

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: BUDGET

DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS THOMAS
MERLINO
STROUGH
SIMPSON
BROCK
SOKOL
MONTESI
GERAGHTY

OTHERS PRESENT:

RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, ACTING COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
LEGGETT
MACDONALD
MCDEVITT
SEEBER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS GIRARD
BEATY
DICKINSON

JOANN MCKINSTRY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
KRISTY MILLER, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
ROBERT LYNCH, DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER
MICHAEL WILD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note the following contains a summarization of the October 27, 2017 meeting of the Budget Committee; the meeting in it's entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov//comm/Archive/2017/budget/>

Mr. Thomas called the meeting of the Budget Committee to order at 11:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Several documents were distributed pertaining to the 2018 Budget proposal. Mr. Thomas stated the purpose of today's meeting was to review the 2018 Budget. *A copy of the 2018 Budget proposal and all documents distributed are on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Thomas commenced with a review of the 2018 Budget, which he outlined in detail and noted the 2.9% increase in the budget, as well as inflation of 1.84% for a total tax levy of 3.15%.

Ms. Seeber entered the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

A lengthy discussion ensued during which Mr. Montesi entered the meeting and Mr. Sokol exited.

Ms. Seeber commended Mr. Thomas on the budget and temporary positions, noting she had enjoyed working with him, as well as Mr. Geraghty.

Chairman Conover expressed thanks to the Budget Team and Department Heads for their cooperation. Mr. Thomas commended the Department Heads for remaining under the tax caps with cuts and lowering all funds except the General Fund. Mr. Swan, voiced his approval and commended Mr. Thomas.

Continuing to the Referrals/Pending Items portion of the agenda;

- 1) Mr. Thomas informed the item regarding the Five Year Plan had been addressed and should be removed from the Referral/Pending Item list.
- 2) With regard to the referral from the Support Services Committee to consider establishing a reserve fund to fund unexpected employee retirement expenses, Mr. Thomas indicated this had

been addressed in the 2018 Budget and he requested that this item be removed from the Referral/Pending Item list.

- 3) Pertaining to the referral from the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee asking for consideration of a request to purchase a new Hazmat truck, Mr. Thomas apprised Mr. Montesi had addressed this issue and the item could be removed from the Referral/Pending Item list. Mr. Montesi explained the current hazmat truck had very few miles but was not running as it should. He further explained the truck was taken to a dealership for service and after it was fixed, the dealership had indicated that the vehicle needed to be driven more. Mr. Montesi said they had ultimately decided to allow one of the Firemen at the station where the vehicle was stored to drive the vehicle once a week.

There being no further business to come before the Budget Committee, on motion made by Mr. Montesi and seconded by Mr. Brock, Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 11:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board