

Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022



Note: Pursuant to New York State Legislation (S.50001/A.40001): “Notwithstanding the provisions of article 7 of the public officers law to the contrary, any state agency, department, corporation, office, authority, board, or commission, as well as any local public body, or public corporation as defined in section 66 of the general construction law, or political subdivisions as defined in section 100 of the general municipal law, or a committee or subcommittee or other similar body of such entity, shall be authorized to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.” All of the Board members were physically present, aside from Supervisors Hogan and Wild who attended the meeting virtually.

Please note that the following is a summarization of the Board Meeting; the meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed on the Warren County website: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York; meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor McDevitt following which a moment of silence was observed for the citizens of the Country of Ukraine.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Leggett, Diamond, McDevitt, Braymer, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Geraci, Hogan, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Magowan, Seeber, Beaty, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty. All Supervisors in attendance were physically present, aside from Supervisors Hogan and Wild who attended the meeting virtually.

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2022 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Presentation was made by Supervisor Merlino during which the following outstanding businesswomen who were recognized for their exceptional contributions to the tourism industry in the County during the pandemic: Joanne Conley, *Director, Warren County Tourism Department*, Gina Mintzer, *Executive Director, Lake George Chamber of Commerce & CVB*, Kathy Muncil, *Chief Executive Officer, Fort William Henry*, Sara Mannix, *Chief Executive Officer, Mannix Marketing*, and Amy Collins, *Director of Tourism and Business Development, City of Glens Falls*.

The following individuals were recognized for completing their Leadership Badge Training in Senior Management which was offered to Department Heads and individuals in Senior Management positions: Adam Baker, *DPW, Assistant Engineer* and Robin Mapp, *Airport Manager*.

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Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor and the following spoke:

Asad Mufti, spoke regarding his bid being rejected for the vacant property on 275 Bay Road in the Town of Queensbury known as the Mullen's property. He asked for an explanation on the rejected bid, adding this would help him address any issues that would permit them to reconsider accepting his bid to purchase this property. Chairman Geraghty responded he would request that the County Attorney contact Mr. Mufti to provide him with an explanation.

Supervisor Braymer apprised she would like to know if Mr. Mufti was still interested in purchasing the property for the amount he bid and Chairman Geraghty replied this would be part of the discussion Mr. Mufti would have with the County Attorney.

Report by the Chairman of the Board was given.

Report by Committee Chairs were given, during which Chairman Geraghty provided every Supervisor with the opportunity to speak regardless of whether they Chaired a Committee.

During the Committee reports a motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Magowan and carried unanimously to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 122, *Setting Public Hearing and Commencing SEQRA Review with Respect to Proposed Lease Agreement with Schermerhorn Aviation, LLC for Construction of Hangar at the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport, Warren County, New York.*

Supervisor Seeber advised during the NYSAC (*New York State Association of Counties*) Conference last week she attended a meeting regarding Open Meeting Laws during which she was provided with the most recent advisory opinion regarding the County's Committee structure which she read aloud as follows: "*members of the Legislature (or in Warren County's case the Board of Supervisors) who were not members of the Committee may attend the Committee meeting, but the intent was for the meeting to be a Committee meeting and not a meeting of the Legislature. The non-Committee members should not be involved in the discussion of Committee business and non-Committee members should only be permitted to comment the same way the members of the general public are permitted to comment*". She requested that the County Attorney work with the representatives from The Committee for Open Government to determine how this would be handled by a Board of Supervisors with a weighted vote structure in place and how they could continue to value one another's opinions when debate was only permitted at the full Board Meeting to allow them to fully represent their constituency with a Committee structure moving forward.

Following some comments made by Supervisor Beaty concerning 275 Bay Road in the Town of Queensbury, Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, advised the Board of Supervisors had adopted Resolution No. 316 of 2021, *Authorizing Separate On-Line Public Auction for Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 302.8-1-2 and Authorizing the Town of Queensbury to Pursue a Study, at No Cost to the County, Regarding the Viability of Using this Parcel as a Parking Lot for the Warren County Bikeway*, at their August 20, 2021 Board Meeting for the purpose of providing for an on-line auction to gauge interest on the property for a minimum sale price of \$68,700, as well as reserving the rights to reject any bids at their discretion. He indicated he had no information regarding the bid price Mr. Mufti submitted or what process was used, but he did want to clarify based on public comment that there were some preconditions that were approved by the Board as part of auctioning that property in an online forum. He added he would be following up with Mr. Mufti next week.

A motion was made by Supervisor Conover, seconded by Supervisor Dickinson and carried unanimously to withdraw proposed Resolution Nos. 139, *Awarding Bid and Authorizing Agreement with Lowest Responsible Bidder for Replacement of South Johnsbury Road (CR 57) Bridge over Mill Creek, Town of*

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Johnsburg, Warren County, NY (WC 1-22), and 141, Awarding Bid and Authorizing Agreement with Lowest Responsible Bidder for Sagamore Road Retaining Wall, Town of Bolton, Warren County, NY (WC 7-22), as a result of the bids coming in substantially higher than the budgeted amount of funding for the projects.

Chairman Geraghty announced there would be no report by the County Administrator given this month due to Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, being on vacation.

Report by the County Attorney was given during which Supervisor Seeber asked when an update would be provided regarding the Morgan v. Warren County case from outside counsel and Mr. Elmen replied his understanding was the report would be given at the next meeting of the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee. Supervisor Seeber voiced her concern with this discussion occurring at a Committee meeting instead of a Board Meeting given the fact that it had been brought to their attention non-Committee members were not permitted to partake in the discussion and this was a matter of significance. Mr. Elmen advised the direction that had been given to him was for this update to be given at the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee, but if the Board changed that direction to the Board Meeting he would ensure the First Assistant County Attorney was aware of this change which would be subject to the availability of outside counsel. Supervisor Seeber asked Chairman Geraghty if the update could be provided at the March 31st Board Meeting instead of the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee and he said he was agreeable to this change.

Reading of communications by Clerk of the Board was provided, as follows:

Reports from:

1. Warren County Probation Department - Monthly Reports for Criminal and Family Workloads for the month of January 2022 (*emailed to Board 03/17/22*)
2. Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board - 2021 Summary of Activities (*emailed to Board 03/17/22*)

Other:

1. Washington County Board of Supervisors - Resolution No. 52 of 2022, "*Appoint Member to the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency and Civic Development Corporation*"

Reading of resolutions by the Clerk of the Board was announced as follows:

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, advised Resolution Nos. 117-158 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Monday March 14th, which met the distribution deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. She stated Resolution No. 158 was amended to make a correction after mailing and a motion was needed to approve those revisions to Resolution No. 158, as provided. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Allen noted there were Floor Resolution Nos. 1-8 included in the Board packets, were outlined individually and motions were requested to bring each to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Leggett and carried unanimously to bring Proposed Floor Resolution No. 1, *Waiving the Standing Rule of the Board Relating to the Requirement That All Resolutions Be Approved Through the Established Committee Structure in Advance of a Board Meeting in Order to Entertain a Resolution Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to Create and Delete Positions Within the Tourism Department*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be Proposed Resolution No. 159.

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Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson and seconded by Supervisor Strough to bring Proposed Floor Resolution No. 2, *Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to Create and Delete Positions Within the Tourism Department*, to the floor.

Supervisor Seeber asked whether the creation of the position could be handled in one resolution while the deletion would be a separate resolution and Mrs. Allen replied this was typically handled in one resolution and was presented as such today. Supervisor Seeber voiced her opposition to the creation of the position of Principle Account Clerk - Per Diem, but was in favor of the motion to delete the position of Principle Account Clerk, indicating she would be voting in opposition. She suggested moving forward these be handled in separate resolutions.

A roll call vote was requested to bring Proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 to the floor. Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion was carried by majority vote, with 682 votes in favor (*Supervisors McDevitt, Braymer, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Geraci, Hogan, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Thomas, Runyon, Conover, Leggett, Diamond and Geraghty*), and 326 against (*Supervisors Dickinson, Magowan, Seeber and Beaty*).

Mrs. Allen announced Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be Proposed Resolution No. 160; she added because it was creating a position it would be subject to a roll call vote and would require two-thirds majority vote to be adopted.

Motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried unanimously to bring Proposed Floor Resolution No. 3, *Waiving the Standing Rule of the Board Relating to the Requirement That All Resolutions Be Approved Through the Established Committee Structure in Advance of a Board Meeting in Order to Entertain a Resolution Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to Create a New Position at Countryside Adult Home*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be Proposed Resolution No. 161.

Motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll, seconded by Supervisor Dickinson and carried unanimously to bring Proposed Floor Resolution No. 4, *Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to Create a New Position at Countryside Adult Home*, to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Magowan, seconded by Supervisor Dickinson and carried unanimously to bring Proposed Floor Resolution No. 5, *Waiving the Standing Rule of the Board Relating to the Requirement That All Resolutions Be Approved Through the Established Committee Structure in Advance of a Board Meeting in Order to Entertain a Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance, and from Deferred Revenues, to Fund Capital Project No. H406, Countryside 2021 Capital Improvements; and Amending 2022 Warren County Budget*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced Floor Resolution No. 5 would now be Proposed Resolution No. 163.

Mrs. Allen announced returned to Floor Resolution No. 4, advising this would now be Proposed Resolution No. 162. She added it would also be subject to a roll call vote and require a two-thirds majority vote to be adopted.

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson and seconded by Supervisor Thomas to bring Proposed Floor Resolution No. 6, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance, and from Deferred Revenues, to Fund Capital Project No. H406*,

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Countryside 2021 Capital Improvements; And Amending 2022 Warren County Budget, to the floor.

Supervisor Seeber voiced her opposition to bringing Proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 to the floor due to the ARPA (*American Rescue Plan Act*) funding also being listed in proposed Resolution No. 158, *Authorizing Allocation of ARPA Funding to Various County Agencies in Warren County*, as she was supportive of the improvements being made at Countryside Adult Home, but she was opposed to using ARPA funding to finance a portion of these improvements due to the concerns expressed by the County Treasurer. She noted she would be fully supportive of appropriating the necessary funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus to pay for the improvements at Countryside Adult Home and she questioned why proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 differed from Proposed Resolution No. 158. Mrs. Allen explained proposed Resolution No. 158 pertained to the funding the ARPA Advisory Committee had approved for distribution and Proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 involved the budgeting portion that was required to allocate the funding where it was required, indicating these were two separate actions.

A brief discussion ensued following which Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 6, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance, and from Deferred Revenues, to Fund Capital Project No. H406, Countryside 2021 Capital Improvements; And Amending 2022 Warren County Budget*, to the floor was carried by majority vote, with Supervisor Seeber voting in opposition. Mrs. Allen announced Floor Resolution No. 6 would now be Proposed Resolution No. 164 which would be subject to a roll call vote that required a simple majority vote to be adopted.

Motion was made by Supervisor Braymer, seconded by Supervisor Dickinson and carried by majority vote, with Supervisor Seeber voting in opposition, to bring Proposed Floor Resolution No. 7, *Waiving the Standing Rule of the Board Relating to the Requirement That All Resolutions Be Approved Through the Established Committee Structure in Advance of a Board Meeting in Order to Entertain a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 453 of 2021, "Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus, County Road Unappropriated Surplus and Road Machinery Unappropriated Surplus to Various Departmental Budgets; Amending 2021 Warren County Budget", to Change the Source of Funding and Utilize ARPA Dollars*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced Floor Resolution No. 7 would now be Proposed Resolution No. 165.

Motion was made by Supervisor Braymer, seconded by Supervisor Bruno and carried by majority vote, with Supervisor Seeber voting in opposition, to bring Proposed Floor Resolution No. 8, *Amending Resolution No. 453 of 2021, "Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus, County Road Unappropriated Surplus and Road Machinery Unappropriated Surplus to Various Departmental Budgets; Amending 2021 Warren County Budget", to Change the Source of Funding to Utilize ARPA Dollars; Authorize Transfers of Funds; and Amend the Warren County for Same*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced Floor Resolution No. 8 would now be Proposed Resolution No. 166 which would be subject to a roll call vote, with only a simple majority vote required to be adopted.

Discussion on resolutions ensued, as follows:

Supervisor Seeber spoke regarding Proposed Resolution Nos. 158, *Authorizing Allocation of ARPA Funding to Various County Agencies in Warren County*, 164, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance, and from Deferred Revenues, to Fund Capital Project No. H406, Countryside 2021 Capital Improvements; And Amending 2022 Warren County Budget*, 165, *Waiving the Standing Rule of the Board Relating to the Requirement That All Resolutions Be Approved Through the Established Committee Structure in Advance of a Board Meeting in Order to Entertain a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 453 of 2021, "Authorizing the*

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*Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus, County Road Unappropriated Surplus and Road Machinery Unappropriated Surplus to Various Departmental Budgets; Amending 2021 Warren County Budget”, to Change the Source of Funding and Utilize ARPA Dollars, and 166, Amending Resolution No. 453 of 2021, “Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus, County Road Unappropriated Surplus and Road Machinery Unappropriated Surplus to Various Departmental Budgets; Amending 2021 Warren County Budget”, to Change the Source of Funding to Utilize ARPA Dollars; Authorize Transfers of Funds; and Amend the Warren County for Same, suggesting that they remove the \$950,000 allocation of ARPA funding for improvements at Countryside Adult Home from Proposed Resolution No. 158 should it fail to be adopted and create its own resolution for that purpose to allow the matter to be voted on separately. She voiced her concern that she believed each ARPA funding allocation would be handled under separately and not bundled all together in one resolution. She indicated because the ARPA allocations had been bundled under one Proposed Resolution, if she were to vote in opposition because she was not in favor of the allocation to Countryside Adult Home she would essentially be voting in opposition of the other allocations which she believed were appropriate for ARPA funding to be spent on. She continued, outlining her concerns regarding the use of ARPA funding for the necessary updates to the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning) system at Countryside Adult Home which the Board had been well aware of for sometime now, but had taken no action on, adding she believed it would be more suitable to cover this expense using funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus. She stated if it was not possible to remove the allocation to Countryside Adult Home from Proposed Resolution No. 158, *Authorizing Allocation of ARPA Funding to Various County Agencies in Warren County*, then she would request that this be handled with a roll call vote.*

A discussion ensued during which Supervisor Braymer noted the funding referenced in Proposed Resolution No. 166, *Amending Resolution No. 453 of 2021, “Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus, County Road Unappropriated Surplus and Road Machinery Unappropriated Surplus to Various Departmental Budgets; Amending 2021 Warren County Budget”, to Change the Source of Funding to Utilize ARPA Dollars; Authorize Transfers of Funds; and Amend the Warren County for Same*, had already been spent and the ARPA funding would be used to purchase the items referenced in the Proposed resolution rather than the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus which she requested support of, as well as Proposed Resolution No. 158, *Authorizing Allocation of ARPA Funding to Various County Agencies in Warren County*, even if they were to remove the allocation to Countryside Adult Home from the Proposed Resolution. She requested that Mike Swan, *County Treasurer*, address the Board regarding his concerns pertaining to the use of ARPA funding to pay for the improvements at Countryside Adult Home which he had previously expressed at the ARPA Advisory Committee Meeting.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mike Swan, *County Treasurer*, who advised this matter had been fully vetted at the ARPA Committee Meeting, indicating although he had been opposed to the use of ARPA funding to pay for the improvements at Countryside Adult Home he would support the decision of the Committee that this was one of the means they would like to use the funding for, as the majority of the Committee members had voted in favor of this expenditure. In regards to the concerns he had expressed about whether it was permissible to use ARPA funding along with funding that was obtained through bonds, he stated following the research he had conducted he believed it was permissible for the County to move forward in this manner. He indicted the only issue he could find was that because the project cost more than \$1 million there could be an impact to the manner in which the reporting was handled which he believed with additional work could be rectified.

Further discussion ensued during which Mr. Elmen clarified that the funding in Proposed Resolution

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No. 166, *Amending Resolution No. 453 of 2021, "Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus, County Road Unappropriated Surplus and Road Machinery Unappropriated Surplus to Various Departmental Budgets; Amending 2021 Warren County Budget", to Change the Source of Funding to Utilize ARPA Dollars; Authorize Transfers of Funds; and Amend the Warren County for Same*, was not related to the ARPA funding referenced for Countryside Adult Home in Proposed Resolution No. 164, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance, and from Deferred Revenues, to Fund Capital Project No. H406, Countryside 2021 Capital Improvements; And Amending 2022 Warren County Budget*.

Supervisor Diamond asked Wayne LaMothe, *County Planner*, to provide a brief overview of the Comprehensive Plan which was being funded by proposed Resolution No. 156, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus to the Planning Budget to Cover the Cost of a Qualified Consultant to Prepare a Comprehensive Plan for Warren County; and Amending 2022 Warren County Budget*. Mr. Lamothe apprised through NYSAC he had contacted the County Planner's Association to inquire what process other Counties had used to prepare their Comprehensive Plan and what he determined was they hired consultants to prepare the plan. He said the estimated cost for preparing this plan was between \$150,000 to \$260,000, adding a consultant would be required to handle the work for Warren County, as well unless they wanted the Planning Department's focus to be solely on this plan for a year. He said based on the information provided by other Counties a draft RFP (*Request for Proposal*) had been developed which he believed could be released within the next few weeks. He indicated he perceived this Comprehensive Plan as a document that could be used by new Board members to review the history, policies and goals the County had to assist them with having a better understanding when they attended Committee meetings and worked with Departments. He added he would also recommend that these policies and goals be reviewed every couple of years to understand new and emerging technologies. He noted the last Comprehensive Plan for the County was prepared in 1978 and was why he would encourage support of proposed Resolution No. 156.

A discussion ensued.

Supervisor Conover apprised he believed there was an error in proposed Resolution No. 138, *Awarding Bid and Authorizing Agreement with Various Bidders for Warren County 2022 Highway Projects (WC 70-21)*, with the wrong town associated with one of the roads included in the Proposed Resolution. Chairman Geraghty indicated this could be handled with a Clerk's correction.

Supervisor Braymer spoke regarding Proposed Resolution No. 158, *Authorizing Allocation of ARPA Funding to Various County Agencies in Warren County*, regarding the initiative that was brought before the ARPA Advisory Committee by the Employment & Training Administration in collaboration with Crandall Public Library to provide laptops and tablets for job seekers to borrow when individuals required assistance with job seeking in all areas of the County and not just rural areas and she asked whether this could be handled with a Clerk's correction or whether a motion was required to amend the Proposed Resolution and Chairman Geraghty replied this could be handled through a Clerk's correction.

Chairman Geraghty noted the only roll call request was for Proposed Resolution No. 158, *Authorizing Allocation of ARPA Funding to Various County Agencies in Warren County*. Supervisor Seeber called for point of order, indicating she had not requested a roll call vote on Proposed Resolution No. 158. Mrs. Allen apologized to Supervisor Seeber, apprising she thought Supervisor Seeber had indicated she wanted a roll call vote on Proposed Resolution No. 158 if the Countryside Adult Home allocation could not be removed from the Proposed Resolution. Supervisor Seeber stated she was withdrawing that request.

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Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 117-166 were approved as presented, with the exception of Resolution Nos. 122, 139 and 141 which were withdrawn, as well as Resolution No. 158 which was amended from the floor, and Resolution No. 160 which failed to achieve the necessary two-thirds majority vote required.

Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor and the following spoke:

Supervisor Diamond suggested they return the employee who was out on paid leave back to work, as he was opposed to providing someone with a salary and benefits who was not providing any services to the County. He added he believed this was sending the wrong message to the taxpayers, as well as to County employees.

Supervisor Braymer echoed the concerns expressed by Supervisor Diamond, as she believed this matter had lingered on far too long. She requested that a full report be provided regarding this issue at the March 31st Board Meeting during an executive session.

In regard to Resolution No. 160, *Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to Create and Delete Positions Within the Tourism Department*, being voted down, Supervisor Merlino apprised he did not believe the Board members who voted in opposition understood how this would negatively impact the Tourism Department, as they would be losing two experienced employees due to retirements. He explained the employee who was in the process of taking over the duties of the Principle Account Clerk with regard to the accounting relating to Occupancy Tax had only been employed with the County for about a year and the individual who was retiring was willing to come back and work on a Per Diem basis to make this transition go smoother, but since the Board had voted down the Per Diem position they would be forced to replace this individual with a full-time position which would cost the County more. He said this would result in the department having two new employees with no experience in the middle of the year and he suggested they reconsider approving the Per Diem position at the next Board Meeting.

Supervisor Dickinson stated he was pleased a Proclamation had been presented today in support of the citizens of Country of Ukraine, as there was a significant connection with the Town of Lake George and the Ukraine as a result of residents who had relatives from there, as well as a number of students who traveled to the Town from Ukraine with J-1 visas to work during the summer season. He noted the Lake George Town Board had decided to erect the Ukranian flag at the welcoming corner in the Town of Lake George on State Route 9 and a ceremony would be held that the Board members would be invited to attend. Next, Supervisor Dickinson advised while he was appreciative of Supervisor Strough recognizing him for his efforts with regard to the Lake George Wastewater Treatment Center he felt compelled to point out Robert Blais, *Mayor, Village of Lake George*, was the driving force behind getting this accomplished. He stated the Treatment Center was now up and running, had provided them with the ability to move forward with their Bolton Road Project, as well as expand their sewer service to other areas because of the increased capacity.

Mr. LaMothe advised Resolution No. 164, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance, and from Deferred Revenues, to Fund Capital Project No. H406, Countryside 2021 Capital Improvements; and Amending 2022 Warren County Budget*, provided funding for the improvements at Countryside Adult Home; however, he noted, a Resolution would need to go before the Board next month to transfer that funding out of the Budget Code A.9950 910, *Transfer-Capital Projects, Interfund Transfers*, and into Capital Project H406, *Countryside 2021 Capital Improvements*, adding he would be amending the Planning Department's agenda for their March 22nd meeting to include this request.

Supervisor Braymer stated because a Proclamation had gone before the Board this month Proclaiming March 2022 to be Women's History Month she felt compelled to note the County had made history last year by having their first female Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Driscoll announced the New York State Public High School Athletics Association Boys Basketball Tournaments were being held at the COOL Insuring Arena all weekend and he encouraged all to attend. Next, Supervisor Driscoll advised in 2019 he had the opportunity to visit every Municipality in Warren County as an employee of Catholic Charities to talk about SNAP (*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*) benefits, as well as a Supervisor to get to know each Municipality and introduce himself to Town Board members and observe their Town Board Meetings. Supervisor Driscoll stated on January 1st he had been appointed as the Chairman of the Glens Falls Housing Authority as a result of a retirement. He indicated prior to this he had served on as the Vice-Chair for the last four years, all of which was as a private citizen and not a County Supervisor. He surmised much like himself every member of this Board did not pull rank as elected officials when they were volunteering within their communities, as their goal was for the betterment of their community. In regard to the comment made earlier in the meeting regarding an elected official who was serving as a volunteer on a local organizations Board of Directors, he apprised he personally knew this individual and was aware this individual was not using his elected status in his volunteer position and provided a wealth of experience and knowledge regarding the community. He added he believed this was why the Supervisors looked for opportunities to volunteer and share their experience and knowledge in addition to the responsibilities they had as members of the Warren County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Merlino advised the Town of Lake Luzerne had a company known as Nettle Meadow located there which after three years was now fully operational and employed thirty people who manufactured cheese, one of which had been rated in the top ten out of three thousand entries in cheese testing. He stated another company located there was Huttopia Adirondacks which was a Glamping company who had been nominated as 16th best location to Glamp in the Country.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Geraci and carried unanimously, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:13 p.m.