

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & ADVOCACY**

**DATE: JANUARY 18, 2022**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: STROUGH  
DRISCOLL  
CONOVER  
FRASIER  
THOMAS

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
SUPERVISORS BEATY  
BRAYMER  
BRUNO (VIA ZOOM)  
GERACI (VIA ZOOM)  
HOGAN  
MAGOWAN  
MCDEVITT  
MERLINO  
SEEBER  
WILD  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 18, 2022 meeting of the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Committee; 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.***

Mr. Strough called the meeting of the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Committee to order at 2:03 p.m.

Copies of the Governmental Operations & Advocacy agenda were distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed the agenda via the Warren County website; *A copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.*

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

Commencing the agenda review, discussion ensued regarding the proposed changes to the Rules of the Board as provided in the agenda packet; the following changes to the proposed Rules were made:

- Section A(1) - date of the Organization Meeting changed from “not later than the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January” to “not later than the second business day of the year”
- Section B(1) - time of the June 15, 2022 Board Meeting changed from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Section B(2) - “Privilege of the floor and public comment” added at the beginning of the meeting, following “Introduction and welcome to guests” to allow two opportunities for public comment.
- Section C(7) - language was changed to read: “Upon any member raising a point of order, all members shall remain seated and silent until the Chair determines the point raised. The Chair shall sustain or deny the point. Any member may appeal the decision of the Chair on the point of order to the full body for a vote.”
- Section D(1) - “National Association of Counties” Special Committee change to “National Association of Counties/New York State Association of Counties” and the number of members was increased from three to five.
- Section D(3) - proposed changes striking out section allowing Committee Chairs to choose their Vice and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairs were rejected; language was added back in to allow Committee Chairs to make these decisions. A sentence was added to the end of the paragraph to indicate: “The Committee Chair may elect not to make these appointments, in which case the Chair of the Board shall do so”.
- Section E(7) - proposed change striking out “(not new positions, these can only be created by a 2/3rd majority vote of the board)” was rejected and the language was retained.
- Section F(1) - proposed addition of the language “...and with the approval of the Chair of the Board” was rejected and was removed. The words: “without the need for a Board Resolution. This rule will serve as a standing authorization” were replaced with: “upon approval by the Board of Supervisors”.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously to approve the Rules of the Board as amended and the necessary resolution was authorized for the January 21, 2022 Board Meeting.

Moving on to Referrals/Pending Items section of the Agenda, Item No. 2, regarding a Vice-Chair of the Board, was discussed; it was consensus of the Committee to not move forward with appointing a Vice-Chair.

Before concluding the meeting, mention was made of an advocacy letter being requested by the Planning & Community Development Department. The County Administrator explained the request was for a letter to Basil Seggos, *Commissioner of New York state Environmental Conservation*, advocating for additional funding in association with the Proposed Septic Inspection at Transfer Law; it was indicated that said letter would be signed by the Chair of the Proposed Septic Inspection at Transfer Committee. Consensus of Committee was to move forward with a letter and to authorize the appropriate Committee Chair to execute same.

Mrs. Frasier exited the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

As there was no further business to come before the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously, Mr. Strough adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist