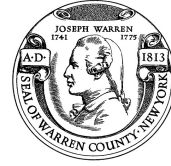


Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025



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>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - Part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1LO13pSK6k>

Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtXeStVhtZ8>

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 Wild.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Maday, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Bean, Geraci, Crocitto, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Magowan, Strainer, Etu, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty-20 Absent - 0

Motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll, seconded by Supervisor Diamond and carried by a unanimous vote of those present, with Supervisor Magowan abstaining, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2024 Board Meeting, and the January 3, 2025 Organization Board Meeting subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

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

Lisa Adamson, *Town of Queensbury Resident and Co-Founder North Country Climate Action*, provided an update concerning international, national and local efforts pertaining to climate control. She stated her Organization's goal was to assist local governments in keeping their constituents informed regarding climate actions and she encouraged anyone with questions and/or concerns to contact her.

Report by the Committee Chairs (including the Chairman of the Board's Report) were called for; at this time a presentation was given by Chairman Geraghty entitled "State of the County, County of Warren, New York", a copy of which is on file with the meeting minutes. Following the presentation, privilege of the floor was extended to Assemblyman Simpson, who provided an update regarding what was occurring at the State level.

Report by the County Administrator was given.

Report by the County Attorney was given.

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

Reports from:

1. County Auditor - December 2024 Real Property Tax Corrections;
2. Capital District Off-Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report dated July 31, 2024;

3. Capital District Off-Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report dated August 31, 2024; and
4. Capital District Off-Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report dated September 30, 2024

Letters/emails from:

1. Nexamp Solar LLC - providing notice that Northern Gateway Renewables LLC is exercising the Option and starting the development and construction period associated with the amended and restated option and ground lease executed on September 26, 2023 and amended on June 20, 2024; and
2. Nexamp Solar LLC - providing notice that Southern Gateway Renewables LLC is exercising the Option and starting the development and construction period associated with the amended and restated option and ground lease executed on September 26, 2023 and amended on June 20, 2024

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

Tabled Resolution No. 454 of 2024 and Resolution Nos. 6-20 of 2025, as well as Floor Resolution Nos. 1-10 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Monday January 13th, along with four Proclamations and three Certificates of Appointment, adding this distribution met the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. Floor Resolution Nos. 11-12 were posted to the website and distributed to the Board on Tuesday January 14th. The four Proclamations were:

- Proclamation No. 1 - Mental Wellness Month
- Proclamation No. 2 - Blood Donor Month
- Proclamation No. 3 - Human Trafficking Month
- Proclamation No. 4 - Radon Action Month

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated motions were needed to bring the floor resolutions 1-12 to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried unanimously 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 Warren County Treasurer in Executing an Engagement Letter with S&P Global Ratings to Provide Credit Rating Services and Authorizing Payment for Same”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 21.

Motion was made by Supervisor Geraci, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled *“Ratifying the Actions of the Warren County Treasurer in Executing an Engagement Letter with S&P Global Ratings to Provide Credit Rating Services and Authorizing Payment for Same”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 22.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried by unanimously 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 Approving Corrections to the 2025 Town of Hague and Warren County Tax Roll Pursuant to Section 550(2)(H) of the Real Property Tax Law to Correct a Clerical Error; and Authorizing Chairman of the Board to Sign and Issue Corrected Tax Bills for Same”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 23.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Strainer and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 entitled *“Approving Corrections to the 2025 Town of Hague and Warren County Tax Roll Pursuant to Section 550(2)(H) of the Real Property Tax Law to Correct a Clerical Error; and Authorizing Chairman of the Board to Sign and Issue Corrected Tax Bills for Same”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 24.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll and carried by unanimously 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 Approving Corrections to the 2025 Town of Hague and Warren County Tax Roll Pursuant to Section 550(2)(I) of the Real Property Tax Law to Correct a Clerical Error; and Authorizing Chairman of the Board to Sign and Issue Corrected Tax Bills for Same”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 5 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 25.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Turner and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 entitled *“Approving Corrections to the 2025 Town of Hague and Warren County Tax Roll Pursuant to Section 550(2)(I) of the Real Property Tax Law to Correct a Clerical Error; and Authorizing Chairman of the Board to Sign and Issue Corrected Tax Bills for Same”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen advised proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 26.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Bruno and carried by unanimously 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 Warren County Budget for 2025”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 7 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 27.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 8 entitled *“Amending Warren County Budget for 2025”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 8 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 28.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strough, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by unanimously 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 Renewing New York State Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1) and Adopting LGS-1 as the County Subject Matter List”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 9 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 29.

Motion was made by Supervisor Gilligan, seconded by Supervisor Bruno and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 10 entitled *“Renewing New York State Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1) and Adopting LGS-1 as the County Subject Matter List”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen advised proposed Floor Resolution No. 10 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 30.

Motion was made by Supervisor Conover, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried by unanimously 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 Authorizing Submission of an Application to the New York State Department of State Division of Local Government Services for Local Government Efficiency Program Grant Funding on Behalf of the Department of Public Works for Their Solid Waste and Recycling Hauling Initiative, to the floor”*. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 11 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 31.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Conover and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 12 entitled *“Motion was made by Supervisor, seconded by Supervisor and carried unanimously by a unanimous vote of those present (Supervisors absent), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 10 entitled “Authorizing Submission of an Application to the New York State Department of State Division of Local Government Services for Local Government Efficiency Program Grant Funding on Behalf of the Department of Public Works for Their Solid Waste and Recycling Hauling Initiative”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 12 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 32.*

Mrs. Allen noted proposed Resolution Nos. 24, *Approving Corrections to the 2025 Town of Hague and Warren County Tax Roll Pursuant to Section 550(2)(H) of the Real Property Tax Law to Correct a Clerical Error; and Authorizing Chairman of the Board to Sign and Issue Corrected Tax Bills for Same*, 26, *Approving Corrections to the 2025 Town of Hague and Warren County Tax Roll Pursuant to Section 550(2)(I) of the Real Property Tax Law to Correct a Clerical Error; and Authorizing Chairman of the Board to Sign and Issue Corrected Tax Bills for Same*; and 28, *Amending Warren County Budget for 2025*", would all call for roll call votes.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

A brief discussion ensued regarding proposed Resolution No. 454 of 2024, *Authorizing a Credit Purchase and Sale Agreement with Northern Gateway Renewables, LLC and Southern Gateway Renewables, LLC for a Fifteen (15) Year Community Solar Program*, following which motion was made by Supervisor Magowan and seconded by Supervisor Etu to enter into an executive session to discuss the proposed Resolution further. The County Attorney clarified the purpose of the executive session fell under Section 108(3) of the Public Officer's Law which was an exemption for Open Meetings Law for any matters made confidential by Federal or State Law. He stated more specifically the purpose of the executive session would be to have attorney/client communications between the County Attorney and the Board of Supervisors, whose the client, regarding the credit, purchase and sale agreement and matters surrounding Nexamp. He then requested that the Superintendent of Public Works be permitted to attend the executive session. Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion to enter into an executive session pursuant to Section 108(3) of the Public Officer's Law for the purposes outlined above was carried unanimously.

Executive session was held from 10:55 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.

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

Chairman Geraghty once again called for and public comment on proposed resolutions:

Supervisor Bean questioned whether it was necessary for him to recuse himself from proposed Resolution No. 20, *Appointing Member to Represent Warren County on the Region 5 Open Space Conservation Advisory Committee*, and Chairman Geraghty replied in the negative. Chairman Geraghty apprised it was not necessary for the Supervisors to abstain from voting on proposed Resolutions that involved the Chairman's appointments.

Chairman Geraghty called for a motion to amend proposed Resolution No. 454 of 2024, *Authorizing a Credit Purchase and Sale Agreement with Northern Gateway Renewables, LLC and Southern Gateway Renewables, LLC for a Fifteen (15) Year Community Solar Program*, to change the term of the credit and purchase agreement from twenty years to fifteen, with the option to renew for up to two additional five year terms. The necessary motion was made Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Merlino and carried unanimously to amend proposed Resolution No. 454 of 2024 as outlined above.

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 6-30 of 2025 were approved as presented and Resolution No. 454 of 2024 was amended from the floor.

Announcements were called for:

Supervisor Strainer recognized the following student athletes:

Shea Canavam, *Queensbury High School*, for achieving the milestone of 1,000 points scored in basketball;

Keith Miller, *Queensbury High School*, for accomplishing 75 individual wins as a varsity wrestler; and

Semaj Cyuler, *North Warren High School*, for scoring 1,000 points in basketball.

Supervisor Turner announced the Glens Falls Women's March was scheduled for Saturday January, 18, 2025 at 10:00 in the park facing the steps of Crandall Public Library and all were invited to attend.

Supervisor Driscoll advised the local chapter of the NAACP (*National Association for Advancement of Colored People*) would be holding their annual march from Glens Falls City Hall to Christ Church United Methodist Church on Bay Street where there would be a program celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's. life and legacy on Sunday January 19, 2025 and he encouraged all to attend. He stated on Monday January 20, 2025 the LAAF (*Lower Adirondack Alliance for Freedom*) would be holding an event at the Aviation Mall to raise awareness regarding Human Trafficking and he invited all to attend.

Chairman Geraghty indicated anyone with a notice regarding an oath on their desk should stop by the Clerk of the Board's Office immediately following the conclusion of the meeting to sign them and have them notarized.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Conover, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.