

Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2023



Please note that the following is a summarization of the Board Meeting; the meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed using the following links on the Warren County website:

<https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7H32nusNmrc>

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 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Wild.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Leggett, Diamond, McDevitt, Braymer, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Geraci, Smith, Strough, Wild, Magowan, Beaty, Etu, Thomas and Geraghty - 17. Supervisors Dickinson, Merlino and Runyon absent - 3.

Prior to commencing the agenda review, Chairman Geraghty welcomed Nathan Etu, the new At-Large Supervisor for the Town of Queensbury, and offered privilege of the floor to Supervisor Strough, who provided a brief overview of Supervisor Etu's background.

Chairman Geraghty called for privilege of the floor/public comment, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Motion was made by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Geraci and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Dickinson, Merlino and Runyon absent*) to approve the minutes of the July 21st Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Presentation of the Employee of the Month Award was made to Wayne Hayes, *Caseworker, Child Protective Services, Department of Social Services.*

Moving along, with the Agenda review, Chair declared the Public Hearing open on proposed Warren County Local Law No. 4 of 2023, entitled: "*A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 1 of 2023, 'A Local Law Fixing the Salaries of Certain County Officers and Employees of Warren County', to include Interim Salary Increases*", open at 10:06 a.m. and requested the Clerk of the Board read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud. Chair called for public comment, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Chairman Geraghty advised he would keep the Public Hearing open and proceeded with the Agenda review.

Report by the Chairman of the Board was given.

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Reports by Committee Chairs were given during which Supervisor Merlino entered the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Chairman Geraghty once again called for public comments on proposed Warren County Local Law No. 4 of 2023, entitled: "A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 1 of 2023, 'A Local Law Fixing the Salaries of Certain County Officers and Employees of Warren County', to include Interim Salary Increases"; there being no one else wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing's at 10:22 a.m.

Report by the County Administrator was given.

Report of County Attorney was given by Robert Terwilliger, *First Assistant County Attorney*.

An executive session was requested for the purpose of discussing the following: matters leading to the subject requiring attention concerning matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person which fell under Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law; and Section 105(1)(d) of the Public Officer's Law to discuss the current, pending or potential litigation pertaining to a company the County previously contracted with.

John Taflan, *County Administrator*, requested that Ryan Dickey, *Second Assistant County Attorney*, Patricia Nenninger, *Personnel Officer*, and Jackie Figueroa, *County Human Resources Director*, be permitted to attend the executive session.

The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Geraci, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Dickinson, Beaty and Runyon absent*) to enter into an executive session for the purposes outlined above.

Executive session was held from 10:32 a.m. to 11:36 a.m.

Upon reconvening, Chairman Geraghty announced no action was taken during the executive session.

Motion was made by Supervisor Frasier, seconded by Supervisor Smith and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Dickinson and Runyon absent*) to waive 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 appointing Christina Mastrianni as Acting Commissioner of the Department of Social Services a term not to exceed one year or until such time that a permanent appointment to the position is made at an annual salary of \$115,750.

Motion was made by Supervisor Magowan, seconded by Supervisor Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Dickinson and Runyon absent*) to appoint Christina Mastrianni as Acting Commissioner of the Department of Social Services for a term not to exceed one year or until such time that a permanent appointment to the position is made at an annual salary of \$115,750.

The agenda review resumed with Reading of communications by Clerk of the Board was provided, as follows:

Reports from:

1. Warren County Auditor - Real Property Tax Corrections Reports for July of 2023.
2. Capital District Regional OTB - Financial Reports dated April 30, 2023; and May 31, 2023.
3. Warren County Clerk - 2022 Annual Report

Letters/emails from:

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1. Supervisor Hilary Stec - official certified copy of letter resigning from At-Large Town of Queensbury Supervisor position.

Other:

1. Town of Queensbury - Resolution No. 268 of 2023, Appointing Nathan Etu as Town of Queensbury Supervisor At-Large.
2. Washington County Board of Supervisors - Resolution No. 203 Of 2023, Adopting Adirondack Community College budget

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

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, advised Resolution Nos. 371-406 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Tuesday, August 15th, along with two Proclamations, adding this distribution met the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. The two Proclamations were:

- PR28 - Proclaiming August 26, 2023 to be Women's Equality Day
- PR29 - Proclaiming August to be Immunization Awareness Month

Mrs. Allen noted proposed Resolution No. 406 was amended after mailing and a motion was required to approve the amendments to the resolution, as provided.

Motion was made by Supervisor Diamond, seconded by Supervisor Smith and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Dickinson and Runyon absent*) to approve proposed Resolution No. 406 as amended.

Mrs. Allen noted the aforementioned Waiving of the Rules resolution would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 407 and the resolution appointing Christina Mastrianni as Acting Commissioner of the Department of Social Services would be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 408.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for.

Supervisor Conover voiced his concerns regarding proposed Resolution No. 380, *Authorizing On-Line Public Auction and Sale of Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 309.13-1-7 (27 Indiana Avenue Property)*.

A discussion ensued regarding proposed Resolution No. 380, *Authorizing On-Line Public Auction and Sale of Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 309.13-1-7 (27 Indiana Avenue Property)*, during which several Supervisors opined on the matter.

Supervisor Braymer spoke regarding proposed Resolution No. 389, *Amending Resolution No. 37 of 2023, Which Authorized Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2023 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding to Ice Castles, LLC*, apprising she would like the resolution to include language indicating a day would be set aside that charged a lower entry fee specifically for Warren County residents.

A discussion ensued during which Heather Bagshaw, *Director of Tourism*, indicated the event organizers were working on the details specifically for a community day, adding she would work closely with the County Attorney's office to ensure this was included in the contract.

Returning to proposed Resolution No. 380, *Authorizing On-Line Public Auction and Sale of Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 309.13-1-7 (27 Indiana Avenue Property)*, motion was made by Supervisor Braymer, seconded by Supervisor Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Dickinson and Runyon absent*) to amend the proposed resolution mentioned

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above to include the addition of language to the notice indicating that remediation of the property must be completed in accordance with Town of Queensbury Building Codes requirements.

Voting on resolutions occurred. Resolution Nos. 371-308 were approved as presented.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak; announcements were then called for, but none were made.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Conover, seconded by Supervisor Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Dickinson and Runyon absent*), Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.