

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY JUNE 2, 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."**

**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 12:58 p.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Geraci.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Leggett, Diamond, McDevitt, Braymer, Bruno, Driscoll, Geraci, Hogan, Dickinson, Merlino, Wild, Seeber, Beaty, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty - 17. Supervisors Frasier, Strough and Magowan absent - 3. All Supervisors in attendance were physically present, aside from Supervisors Geraci and Hogan, who attended the meeting virtually.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Diamond and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Frasier, Strough and Magowan absent*) to approve the minutes of the May 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Geraghty recited the agenda item pertaining to a presentation by the Salvation Army regarding future government operations, noting the agenda listed a request for an executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, subject to Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law. Motion was made by Supervisor Wild, seconded by Supervisor McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Frasier, Strough and Magowan absent*) to enter into executive session. Chairman Geraghty noted a request had been made for Liza Ochsendorf, *Director, Employment & Training Administration*, and Peter Shabot, *Warren County Resident*, to remain in the executive session; the Board held a vote on allowing Ms. Ochsendorf and Mr. Shabot to participate in the executive session, but there were not enough votes in favor to reach a majority vote (*457 in favor, 300 against, 245 absent*).

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Executive session was held from 1:03 p.m. until 1:51 p.m.

Supervisor Strough joined the meeting during executive session; Supervisors Leggett and Merlino exited the meeting during the executive session.

*Minutes from executive session - Board heard a presentation from Major Leo Lloyd, of the Salvation Army. Motion was made by Supervisor Beaty, seconded by Supervisor Diamond and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Supervisors Frasier, Leggett, Magowan and Merlino absent) to exit the executive session.*

Upon reconvening Chairman Geraghty announced no action was taken during executive session. Privilege of the floor was extended to Major Lloyd to make closing comments on his presentation to the Board.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was offered, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Chairman of the Board waived his report.

Reports by Committee Chairs were given.

County Administrator advised nothing to report.

Report of County Attorney was given.

Reading of Communications was called for but there were none to report.

Reading of Resolutions: Clerk advised there were three resolutions before the Board as a result of action taken at that morning's Personnel, Administration & Higher Education and Finance Committee meetings, each of which required a waiving of the rules. Motions were made as follows:

Motion made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Frasier, Leggett, Magowan and Merlino absent*) to waive the Rules of the Board in order to entertain Resolution No. 265 of 2022, *Amending Tables of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to Create/Delete Positions in Planning & Community Development; Probation; and the Department of Social Services - now Resolution No. 264 of 2022.*

Motion made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Frasier, Leggett, Magowan and Merlino absent*) to waive the Rules of the Board in order to entertain Resolution No. 267 of 2022, *Amending Tables of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to Increase/Decrease Salaries for Positions in the Public Defender's Office - now Resolution No. 266 of 2022.*

Motion made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Frasier, Leggett, Magowan and Merlino absent*) to waive the Rules of the Board in order to entertain Resolution No. 269 of 2022, *Amending Resolution No. 215 of 2022, Amending Warren County Budget for 2022 for Various Departments within Warren County, to Remove the Occupancy Tax Entry; Authorizing the Appropriation of Funding from the Occupancy Tax Reserve to the Tourism Budget; and Amending Warren County Budget - now Resolution No. 268 of 2022.*

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Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for. Board held debate on Resolution No. 265 of 2022, which led to the following motions:

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Frasier, Leggett, Magowan and Merlino absent*) to amend Resolution No. 265 of 2022 to remove the County Attorney section (*creating the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant County Attorney and deleting the position of Tax Coordinator*), as well as the section of the Planning & Community Development Department creating the position of Assistant County Planner 2.

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Frasier, Leggett, Magowan and Merlino absent*) to waive the Rules of the Board relating to the requirement that all resolutions be distributed to the Board no later than the Tuesday before the Board meeting, and amending Tables of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to create/delete positions within the County Attorney's Office - *now Resolution No. 270 of 2022*.

Motion was made by Supervisor Braymer, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Frasier, Leggett, Magowan and Merlino absent*) to waive the Rules of the Board relating to the requirement that all resolutions be distributed to the Board no later than the Tuesday before the Board meeting, and amending Tables of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to create a position in Planning & Community Development Department - *now Resolution No. 271 of 2022*.

Motion was made by Supervisor Braymer, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Frasier, Leggett, Magowan and Merlino absent*) to waive the Rules of the Board relating to the requirement that all resolutions be distributed to the Board no later than the Tuesday before the Board meeting, and amending Tables of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to create a position within the Employment & Training Administration - *now Resolution No. 272 of 2022*.

Motion was made by Supervisor Braymer, seconded by Supervisor Dickinson and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Frasier, Leggett, Magowan and Merlino absent*) to waive the Rules of the Board relating to the requirement that all resolutions be distributed to the Board no later than the Tuesday before the Board meeting; authorizing the appropriation of ARPA funds; and amending Warren County Budget for 2022 - *now Resolution No. 273 of 2022*.

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 264-273 were approved as presented with the exception of Resolution No. 265, which was approved as amended from the floor, and Resolution Nos. 270 and 271, which failed due to the lack of a 2/3 majority vote required by the Rules of the Board for the creation of a new position. (*Note: Supervisor Geraci appeared to be present via telephone for the voting portion of the meeting but no response was received when his name was called during roll call votes - for this reason he was marked as absent for roll call voting*).

Privilege of the floor and public comment was called for but there was no one wishing to speak.

Announcements were called for and made by members of the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Frasier, Leggett, Magowan and Merlino absent*), Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Board Meeting at 2:18 p.m.