

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: JOINT MEETING OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DATE: MARCH 22, 2022**

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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS OTHERS PRESENT:**

**PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: CONOVER

HOGAN (ZOOM)

DICKINSON

THOMAS

BRUNO

MERLINO

STROUGH

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

RYAN DICKEY, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

SUPERVISORS LEGGETT

MAGOWAN

WILD

LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK, TOURISM

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY**

DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

SUPERVISORS: BRAYMER (ZOOM)

DICKINSON

DRISCOLL (ZOOM)

MCDEVITT

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

SUPERVISORS: GERACI

SEEBER

DIAMOND

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 22, 2022 joint meeting of the Public Works and Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committees; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>*

***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 Committee members in attendance were physically present, aside from Supervisors Hogan, Braymer and Driscoll who attended virtually.***

Mr. Conover called the meeting of the Joint Public Works and Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committees to order at 12:37 p.m.

Copies of the agenda were distributed to those in attendance; those attending remotely accessed the agenda via the Warren County website. *A copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.*

The meeting commenced with a request to allow E-Bikes/E-Scooters the use of the Warren County Bikeway for a pilot program commencing May 1, 2022 and terminating November 1, 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Bruno to bring the matter to the floor for discussion by the Public Works Committee.

Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent, of Public Works*, provided an overview of the suggested pilot program which would include safety monitoring, data collection, and reporting at the end of the pilot term; clarification was provided that only electric bikes with a Class rating of 1 and 2, which had a maximum speed of twenty miles per hour, would be allowed on the Bikeway. Discussion ensued.

Mr. McDevitt joined the meeting during discussion at 12:38 p.m.

At 12:44 p.m. Ms. Braymer called to order the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, noting a quorum was now present.

Following further discussion, Ms. Braymer called for a motion of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to approve of the pilot program. Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll and seconded by Ms. Braymer to approve the program, but failed due to a lack of majority vote (*votes in favor: Ms. Braymer, Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Dickinson; votes opposed: Mr. McDevitt; absent: Mr. Geraci, Ms. Seeber and Mr. Diamond*).

Mr. Conover called the question on the motion to approve the pilot program before the Public Works Committee and the motion passed by a majority vote, with Mr. Strough voting in opposition, thereby authorizing the necessary resolution for the April 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

As there was no further business to discuss, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously, Mr. Conover adjourned the Public Works Committee at 1:05 p.m.

On motion made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mr. Geraci, Ms. Seeber and Mr. Diamond absent*), Ms. Braymer adjourned the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist