

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY AUGUST 16, 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=Y6\\_aYSZHHA8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6_aYSZHHA8)*

*Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCXTKGMq8M8>*

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 Geraci

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Maday, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Geraci, Crocitto, Merlino, Wild, Magowan, Strainer, Etu, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty; Absent - 2 Supervisors Bean and Strough.

Motion was made by Supervisor Diamond, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Bean and Strough absent*), to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2024 Board Meeting.

Proceeding with the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty declared the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2024 entitled "*A Local Law of County of Warren, New York, Prohibiting Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to the Warren County Separate Storm Sewer System and Repealing and Replacing Local Law No. 2 of 2008*", open at 10:03 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.

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

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

Chairman Geraghty once again called for public comment on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2024 entitled "*A Local Law of County of Warren, New York, Prohibiting Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to the Warren County Separate Storm Sewer System and Repealing and Replacing Local Law No. 2 of 2008*"; there being no one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing at 10:19 a.m.

Report by the County Administrator was given.

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Report by the County Attorney was given.

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

**Reports from:**

1. County Auditor - July 2024 Real Property Tax Corrections;
2. Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board - Annual Update; Adopted Budget;
3. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. - Audited Financial Statements and Supplemental and Other Information for years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022; and
4. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. - Financial Reports dated: November, 30, 2022; January 21, 2024; February 29, 2024; March 31, 2024; and April 30, 2024.

**Letters/emails from:**

1. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth - Warren Washington Counties IDA application for real property tax exemption on behalf of 326 Sherman Ave LLC, Town of Queensbury;
2. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth - Notice of Public Hearing regarding Adirondack Radiology Associates, P.C. / Carey Road Medical Building, LLC project;
3. Washington County BOS - Resolution No. 216 of 2024, *"To Adopt Adirondack Community College Budget"*

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

Resolution Nos. 245-292, were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, along with Floor Resolutions 1-6 and two Proclamations, which met the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. The two Proclamations were:

Proclamation No. 28 - Women's Equality Day

Proclamation No. 29 - Immunization Awareness Month

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated motions were needed to bring the floor resolutions to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Turner and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Bean and Strough 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 Ratifying the Actions of the Chair of the Board of Supervisors in Executing an Application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Grant Funding for Assistance Listings and Authorizing a Grant Agreement for Same"*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 293.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Bean and Strough absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled *"Ratifying the Actions of the Chair of the Board of Supervisors in Executing an Application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Grant Funding for Assistance Listings and Authorizing a Grant Agreement for Same"*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen advised proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 294.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Etu and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Bean and Strough absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 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 Supporting the Adirondack Community College High Voltage Electrical Infrastructure Replacement Project and Committing to Providing Funding for Same"*, to the floor. Mrs.

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Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 295.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wild, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Bean and Strough absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 entitled "*Supporting the Adirondack Community College High Voltage Electrical Infrastructure Replacement Project and Committing to Providing Funding for Same*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 296.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Geraci and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Bean and Strough absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 5 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 Adopting Amended Warren County Travel, Education and Vehicle Use Policy*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 5 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 297.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strainer, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Bean and Strough absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 entitled "*Adopting Amended Warren County Travel, Education and Vehicle Use Policy*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 298.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Supervisor Crocitto apprised he would be recusing himself from voting on proposed Resolution No. 282, *Amending Resolution No. 573 of 2023, Which Authorized Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2024 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding to the Warren County Coalition, Inc.* Chairman Geraghty indicated a roll call vote would be required on the proposed Resolution.

A brief discussion ensued regarding proposed Resolution No. 282, *Amending Resolution No. 573 of 2023, Which Authorized Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2024 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding to the Warren County Coalition, Inc.*, during which Supervisor Crocitto exited the meeting at the beginning of the discussion at 10:36 a.m. and returned following the conclusion of the discussion at 10:39 a.m.

Supervisor Diamond questioned whether SUNY Adirondack would be contributing any funding toward the Infrastructure replacement project referenced in proposed Resolution No. 296, *Supporting the Adirondack Community College High Voltage Electrical Infrastructure Replacement Project and Committing to Providing Funding for Same*. Privilege of the floor was extended to Ann Marie Scheidegger, *Vice President for Administrative Services & Treasurer, SUNY Adirondack*, who responded to Supervisor Diamond's inquiry, explaining the College paid for the schematic design of the infrastructure, as well as the professional cost estimator out of this year's operating budget. She noted due to restrictions set by the State the College was not permitted to pay for construction projects out of their operating budget, as this was derived from Capital funds which was supported by the local sponsors. A brief discussion ensued.

Bob Dylan, *Town of Lake George Resident*, advised he would like to make a few comments on proposed Resolution No. 282, *Amending Resolution No. 573 of 2023, Which Authorized Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2024 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding to the Warren County Coalition, Inc.*

Supervisor Crocitto exited the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Mr. Dylan voiced his opposition to proposed Resolution No. 282, *Amending Resolution No. 573 of 2023, Which Authorized Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2024 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding to the Warren County Coalition, Inc.*

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding proposed Resolution No. 282, *Amending Resolution No. 573 of 2023, Which Authorized Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2024 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding to the Warren County Coalition, Inc.*, during which several Supervisors spoke in favor of the proposed Resolution. Also during the discussion Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, clarified the \$3 million the County allocated in occupancy tax last year for this event was considered an unsecured loan with no collateral and was an obligation assumed by the Warren County Coalition, Inc. as a not-for-profit entity in New York State. He stated although there was discussion regarding securing an interest in the collateral that could exist with the Warren County Coalition Inc. at the Tourism & Occupancy Tax Committee meeting, he had received no guidance regarding same; therefore, he said, no reference was made regarding this within proposed Resolution No. 282. The discussion continued during which members of the Warren County Coalition, Inc. answered questions posed by the Board members.

Supervisor Crocitto returned to the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Voting on resolutions occurred. Resolution Nos. 245-298 were approved as presented.

Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor:

Supervisor Strainer congratulated Supervisors Merlino and Crocitto on receiving the “Heroes of Hospitality” award which he believed was well deserved. He encouraged all Supervisors to attend next year’s picnic to recognize the children who participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program, as he believed it was a worthwhile event. Supervisor Strainer noted Queensbury Union Free High School, City of Glens Falls High School and Lake George High School had all been awarded the Commitment to Excellence as a result of 75% of the youth that played sports for their school districts obtained a 95% grade point average which he felt was remarkable.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wild and seconded by Supervisor Geraci to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Elmen clarified the basis for the executive session pertained to Section 105(1)(f) of Public Officer’s Law for the discussion of matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion to enter into an executive session for the purposes outlined above was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Bean and Strough absent*).

Executive session was held from 11:22 a.m. until 11:47 a.m. during which Supervisor Diamond exited the meeting.

Upon reconvening, Mr. Elmen noted no action was taken during the executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Runyon and seconded by Supervisor Etu, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:47 a.m.