

Seneca County Board of Supervisors

Special Meeting

September 24, 2013

Papa Bear Courthouse Building

Call to Order

Chairman Hayssen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

Eleven members of the Board of Supervisors answered roll call. Mr. Serven and Mr. Lafler were not present. Mr. Earle arrived after the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Resolutions & Motions

Prior to the adoption of Resolution No. 203-13, Mr. Kubasik, referring to New York State County Law Section 359, initiated discussion about whether to raise the salary for 2014 for the supervisors so that if an increase were approved, it would be included in the public hearing notice.

Mr. Davidson remarked that the supervisors have not raised their salary for the past several years and the adopted budget has not increased taxes. He believes that if this continues, the reserve funds will be depleted and / or there will be a year when the budget has a double digit tax increase.

Mr. Churchill made a motion, second by Mr. Kubasik and carried by 851 ayes, and 101 not present (Lafler; Serven).

CLERK OF THE BOARD AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ADVERTISE FOR

PUBLIC HEARING RE: 2014 SENECA COUNTY BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 203-13 moved by Mr. Westfall; second by Mr. Reynolds and adopted by 851 ayes, and 101 not present (Lafler; Serven).

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to advertise a public hearing for all interested residents of Seneca County to offer oral and written comments regarding the Tentative 2014 Seneca County Budget; said public hearing to be held on November 19, 2013 at or about 6:00 p.m. at the County Office Building in the Board of Supervisors meeting room.

Unfinished Business

Indian Affairs Committee Chairman, Robert Shipley, was recognized by Chairman Hayssen. Mr. Shipley shared an email communication from Senator Schumer's office regarding the Cayuga Nation application for land-into-trust. Mr. Shipley said he hopes the meeting in Washington, D.C. will take place as soon as late-December to January 2014:

“U. S. Senator Schumer announced today that, in a personal call to Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn, he is pushing the Department of Interior’s (DOI) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to hold a meeting in his Washington D.C. office with local officials from Cayuga and Seneca Counties to update them on the status of the Cayuga Indian Nation’s land-into-trust application. Schumer has opposed the tribe’s application to place approximately 125 acres of land into trust, and their last application was dismissed in 2011. Now, the tribe has reportedly reapplied, but there has been no notification of, or input from, the local communities who would be impacted by the land-into-trust agreement. The tribe’s leadership has said that the Eastern Region of the BIA had favorably completed its review of the trust application, however the local communities have not received any communication about this from the BIA.”

New Business

Chairman Hayssen applauded Dan Motill and the Friends of the Three Bears on being selected to receive a Preservation Award from The Landmark Society of Western NY. The Landmark Society’s 2013 Preservation Awards will be presented on November 10 in Rochester, NY. The Awards are given each year to individuals and organizations in the nine-county area that have made outstanding efforts in the preservation of homes, historic properties, and landscapes.

Special Order of the Day

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.