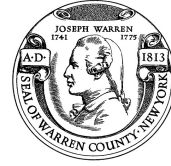


Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024



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>

Part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-K9UfVqTEKQ>

Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZITSHnsjZA>

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 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Turner.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Maday, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Bean, Geraci, Crocitto, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Strainer, Etu, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty; Absent - 1 Supervisor Magowan

A moment of silence was called for in recognition of the passing of the Town of Lake George Supervisor Dennis Dickinson.

Motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Magowan absent*), to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2024 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

The Warren County Public Defender and Warren County District Attorney spoke regarding the Proclamation going before the Board today pertaining to "Proclaiming May 1, 2024 as Law Day in Warren County", and its relevance.

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

Heidi Schempp, *Representing Elderwood at North Creek Nursing Home*, provided an overview of the facility which was in danger of being closed permanently due to lack of funding, adding any type of assistance provided would be appreciated.

Proceeding with the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty declared the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2024 Entitled, "A Local Law to Consolidate the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Civil Service Administration and its Functions in the County of Warren into a Single Department of Human Resources and Repealing and Replacing Local Law No. 5 of 2015", open at 10:12 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.

Next, Chairman Geraghty declared the Public Hearing open on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2024 Entitled, "A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 1 of 2024, 'A Local Law Fixing the Salaries of Certain County Officers and Employees of Warren County', to Remove and Replace the Title of Personnel Officer with the Title of Director of Human Resources", at 10:14 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.

Returning to the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2024 Entitled, "A Local Law to Consolidate the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Civil Service Administration and its Functions in the County of Warren into a Single Department of Human Resources and Repealing and Replacing Local Law No. 5 of 2015", and proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2024 Entitled, "A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 1 of 2024, 'A Local Law Fixing the Salaries of Certain County Officers and Employees of Warren County', to Remove and Replace the Title of Personnel Officer with the Title of Director of Human Resources", Chairman Geraghty once again asked for public comment; there being no response he closed the respective Public Hearings at 10:16 a.m.

Report by the Committee Chairs (including the Chairman of the Board's Report) were given.

Report by the County Administrator was given.

Report by the County Attorney was given during which an executive session was requested pursuant to Section 105(1)(d) of the Public Officer's Law to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation as follows: John David Smith v. The County of Warren.

Motion was made by Supervisor Diamond to enter into an executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(d) of the Public Officer's Law for the purposes outlined above; a brief discussion ensued following which Supervisor Wild seconded the motion. Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Magowan absent*), to enter into an executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(d) for the purposes outlined above.

Executive session was held from 11:02 a.m. until 11:29 a.m.

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

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

Reports from:

1. County Auditor - March 2024 Real Property Tax Corrections.

Letters/emails from:

1. FitzGerald, Morris, Baker Firth - Notice of Real Property Transfer - IDA to LG Plaza LLC, Town of Lake George
2. Town of Lake George - Letter and copy of Oath of Office confirming appointment of Vincent Crocitto Jr. as Town Supervisor effective April 9, 2024

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

Resolution Nos. 112-152 and Floor Resolution Nos. 1-2 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Monday April 15th, along with five Proclamations and two Certificates of Appointments, which met the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. The five Proclamations were:

- Proclamation No. 13 - National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
- Proclamation No. 14 - Crime Victims' Rights Week

Proclamation No. 15 - Donate Life Month
Proclamation No. 16 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Proclamation No. 17 - Law Day in Warren County
Proclamation No. 18 - Mental Health Awareness Month

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, advised prior to addressing the Floor Resolutions a motion was required to amend proposed Resolution No. 134, *Enacting Local Law No. 3 of 2024, Entitled "A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 1 of 2024, 'A Local Law Fixing the Salaries of Certain County Officers and Employees of Warren County,' to Remove and Replace the Title of Personnel Officer with the Title of Director of Human Resources"*, to change the effective date to April 19, 2024. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Gilligan, seconded by Supervisor Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Magowan absent*) to amend proposed Resolution No. 134 as outlined above.

Next, Mrs. Allen indicated motions were needed to bring the floor resolutions to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Etu, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Magowan 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 Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus to the Department of Social Services Budget to Cover the Cost of the Structured Settlement in the Matter of John David Smith V. Warren County, et Al.; and Amending 2024 Warren County Budget"*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 153.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Etu and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Magowan absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled *"Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus to the Department of Social Services Budget to Cover the Cost of the Structured Settlement in the Matter of John David Smith V. Warren County, et Al.; and Amending 2024 Warren County Budget"*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 154.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

John Barry, *Treasurer, Warren County Historical Society and Town of Queensbury Historian*, and Stan Cianfarano, *Co-President, Warren County Historical Society and Warren County Historian*, spoke regarding the Joseph Warren Center which they were fully supportive of.

Jim Niles, *Deputy Supervisor, Town of Lake Luzerne*, spoke in favor of proposed Resolution No. 132, *Authorizing Agreement with Granicus to Locate All Unregistered Short-term Rentals in Warren County*, which he requested support of.

Supervisor Merlino spoke regarding proposed Resolution Nos. 142, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Transfers-Capital Projects Budget; Amending 2024 Warren County Budget; and Authorizing Reimbursements from the Occupancy Tax Reserve to the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance for a Portion of the Appropriated Amount*, and proposed Resolution No. 143, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the Occupancy Tax Reserve to the Transfers-Capital Projects Budget; and Amending 2024 Warren County Budget*, and he asked for clarification regarding the proposed funding for the project.

A discussion ensued during which motion was made by Supervisor Wild and seconded by Supervisor Bruno to table proposed Resolution Nos. 142 - 148 to a joint meeting of the Tourism and Occupancy Tax Coordination and Finance & Budget Committees which would be scheduled prior to the May 14th Board Meeting. A discussion ensued following which Chairman Geraghty called for a roll call vote on the motion to table. He called the question and the motion to table proposed Resolution Nos. 142-148 as outlined above was carried by majority vote of those present with 913 voting in favor (*Supervisors Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Geraci, Bean, Crocitto, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Strainer, Etu, Runyon, Thomas, Conover, Maday, Diamond, Gilligan and Geraghty*); and 89 Absent (*Supervisor Magowan*).

Voting on resolutions occurred. Resolution Nos. 112-152 were approved as presented, with the exception of proposed Resolution No. 133 which was amended from the floor and proposed Resolution Nos. 142-148 which were tabled.

Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Announcements were called for:

Supervisor Bruno requested that Chairman Geraghty consider including the County Facilities Committee in the joint meeting of the Tourism & Occupancy Tax Coordination and Finance & Budget Committee to discuss the Joseph Warren Center for Leadership & History Museum, noting they were the Committee where the bulk of the discussion regarding the Museum had originated.

Supervisor Strainer recognized the North Warren Central Boys Basketball Team on winning the New York State Class D Title, as well as Wyatt Jennings, who broke the New York State Public High School Athletic Association all time leading scorer record which was previously held by Joseph Girard, *former Glens Falls Black Bear student*. He also recognized the Glens Falls Black Bears Boys Basketball Team, who captured the State Class A title, as well as Kellen Driscoll for his exceptional playing, noting he was the grandson of Edward Bartholomew, *former President Economic Development Corporation of Warren County*. Last, he extended condolences to the McGarr family on the recent loss of Terry McGarr, *former employee of the County Attorney's Office*, and William McGarr, *former Director, Veterans' Services*, both of whom were well known and liked in the community.

Supervisor Driscoll encouraged all to attend the Crime Victims' Ceremony this coming Monday at Lake George Elementary School at 3:30 p.m.

Supervisor Patchett spoke regarding his concerns with STR's (*Short-Term Rentals*) and their impacts on affordable housing in Warren County which he encouraged the County to take action on.

Supervisor Bean advised the Elderwood at North Creek Nursing Home was holding an Open House Community Day tomorrow from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and he encouraged those able to attend to do so.

Supervisor Thomas requested that the Chairman distribute a letter to the County's State representatives encouraging them to take action on behalf of the Elderwood at North Creek Nursing Home to secure funding to ensure the facility could remain in operation; and Chairman Geraghty agreed to do so.

John Taflan, *County Administrator*, encouraged all to attend the Crime Victims' Ceremony this coming Monday at Lake George Elementary School at 3:30 p.m.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the Joseph Warren Center for Leadership & History Museum following which it was determined a Special Board Meeting would be scheduled to discuss the topic rather than a joint meeting of the Tourism & Occupancy Tax Coordination and Finance & Budget Committee. *Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was determined a Board Workshop would be scheduled to discuss the matter further rather than a Special Board Meeting.*

Supervisor Etu announced the Adirondack Voices Group would be performing at the Glens Falls High School on May 5th at 4:00 p.m. and he encouraged al to attend.

Chairman Geraghty recognized the Adirondack Thunder for advancing to the North Division Semifinals.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Wild and seconded by Supervisor Strough, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:06 p.m.