

**SENECA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Year-end Board Meeting
December 26, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Shipley called the meeting to order at 300 p.m.

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

Ten members of the Board of Supervisors answered roll call. Supervisors Davidson, Kaiser, Lazzaro, and Prouty were not present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Petitioners

Steve Brusso – IDA Chairman

Carol Doolittle – Support SWD operations / opposes and fears trophy hunting

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

SUPERVISORS ADOPT FINAL NUMBERS FOR 2020 TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. 268-19, moved by Sprvr. Reynolds, second by Sprvr. Trout and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors is required to approve the levy of town taxes as specified in adopted town budgets; adopt apportioned County taxes to be collected from the Towns with any debits, credits and County relievis; adopt the relevy of returned Village and School taxes; ratify Town tax rolls and direct the Town Tax Collectors to collect 2020 taxes and delegate the authority to the Seneca County Treasurer to correct tax bills for 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors adopts the final numbers as indicated below:

LEVY 2019 COUNTY TAXES

Covert	\$	1,116,363.78
Fayette	\$	1,509,361.81
Junius	\$	462,281.23
Lodi	\$	641,482.79
Ovid	\$	826,405.97
Romulus	\$	858,728.42
Seneca Falls	\$	2,178,305.40
Tyre	\$	342,313.48
Varick	\$	813,006.71
Waterloo	\$	1,376,750.41
Total	\$	10,125,000.00

LEVY RETURNED SCHOOL TAXES

Covert	\$	206,633.12
Fayette	\$	291,608.16
Junius	\$	82,733.84
Lodi	\$	186,264.49
Ovid	\$	274,978.08
Romulus	\$	163,216.17

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Seneca Falls	\$	942,329.43
Tyre	\$	65,562.41
Varick	\$	183,344.24
Waterloo	\$	391,241.63
Total	\$	2,787,911.57

LEVY TOWN TAXES – HIGHWAY ITEM I AND GENERAL PURPOSES

Town	Item I	General
Covert	\$ 160,261.00	
Fayette	\$ 312,206.00	\$ 7500.00
Junius	\$ 301,725.00	
Lodi	\$ 280,635.00	\$ 2,513.00
Ovid	\$ 403,368.00	\$ 150,000.00
Romulus	\$ 364,346.00	\$ 9,643.00
Seneca Falls	\$ 575,000.00	
Tyre	\$ 0	\$ 126,000.00
Varick	\$ 167,120.00	
Waterloo	\$ 170131.76	\$ 60,300.00

LEVY SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Town	Special District	Amount
Covert	Trumansburg Fire – FD001	\$ 61,725.00
	Interlaken Fire – FD002	\$ 82,948.00
Fayette	Fay/ Varick Fire – FD003	\$ 83,536.00
	Fay/Seneca Lake Fire Prot #1 - FD013	\$ 35,500.00
	Fay/Seneca Lake Fire Prot #2 – FD006	\$ 34,000.00
	Varick Volunteer Fire – FD004	\$ 41,661.00
	Fayette Water District #5 – WD025	\$ 34,008.00
	Canoga Fire Protection – FD005	\$ 105,000.00
	Canoga Light District – LD001	\$ 2,500.00
	Fayette-Varick Light – LD006	\$ 2,000.00
	Fayette Water Dist. #1 Ext. – WD020	\$ 20,781.00
	Co. House Rd./Rt. 96 Water – WD018	\$ 37,100.00
Junius	Cayuga Lake Water Dist #3 – WD019	\$ 0
	Fayette Water Dist. #7 – WD026	\$ 0
	Water/Sewer Relevies	\$ 21,543.19
	Junius Fire Protect – FD020	\$ 108,450.00
Lodi	Junius Water District - WD014	\$ 28,350.00
	Junius Water Dist. #2 – WD024	\$ 9,972.00
	Water/Sewer Relevies	\$ 12,201.08
	Ovid-Lodi Fire – FD008	\$ 130,000.00

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	South Seneca Ambulance	\$ 72,501.00
	Water/Sewer Relevis	\$ 0
Ovid	Ovid-Lodi Fire – FD008	\$ 13,473.21
	Ovid-Romulus Fire – FD009	\$ 88,000.00
	Ovid-Interlaken Fire – FD010	\$ 47,000.00
	South Seneca Ambulance	\$ 97,257.45
	Water/Sewer Relevis	\$ 7,016.88
Romulus	Ovid-Romulus Fire – FD009	\$ 131,342.00
	Varick Volunteer Fire – FD004	\$ 3,546.00
	Romulus-Varick Fire – FD011	\$ 69,634.00
	Willard Light District – LD 003	\$ 5,984.00
	Hayts Corners Light – LD005	\$ 1,499.00
	Romulus-Varick Light – LD004	\$ 3,295.00
	Spring Light – LD014	\$ 4,494.00
	Lakeshore Light – LD015	\$ 2,399.00
	Willard Water & Sewer Ext. – WD007	\$ 0
	Romulus Sewer District #1 – MD006	\$ 0
	South Seneca Ambulance	\$ 107,263.00
	Route 89 Water – WD027	\$ 85,232.00
	Water/Sewer Relevis	\$ 4,342.13
Seneca Falls	Town Retire OBLG	\$ 19,750.00
	Village Retire OBLG	\$ 65,000.00
	Village Bond Debt	\$ 0
	Seneca Falls Fire – FD014	\$ 455,415.00
	Bridgeport Area Water Dist – WD021	\$ 11,278.00
	Seneca Falls Refuse Dist – MD012	\$ 280,300.00
	Bridgeport Sewage Dist – MD007	\$ 0
	Seneca Falls West Sewer – MD003	\$ 0
	Water/Sewer Relevis	\$ 336,955.89
Tyre	Tyre Fire Prot Dist.	\$ 0
	Tyre Water District #1	\$ 12,944.00
	Water/Sewer Relevis	\$ 1,334.00
Varick	Fayette-Varick Fire – FD003	\$ 89,665.00
	Varick Volunteer Fire – FD004	\$ 83,099.00
	Romulus-Varick Fire Prot – FD011	\$ 61,044.00
	Romulus-Varick Light – LD004	\$ 4,000.00
	Fayette-Varick Light – LD002	\$ 1,800.00

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	Varick Sewage District #1 – MD005	\$ 0
	Seneca Lake Water Dist. – WD016	\$ 44,779.00
	Seneca Lake Sewer Dist. #2 – VSD02	\$ 58,000.00
	South Seneca Ambulance	\$ 76,046.08
	Varick Water District #3 – WD026	\$ 23,340.00
	Varick Water District #4 – WD004	\$ 60,647.46
	Water/Sewer Relevies	\$ 24,344.00
Waterloo	Border City Fire - FD017	\$ 165,996.00
	Waterloo Fire Prot – FD019	\$ 82,000.00
	Border City Light – LD007	\$ 26,000.00
	Waterloo Drainage - WD009	\$ 120.00
	Border City Sewage Dist – MD008	\$ 0
	5 & 20 Sewer District – MD011	\$ 98,290.00
	Waterloo Hydrant – MD002	\$ 3,750.00
	Border City Water – WD004	\$ 0
	Mills Hecker Reed 96 – WD026	\$ 37,750.00
	Four Town – WD028	\$ 10,500.00
	Water/Sewer Relevies	\$ 110,496.96

LEVY FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES

Town	General	All Others
Covert	\$ 360,273.00	\$ 226,735.00
Fayette	\$ 269,128.00	\$ 239,915.00
Junius	\$ 67,545.00	\$
Lodi	\$ 248,948.00	\$ 264,860.00
Ovid	\$ 196,219.00	\$ 53,667.00
Romulus	\$ 308,100.00	\$
Seneca Falls	\$ 3,895,000.00	\$
Tyre	\$ 0.00	\$
Varick	\$ 125,138.68	\$
Waterloo	\$ 454,441.06	\$ 151,281.85

LEVY RETURNED VILLAGE TAXES

Town of Covert	\$ 20,435.19
Town of Fayette	\$ 47,254.38
Town of Lodi	\$ 13,947.76
Town of Ovid	\$ 33,386.08
Town of Romulus	\$ 1,206.72
Town of Waterloo	\$ 240,193.43
Totals:	\$ 356,423.56

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AUTHORIZATION TO CORRECT & REFUND TAXES TO COUNTY TREASURER

RESOLUTION NO. 269-19, moved by Sprvr. Reynolds, second by Sprvr. Trout and adopted.

WHEREAS, Section 554 (9) & 556 (8) of the Real Property Tax Law authorizes the tax levying body such as the Seneca County Board of Supervisors to delegate its authority to the County Treasurer to correct errors and refund taxes, as provided by Section 554 (1-8) and 556 (1-7) of the said law; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors and taxpayers of Seneca County to delegate the refunding authority to expedite the corrective refund process; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors delegates the authority to correct and refund taxes pursuant to Section 554 and Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law to the County Treasurer for the fiscal year 2020 where said applications are for \$2,500.00 or less.

**DEBITS & CREDITS TO ADJUST 2020 TAX LEVY
DUE TO ERRORS AND AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS**

RESOLUTION NO. 260-19, moved by Sprvr. Reynolds, second by Sprvr. Trout and adopted.

WHEREAS, due to errors and audit adjustments on the 2019 tax rolls, corrections must be made to adjust the 2020 tax levy; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following Towns be charged as follows, thus increasing their share of the 2020 County General tax:

Covert	
Fayette	\$ 347.58
Junius	
Lodi	
Ovid	\$ 364.71
Romulus	
Seneca Falls	\$ 21,911.82
Tyre	
Varick	
Waterloo	\$ 99.64
Total	\$ 22,723.75

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND AND COLLECT
2020 TOWN AND COUNTY TAXES**

RESOLUTION NO. 271-19, moved by Sprvr. Reynolds, second by Sprvr. Kronenwetter and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors is required to authorize extension and collection of 2020 Town & County taxes prior to December 31, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, the Real property Tax Office is in the process of finalizing numbers and calculations which will be available at the special year end Board meeting which has been approved for December 26, 2019 at 3:00 pm; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approve the levy of town taxes as specified in adopted town budgets; adopt apportioned County taxes to be collected from the Towns with any debits, credits and County relievis; adopt the relevy of returned Village and School taxes; delegate authority to the County Treasurer to correct/refund taxes; ratify Town tax rolls and direct the Town Tax Collectors to collect 2020 taxes.

RATIFY TAX ROLLS

RESOLUTION NO. 272-19, moved by Sprvr. Reynolds, second by Sprvr. Kronenwetter and adopted.

WHEREAS, 2020 Town and County tax bills have been completed; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the taxes as extended on the rolls of the several Towns are hereby approved and the collectors are directed to collect the same on the warrants as signed by the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS WITH AFFILIATE
ORGANIZATIONS FOR 2020**

RESOLUTION NO. 273-19, moved by Sprvr. Reynolds, second by Sprvr. Kronenwetter and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County has a number of Affiliate Organizations that are supported by the County's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, funding allocations have been established through Adoption of the 2020 County Budget on December 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, funding levels for 2020 are as follows:

Beverly Animal Shelter	\$ 48,825
County Libraries & System	\$110,000
Cornell Cooperative Extension	\$398,000
Seneca County Soil & Water	\$299,687
Seneca County Fair Association	\$ 6,000
Pathway Home	\$ 5,000
Memorial Day Committee	\$ 5,000

And

WHEREAS, contracts will be executed to formalize service delivery and payment schedules; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Standing Committee has approved this resolution on December 17, 2019; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the County Manager to execute contracts for Affiliate Organization services in 2020 in accordance with the Adopted 2020 Seneca County Budget.

POSTPONE UNTIL A FUTURE BOARD MEETING - Additional Funding Not To Exceed \$50,000 For Seneca White Deer. Chairman Shipley said he would entertain a motion to postpone this matter until a future board meeting. Sprvr. Kronenwetter offered a motion to postpone the issue, second by Sprvr. Lott and carried. Sprvrs. Garlick Lorenzetti and Hayssen voted against postponing the issue.

**CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CONTRACT EXTENSION
FOR SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES RELATED TO VOTER
REGISTRATION, SIGNATURE DIGITIZATION AND DOCUMENT IMAGING**

RESOLUTION NO. 274-19, moved by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Trout and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County desires to continue support and maintenance services related to voter registration, signature digitization, full document imaging and interface messaging, and

WHEREAS, Seneca County, in evaluating prospective suppliers of systems and services, has selected NTS as best suited to their requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Term of the extension will commence on January 1, 2020 and end on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost of these services is \$27,630 and funding has been provided for in the 2020 Seneca County Budget; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Human Resources and Government Operations Standing Committee at its Meeting of December 17, 2019; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a Contract extension with NTS for support and maintenance services to the Seneca County Board of Elections.

**APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF
CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT OUTREACH GRANT**

RESOLUTION NO. 275-19, moved by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Trout and adopted.

WHEREAS, the State of New York on December 4, 2019 opened the grant application period to counties and made available \$20 million to help reach under counted populations; and

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WHEREAS, by formula under the Census 2020 Complete Count Outreach Grant Program, Seneca County has been allocated \$56,430 in non-competitive grant funds, with no local match requirement; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2019 Seneca County submitted an Expression of Interest letter to Empire State Development as required by the Program; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the full application will be due December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Economic Development and Tourism Standing Committee on December 17, 2019; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors approves the application to and receipt of a \$56,430 grant from the Census 2020 Complete Count Outreach Grant Program and that the County Manager is authorized and directed to sign all necessary documentation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Finance be authorized to make the necessary budgetary and accounting entries to affect the intent of this resolution.

**SUPERVISORS APPROVE 3% INCREASE TO MANAGEMENT SALARY SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020**

RESOLUTION NO. 276-19, moved by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Reynolds and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Management Salary Schedule does not increase as a matter of policy or a negotiated labor contract; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors supports a 3% increase to the Management Salary Schedule; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Human Resources & Government Operations Standing Committee on December 17, 2019; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board approves a 3% salary increase effective January 1, 2020 to the Management Salary Schedule.

**SUPERVISORS APPROVE 3% INCREASE FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020**

RESOLUTION NO. 277-19, moved by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Kronenwetter and adopted.

WHEREAS, employees that are not represented by a union or included on the Management Salary Schedule do not receive a pay increase as a matter of policy or a negotiated labor contract; and

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WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors supports a 3% increase for these employees; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Human Resources & Government Operations Standing Committee on December 17, 2019; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board approves a 3% salary increase effective January 1, 2020 for those employees who are not represented by a union or included on the Management Salary Schedule.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESCINDS RESOLUTION NO. 229-19 AND

Unfinished Business

**AUTHORIZES KOESTER ASSOCIATES, INC. TO REPLACE SEWER DISTRICT #1 SCREW
LIFT PUMPS AS EMERGENCY ACTION**

RESOLUTION NO. 278-19, moved by Sprvr. Trout, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, the screw lift pumps for Sewer District #1 are permanently disabled and must be replaced; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors by Resolution No. 229-19. authorized the purchase and installation of the new screw lift pumps for a cost not to exceed \$220,000 from Lange Electric Company and BY Blue Heron Construction with funds available in the Capital Project Account No. 808110 52000 (SWR1); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works met with Koester Associates, Inc. who offered the same screw lift pumps and the installation of the pumps at a lower price, not to exceed \$215,000, and in addition, a control panel which was not offered by the initial vendor., and recommends the agreement be with the new vendor at a lower price; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby rescind Resolution No. 229-1 and its intent; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Manager to execute all necessary documents with Koester Associates, Inc., on behalf of the County of Seneca, for the purchase of screw lift pumps at a cost not to exceed \$166,500; and the installation of the pumps not to exceed \$48,500; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance make the necessary budgetary and accounting entries to effect the intent of this resolution.

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New Business

Executive Session: Sprvr. Lott offered a motion to enter Executive session, second by Sprvr. Hochadel, in accordance with OML Section 105(1)(c) information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed; and (f) f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Invited to join the Board of Supervisors are County Manager Rowe, Assistant County Attorney Chris Lucchesi, representatives off the IDA, representative of Deer Haven Park.

Discussion on the motion to enter executive session: Sprvrs. Garlick Lorenzetti and Hayssen asked why the board was entering executive session. What was the current litigation or future litigation? Chairman Shipley said details would be discussed in executive session with Earl Martin, owner of Deer Haven Park. Mr. Martin would not agree to a public discussion; if the Board wanted to listen to Mr. Martin it would have to be in executive session.

Vote to enter Executive Session: The roll call vote to enter executive session resulted in 344 ayes (Lott, Hochadel, Reynolds, Brownell, McGreevy, Trout, Shipley), 199 nays (Garlick Lorenzetti, Kronenwetter, Hayssen) and 20 not present (Davidson, Prouty, Kaiser, Lazzaro). Votes needed for passage to enter executive session in accordance with NYS Open Meetings Law is a majority of the full Board of Supervisors or 376 ayes. Assistant County Attorney Chris Lucchesi advised that the motion to enter executive session failed. Chairman Shipley ruled that the motion passed. Sprvr. Hayssen objected to the Chairman's ruling saying to enter executive session the vote required a majority of the full board. The Chairman's ruling remained final. The Board of Supervisors met in executive session. Time 3:38 p.m. – 4:38 p.m.

The Board returned to open session. No action was taken.

Special Order Of The Day

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.