENTATION(S):**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT**

1. Discussion and Vote: Shared Services Initiative

**ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT**

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

**SUPERVISORS**

**ADJOURN**



## **SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **RESOLUTION 170 - 2017**

**Introduced by Supervisors Collyer, Allen, Lent, Lewza, Tollisen, Veitch and Wright**

#### **OFFERING AN ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION TO THE SARATOGA COUNTY SHARED SERVICES PANEL ON THE DRAFT SARATOGA COUNTY SHARED SERVICES PLAN**

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 New York State Budget enacted a County-wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan Law that requires the chief executive officer of each of the 57 counties outside of New York City to convene a panel of public officials consisting of the chief executive officer of the county, the mayors of the cities and villages in the county, and the supervisors of the towns in the county, to be known as the Shared Services Panel, to develop, publicly deliberate and vote upon County-wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plans; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan Law ("Shared Services Plan Law") is to reduce the tax burden on real property taxpayers by implementing shared services and other cooperative agreements between governments; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Plan Law defines the chief executive officer of Saratoga County to be the Saratoga County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Plan Law requires the County Administrator to convene the Shared Services Panel, and develop a Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan in consultation with the Shared Services Panel, local collective bargaining units, community stakeholders, and the general public through a series of public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has convened the Shared Services Panel and completed two out of three required public hearings; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Shared Services Plan Law, the County Administrator has prepared and submitted a draft Shared Services Plan, accompanied by a certification as to the accuracy of the Plan and the savings set forth therein, to this Board of Supervisors for its review and the issuance of an advisory report setting forth any recommendations the Board deems appropriate; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts, approves and expresses its support for the draft Saratoga County Shared Services Plan, and for the property tax savings initiatives set forth therein; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors further urges the Saratoga County Administrator and the Shared Services Panel to take all appropriate and necessary action required by the Shared Services Plan Law to complete and approve the Saratoga County Shared Services Plan.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

Saratoga County Shared Services  
Property Tax Savings Plan Summary



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## Saratoga County Shared Services Plan

The Saratoga County Shared Services Plan includes two (2) tax saving items as follows:

### Cooperative Bidding

The first item is cooperative bidding. The County's Purchasing Department will coordinate the bidding for a variety of items including, but not limited to, office supplies, paper products, cleaning supplies and auto parts. It is anticipated that with the increase in volume of these items, all of the municipalities participating will realize a savings. Based on the County's bid history and research on cooperative bids for these items, it is anticipated that a savings of 15% could be realized.

The total 2016 costs for these items for participating municipalities total \$2,001,767. After applying a 15% cost savings, the cooperative bidding savings are anticipated to total \$300,265 in 2018 and thereafter.

### Medicare-eligible Retiree Health Insurance Consortium

The second item is a Health Insurance Consortium for Medicare-eligible retirees. The plan would include authorizing eligibility for municipalities within Saratoga County to join the County's Medicare Advantage plan for retirees. The County's current average monthly premium for Medicare-eligible retiree's is \$280.

The current monthly premiums for participating municipalities range from \$301 to \$432. The plan's anticipated savings compares the County's rate with the participating municipalities' rates for an additional 291 covered individuals. After subtracting costs associated with hiring County staff to manage the Consortium, the total net anticipated savings is \$172,376 for 2018 and thereafter.

Partners			
Row 1 - Two (2) Cities in Saratoga County			
Participating Cities		Panel Representative	Vote Cast (Yes or No)*
1.	Mechanicville	Mayor Dennis Baker	
2.	Saratoga Springs	Mayor Joanne Yepsen	
* The written justification provided by each Panel Representative in support of his or her vote on the Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.			
Row 2 - 19 Towns in Saratoga County			
Participating Towns		Panel Representative	Vote Cast (Yes or No)*
1.	Town of Ballston	Supervisor Tim Szczepaniak	
2.	Town of Charlton	Supervisor Alan Grattidge	
3.	Town of Clifton Park	Supervisor Phil Barrett	
4.	Town of Corinth	Supervisor Dick Lucia	
5.	Town of Day	Supervisor Preston Allen	
6.	Town of Edinburg	Supervisor Jean Raymond	
7.	Town of Galway	Supervisor Paul Lent	
8.	Town of Greenfield	Supervisor Dan Pemrick	
9.	Town of Hadley	Supervisor Arthur Wright	
10.	Town of Halfmoon	Supervisor Kevin Tollisen	
11.	Town of Malta	Supervisor Vince Delucia	
12.	Town of Milton	Supervisor Dan Lewza	
13.	Town of Moreau	Supervisor Gardner Congdon	
14.	Town of Northumberland	Supervisor Bill Peck	
15.	Town of Providence	Supervisor John Collyer	
16.	Town of Saratoga	Supervisor Tom Wood	
17.	Town of Stillwater	Supervisor Ed Kinowski	
18.	Town of Waterford	Supervisor Jack Lawler	
19.	Town of Wilton	Supervisor Art Johnson	
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Row 3 -Nine (9) Villages in Saratoga County			
Participating Villages		Panel Representative	Vote Cast (Yes or No)*
1.	Village of Ballston Spa	Mayor John Romano	
2.	Village of Corinth	Mayor Dennis Morreale	
3.	Village of Galway	Mayor William Hyde	
4.	Village of Round Lake	Mayor Tom Bergin	
5.	Village of Schuylerville	Mayor Dan Carpenter	
6.	Village of South Glens Falls	Mayor Harry Gutheil	
7.	Village of Stillwater	Mayor Rick Nelson	
8.	Village of Victory	Mayor Patrick Dewey	
9.	Village of Waterford	Mayor Bert Mahoney	
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Row 4 - 2017 Local Government Property Taxes		
Sum total of property taxes levied in the year 2017 by the county, cities, towns, villages, school districts, BOCES, and special improvement districts.	\$530,713,796	
Row 5 - 2017 Participating Entities Property Taxes		
Sum total of property taxes levied in the year 2017 by the county, cities, towns, villages, school districts, BOCES, and special improvement districts identified as participating in the panel in the rows above.	\$114,794,952	
Row 6 - Total Anticipated Savings		
Sum total of net savings in such plan certified as being anticipated in calendar year 2018, calendar year 2019, and annually thereafter.	\$472,641	
Row 7 - Anticipated Savings as a Percentage of Participating Entities Property Taxes		
Sum total of net savings in such plan certified as being anticipated in calendar year 2018 as a percentage of the sum total in Row 5, calendar year 2019 as a percentage of the sum total in Row 5, and annually thereafter as a percentage of the sum total in Row 5.	0.41%	
Row 8 - Anticipated Savings to the Average Taxpayer		
Amount of the savings that the average taxpayer in the county will realize in calendar year 2018, calendar year 2019, and annually thereafter if the net savings certified in the plan are realized.	\$4.89	
Row 9 - Anticipated Costs/Savings to the Average Homeowner		
Percentage amount a homeowner can expect his or her property taxes to increase or decrease in calendar year 2018, calendar year 2019, and annually thereafter if the net savings certified in the plan are realized. (Anticipated yearly levy increase = 1.5%, Anticipated yearly homeowner savings = 0.30%)	2018	1.20%
	2019	1.20%
	After	1.20%
Row 10 - Anticipated Costs/Savings to the Average Business		
Percentage amount a business can expect its property taxes to increase or decrease in calendar year 2018, calendar year 2019, and annually thereafter if the net savings certified in the plan are realized. (Anticipated yearly levy increase = 1.5%, Anticipated yearly business savings = 0.08%)	2018	1.42%
	2019	1.42%
	After	1.42%

CERTIFICATION OF PLAN AND PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS TO DIRECTOR OF BUDGET

By my signature below, I hereby certify that the County-Wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan submitted herewith is final, that it was completed in accordance with the requirements of Part BBB of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2017, and that the savings identified and contained herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Spencer P. Hellwig, County Chief Executive Officer

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Signature

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Date