

Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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=IwuWkMMxsmw>

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 Conover.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Leggett, McDevitt, Braymer, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Geraci, Smith, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Beaty, Magowan, Etu, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty-18 Absent - 2 Supervisors Diamond and Dickinson.

A moment of silence was called for former Glens Falls Ward #3 Supervisor Bud Taylor, who had recently passed away.

Chairman Geraghty called for privilege of the floor/public comment:

Bob Bullman, *Representing Special Olympics New York*, thanked the Board for their support of their event and introduced a few of the competitors.

Ed Moore, *Representing the Adirondack Glens Falls Civic Center Coalition Inc.*, extended his gratitude to the Board for their continued support which assisted them in making improvements at the Cool Insuring Arena.

Presentation of the Employee of the Month Award was made to Cody Rumble, *Parks, Recreation & Railroad*.

The following individual was recognized for completing their Leadership Badge Training in Senior Management which was offered to Department Heads and individuals in Senior Management positions: Chris Connell, *Department of Social Services*.

Pamela Vogel, *County Clerk*, was recognized for her 47 years of service to the County and offered well wishes in her retirement.

Mike Swan, *County Treasurer*, was recognized for his 33 years of service to the County and he was offered well wishes in his retirement.

The following Supervisors, who would not be returning for another term, were recognized for their service to the County: Supervisors Leggett; McDevitt; Braymer; Frasier; Smith; and Beaty.

Continuing with the Agenda review, Chair declared the Public Hearing open on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024 Entitled "A Local Law Fixing the Salaries of Certain County Officers and Employees of Warren County" open at 10:27 a.m. and requested the Clerk of the Board read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing. Chair called for public comment, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Chairman Geraghty announced he would keep the Public Hearing open.

Report by the Chair of the Board was given.

Reports by Committee Chairs were given during which Supervisors Beaty exited the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Returning to the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024 Entitled "A Local Law Fixing the Salaries of Certain County Officers and Employees of Warren County", Chairman Geraghty once again asked for public comment; there being no response he closed the Public Hearing at 11:01 a.m.

Motion was made by Supervisor Geraci, seconded by Supervisor Smith and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Dickinson and Beaty absent*), to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2023 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Report by the County Administrator was given.

Report by the County Attorney was called for; the County Attorney noted he had nothing to report on.

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

Reports from:

1. Capital District OTB - Financial Reports dated August 31 and September 30, 2023
2. Warren County Auditor - Real Property Tax Corrections Reports for October and November 2023

Other:

1. Washington County BOS Resolution No.319 of 2023 - Appointing Member to the Warren And Washington Industrial Development Agency and Civic Development Corporation
2. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Application for Real Property Tax Exemption for Brodie Land Development LLC in the Town of Lake George
3. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Application for Real Property Tax Exemption for Native Development Associates LLC in the Town of Queensbury

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

Resolution Nos. Nos. 533-618 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Monday December 11th, two Proclamations, adding this distribution met the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. The two Proclamations were:

Proclamation No. 45 - Human Rights Month

Proclamation No. 46 - Impaired Driving Prevention Month

Supervisor Driscoll exited the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, noted proposed Resolution No. 615 was amended after mailing and a motion was required to approve the amendment to the resolution, as provided.

Motion was made by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Merlino and carried by a unanimous

vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Driscoll, Dickinson and Beaty absent*) to approve proposed Resolution No. 615 as amended.

Mrs. Allen indicated there were two Floor Resolutions which were not approved and a motion was needed to bring each to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Leggett and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Driscoll, Dickinson and Beaty absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 entitled "*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 Discontinuing the Humana Medicare Advantage Plan for Medicare Eligible County Retirees, and Authorizing the Implementation of Empire Blue Cross Coverage in its Place*". Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 619.

Supervisor Driscoll re-entered the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wild, seconded by Supervisor Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Dickinson and Beaty absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled "*Discontinuing the Humana Medicare Advantage Plan for Medicare Eligible County Retirees, and Authorizing the Implementation of Empire Blue Cross Coverage in its Place*". Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 620.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for.

Supervisor Braymer inquired what the balance of the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus was and John Taflan, *County Administrator*, replied it was around \$42 million.

Voting on resolutions occurred. Resolution Nos. 533-620 were approved as presented.

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

Supervisor Leggett thanked Chairman Geraghty for appointing him as the Chair of the Finance Committee, as well as his colleagues on the Board for working with him. He voiced his pleasure with serving his community on the Board and also recognized the County Department Heads for their efforts in keeping the County moving forward.

Supervisor Braymer thanked her constituents, as well as the County residents, noting she had thoroughly enjoyed her time representing them on the Board. She also thanked the County Department Heads for their efforts with County operations and she urged the Board going forward to welcome the new Board members and treat them with respect.

Supervisor Frasier advised it had been her privilege to serve on the Board for twelve years, as she had thoroughly enjoyed working with the Department Heads and County employees during her tenure.

Supervisor Merlino acknowledged Heather Bagshaw, *Tourism Director*, for her efforts to move the Department forward.

Supervisor Wild spoke regarding the County's Comprehensive Plan and how imperative it was to get the public involved in the process.

Chairman Geraghty thanked the Board for appointing him as Chair for another year and he wished

everyone a happy holiday season. He concluded by reminding the Town Supervisors to pick up their Town tax rolls.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Conover, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:34 a.m.