

Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoGL55GE0Hg>

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 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Strough

Roll called, the following members present:

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

Motion was made by Supervisor Strough, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2024 Board Meeting.

Presentation of employee of the Quarter Award was made to Denise Yannaci, *Coordinator, Workforce Development*, during which Annie McMahon, *Fiscal Coordinator, Workforce Development*, was also recognized for her years of service with the County, as she would be retiring in January 2025.

Chairman Geraghty declared the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2025 entitled "*A Local Law Fixing the Salaries of Certain County Officers and Employees of Warren County*" open at 10:07 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 announced he would keep the Public Hearing open while they proceeded with the agenda review.

The Agenda review resumed with the Report by the Committee Chairs (including the Chairman of the Board's Report).

Report by the County Administrator was given.

Report by the County Attorney was given during which a motion was made by Supervisor Geraci and seconded by Supervisor Wild to table proposed Resolution No. 454, *Authorizing a Credit Purchase and Sale Agreement with Northern Gateway Renewables, LLC and Southern Gateway Renewables, LLC for a 20-year Community Solar Program*, until the January 3rd Organization Board Meeting. A brief

discussion ensued following which Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*).

Returning to the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2025 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 11:10 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Bill Collins, *Mayor, City of Glens Falls*, who thanked the County for the support they had provided to the City and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

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

Reports from:

1. County Auditor - November 2024 Real Property Tax Corrections;

Other:

1. Chair of the Board to U.S. Department of Treasury Office of Recovery Programs State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - Re: Direct Recipient Notification of Conflict of Interest and Disclosure (*sent via email*)

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

Resolution Nos. 451-535 and four Proclamations were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Friday, December 13, 2024. Floor Resolution Nos. 9 and 10 were distributed on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. Floor Resolution Nos. 11-16 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Thursday, December 19, 2024. The Proclamations before the Board were:

- Proclamation No. 45 - Human Rights Month
- Proclamation No. 46 - Identity Theft Awareness & Prevention Month
- Proclamation No. 47 - Diabetes Awareness Month
- Proclamation No. 48 - NYSAC 100th Anniversary

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated motions were needed to bring proposed Floor Resolution Nos. 1-16 to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strough, seconded by Supervisor Strainer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean 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 Early Closing of County Offices on December 24, 2024 and December 31, 2024*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 536.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wild, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2, entitled “*Authorizing the Early Closing of County Offices on December 24, 2024 and December 31, 2024*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 537.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strainer, seconded by Supervisor Etu and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean 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*

Authorizing Agreements with Community Services Board and Various Agencies", to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 538.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4, entitled "*Authorizing Agreements with Community Services Board and Various Agencies*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 539.

Motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll, seconded by Supervisor Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean 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 Authorizing Agreements with Community Services Board and Various Agencies to Provide Specialized Mental Health Crisis Respite Services for Youth*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 5 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 540.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Patchett and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 6, entitled "*Authorizing Agreements with Community Services Board and Various Agencies to Provide Specialized Mental Health Crisis Respite Services for Youth*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen advised proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 541.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Etu and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 7, 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 Amending Resolution No. 76 of 2024, Appointing Members to the Warren County Board of Ethics, to Adjust Membership*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 7 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 542.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wild, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 8, entitled "*Amending Resolution No. 76 of 2024, Appointing Members to the Warren County Board of Ethics, to adjust membership*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 8 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 543.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 9, 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 Agreement with Tecta America Weatherguard, LLC to Provide Immediate Roof Repairs at the Warren County Correctional Facility*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 9 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 544.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strough, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 10, entitled "*Authorizing Agreement with Tecta America Weatherguard, LLC to Provide Immediate Roof Repairs at the Warren County Correctional Facility*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 10 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 545.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried by a unanimous

vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 11, 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 Establishing Capital Project No. H441, Municipal Center Bldg. Heating System Repairs; Authorizing Transfer of Funds; and Amending Warren County Budget for 2024*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 11 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 546.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 12, entitled “*Establishing Capital Project No. H441, Municipal Center Bldg. Heating System Repairs; Authorizing Transfer of Funds; and Amending Warren County Budget for 2024*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 12 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 547.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 13, 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 Fund Balance to the Department of Public Works Budget to Cover the Cost of Capital Project No. H441, Municipal Center Bldg. Heating System Repairs; and Amending 2024 Warren County Budget*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen advised proposed Floor Resolution No. 13 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 548.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 14, entitled “*Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Department of Public Works Budget to Cover the Cost of Capital Project No. H441, Municipal Center Bldg. Heating System Repairs; and Amending 2024 Warren County Budget*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 14 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 549.

Motion was made by Supervisor Geraci, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 15, 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 an Agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc. to Perform Repairs and Upgrades to the Heating System Within the Warren County Municipal Center Building*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 15 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 550.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Strainer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 16, entitled “*Authorizing an Agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc. to Perform Repairs and Upgrades to the Heating System Within the Warren County Municipal Center Building*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 16 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 551.

Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Resolutions Nos. 547, “*Establishing Capital Project No. H441, Municipal Center Bldg. Heating System Repairs; Authorizing Transfer of Funds; and Amending Warren County Budget for 2024*”, and 549, “*Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Department of Public Works Budget to Cover the Cost of Capital Project No. H441, Municipal Center Bldg. Heating System Repairs; and Amending 2024 Warren County Budget*”, would both require roll call votes because they related to budget amendments.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Supervisor Turner requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 478, "*Authorizing Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2025 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding for Same*", noting she would be recusing from voting on this particular resolution.

Mrs. Allen advised any Supervisor recusing from a vote on a resolution would need to leave the room during the vote on that particular resolution.

Supervisor Driscoll requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 504, "*Cancelling or Correcting of Assessments and Refunds or Chargebacks of Taxes*", apprising he would be recusing from voting on this particular resolution.

Voting on resolutions occurred during which Supervisor Turner exited the meeting during the vote on proposed Resolution No. 478, *Authorizing Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2025 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding for Same*, at 11:19 a.m. and re-entered at 11:20 a.m.; Supervisor Magowan exited the meeting during the vote on proposed Resolution No. 482, *Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2024 to Create Position Within the Department of Probation*, at 11:21 a.m. and re-entered at 11:22 a.m.; and Supervisor Driscoll exited the meeting during the vote on proposed Resolution No. 504, *Cancelling or Correcting of Assessments and Refunds or Chargebacks of Taxes*", at 11:28 a.m. and re-entered the meeting at 11:29 a.m. Resolution Nos. 451-551 were approved as presented, with the exception of proposed Resolution No. 454 which was tabled until the January 3rd Organization Board Meeting.

Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor:

Supervisor Conover spoke regarding MEGA (*Municipal Electric Gas Association*), suggesting the Town Supervisors familiarize themselves with what that Organization had done throughout the State.

Supervisor Magowan apprised he had been thoroughly impressed with the renovations that had been completed at Countryside Adult Home, adding the staff and residents were all very welcoming during his visit there last week.

Chairman Geraghty indicated he concurred with Supervisor Magowan regarding his comments pertaining to the renovations completed at Countryside Adult Home, noting all of the residents he spoke to were pleased with the outcome.

Supervisor Driscoll stated the process to get the renovations from fruition to completion had been a long process with a commendable conclusion.

Supervisor Merlino thanked all of the County Department Heads for the assistance they provided to the towns, more specifically Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, who was always quick to return his calls and provide support to the towns when needed. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Supervisor Wild commended Mrs. Allen for the efficient manner in which she handled the significant number of roll call votes during this meeting. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Supervisor Strainer announced the Adirondack Thunder were playing home games that evening and New Year's Eve and he encouraged all to attend. He thanked Supervisor Etu for providing a thorough

update regarding the economic progress taking place in the County earlier in the meeting. He congratulated Ed Moore, *Owner of the Queensbury Hotel*, on his purchase of the TD Bank property adjacent to the Queensbury Hotel, adding Mr. Moore had done an excellent job on the recent renovations to the Hotel. He concluded by recognizing Warren County employees for their efforts decorating the facilities for the holidays, noting Public Health had won the competition for best gingerbread house with their rendition of the Warren County Municipal Center.

Supervisor Geraci recognized the Planning & Community Development and County Treasurer's Office for the assistance they provided them regarding short-term rental local laws adopted by other towns and municipalities, as this had benefitted the Town of Horicon, who was in the process of drafting their own Local Law pertaining to same.

Supervisor Driscoll announced the County's Employee Activities Committee had put together a "Warren County Employee Group Night" for an Adirondack Thunder game on January 12th at 3:00 p.m., with tickets being offered for a discounted price and he encouraged all to attend.

Chairman Geraghty wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, noting he looked forward to working with the exemplary County employees in 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Geraghty declared the Board meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.