

**SENECA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Regular Board Meeting  
September 13, 2022

Call to Order

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

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

Twelve members of the Board of Supervisors answered roll call. Sprvrs. Don Trout and David Hayes were not present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Presentations

2022 Brightest Star Award - Workforce Development Youth Bureau / Youth Board. Students are nominated by school personnel and other youth serving agencies for consistently reflecting the 5 Points of Light: Academics, Involvement in School or Community Activities, Responsibility, Respect, and Compassion. This year's recipients for the 2022 Brightest Star Award are: Addison Balliette, Kaeleb Mahoney, Markana Cruz, and Caydence Griswold.

Seneca County Sheriff Recognition & Appreciation Awards. On May 3, 2022, several officers responded to a critical incident in progress at the Love's Travel Plaza in the Town of Tyre. Two suspects are allegedly responsible for setting multiple fires inside the building; doused a one-year-old child with flammable liquid and attempted to light the child on fire; and another child, aged four years old, who had been beaten, was found inside the suspect's vehicle. Multiple law enforcement agencies from surrounding municipalities and counties responded to the scene. The Seneca County Sheriff's Office commends the following officers for their contribution to this multifaceted case: Seneca County Sheriff's Office (Lieutenants Thompson and O'Neill; Investigators Nesbit, Strohm, Altemari, and Marquart; Sergeants Reed and MacCheyne; Deputies Ward, Greco, Cottrell, Woodard, Gantz, and Presher. NYS Police members troopers Bauman and Bednasz; Seneca Falls Police Department Sergeant Thomas Cleere; Waterloo Police Department Officers Steele and Boyd; Ontario County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Egburtson; Wayne County Sheriff's Office K-9 Officer Nick Yates and Sheriff Milby; Monroe County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Clancy and Deputy Connell, Sheriff Baxter and Undersheriff Brown; Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent Eric White.

MRB Group – Matt Horn presented an update on the progress of the study on a water / sewer authority in Seneca County.

Petitioners

None

Open Privilege of the Floor

One topic was addressed under this section - the legitimacy of the Halftown leadership of Cayuga

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Nation as recognized by the federal government and seeking recognition from local governments that the traditionalist faction of the Gayogohó:nq’ are the legitimate leadership and they should be working with them to oppose Halftown. Those who spoke in support of Gayogohó:nq’ included Ken Wolkin, Dylan Seneca, Rhonda Martin, Chief Sam George and Maddy Halpert, who also apologized for comments made by Cindy Garlick Lorenzetti which she perceived to be racist comments made by a “fellow white woman”.

James Garlick and Cindy Garlick Lorenzetti, who urged the county and local towns and villages to take steps to protect their constituents – citing the recent conflagration between the Halftown and Gayogohó:nq’ factions resulting in Cayuga Nation demolishing their property that allegedly was occupied by non-Cayuga Nation members. The days following the demolitions, groups of people from both factions of Cayuga Nation, brandishing firearms in public were sighted in the town of Seneca Falls.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved for the August 9, 2022 regular board meeting and the August 23, 2022 special board meeting.

Reports of Standing Committees

Mental Health Services, Sprvr. Partee. At the meeting there was a presentation about the collaboration between Seneca County Mental Health Services and the Sheriff’s Office and the Seneca Falls Police Department. Presenters: Margaret Morse, Director of Community Services, John Cleere, Seneca County Undersheriff, Stu Peenstra, Chief of Police, Seneca Falls Police Department. Presentation focus was on the effectiveness of multiple collaborative programs currently in our community resulting in reduction in use of law enforcement resources and improved public safety as well as officer safety.

Resolutions on the agenda for tonight: (1) Amend contract with one of our psychiatric nurse practitioners by increasing her service hours to ensure adequate prescriber coverage due to the resignation of our county psychiatrist. Effective for the remainder of this year; and (2) Contract with South Seneca Central School District to support one School Based Clinician for school year 2022/2023 with the district funding of \$49,524

Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism – Sprvr. Barnhart. Three resolutions on tonight’s agenda . One is approval of the lease with Mark Lott allowing use of 15 acres of land located on County House Rd for \$2,700 annual payment; the second is demonstrate the Board’s commitment to addressing Broadband gaps, even if initiated at a town, and financial local match allocations would be on a case-by-case basis; and the third is to designate the Chamber of Commerce as the county TPA and commit matching funds.

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The Committee was provided updates. Brownfield agreement with DEC - Joe McGrath gave an update on the efforts of Seneca County and the Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corporation to enter into a Brownfield Agreement with NYS DEC to return environmentally challenged properties to the tax rolls and productive uses.

Mobile Radar Trailer MOU with Town & Village of Lodi - update regarding the final Memorandum of Understanding between Seneca County, the Town of Lodi, and the Village of Lodi for the ownership of two (2) mobile radar speed trailers under the Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Grant and its Complete Streets Mini-Grant program.

Willard Campus Closure – state shuttering building. Tour with state representatives was unproductive. County wants state to take necessary steps to maintain building for re-use when time comes;

Verona Village Project update on the status of the Verona Village Renovation Project and provided an opportunity to ask questions and offer feedback. Under New Business there is resolution to accept the black grant for \$4,889.311 for the Verona Village project.

Public Health Services, Sprvr. Borst, Chairman. Service Agreement with the Pivotal Public Health Partnership (formerly S2AY Rural Health Network) for Network Membership and Quality Improvement Activities. Cost of membership: \$18,375; Seneca County Board of Supervisors Proclaims September 2022 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Seneca County.

Public Safety, Sprvr. Rhinehart, Chairman. One resolution out of Public Safety on tonight’s agenda, to accept grant funds for \$30,000 from Supporting Small, Rural, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program” through the Bureau of Justice, for the Seneca County Sheriff’s Office to assist in the appropriation of body worn cameras for our deputies. The same night of committee meetings, we had a special board meeting and adopted a resolution opposing recent NYS legislation that regulates legally permitted conceal carry gun permits – the resolution was sent to the governor and our NYS representatives.

Personnel, Sprvr. Ferrara, Chairman. Under the Personnel Committee on August 23, we created positions for the Facilities Department – current Part-time Clerk position is resigning at the end of the year. Department is eliminating this position and creating a new position Full-time Employee Staff Resources Assistant II position; the Sheriff’s Office – create new Full-time School Resource Officer position to provide a 2nd RSO for South Seneca School District; and the Personnel Office – Create the new position for Full-time Human Resources Assistant position to be point of contact effective January 2023. We approved reclassify the position in the Personnel Office for Payroll System Technician

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Trainee, which will be eliminated and a new position for Employee Benefits / Payroll System Technician will be created effective January 2023. We also approved transferring personnel positions between budgets, the Mental Health Clinical Therapist (MHCT) from Community Mental Health Grant Budget will be transferred under to Mental Health Clinic Budget (South Seneca School District Satellite Office). This transfer from one budget to another will provide additional revenue to the county and more cost effective for the budget. We also approved refilling a position for one (1) Full-time Correction's Officer position for Sheriff's Office; and one (1) Full-Time Typist position for Mental Health Services.

Water & Sewer Treatment, Maintenance & Operations, Sprvr. Borst, Vice-Chairman. A meeting has been scheduled by Chairman Hayes to meet Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Romulus Town Office Building

Indian Affairs, Sprvr. Shipley, Chairman. Citizens Advisory Committee members attended. Rich Ricci, Russ Wheeler, and Ross Parks. Mr. Wheeler's neighbor (female whose name I did not get). Much of their discussion focused on past actions taken regarding Cayuga Nation and Halftown. Mistrust in BIA officials was verbalized. CERA is national organization. We have contributed \$12K - \$14 K. Discussion regarding the distinction between "Recognized Spokesperson" vs. "Leader". Several supervisors voiced the need to settle the issue and work together. Time to accept defeat. Meet with Halftown in person, face to face.

Environmental Affairs, Sprvr. Kronenwetter, Chairman. Owasco watershed plan not yet approved by Ag & Markers; Seneca Lake 9 Element Plan does not address nutrient issue; 8 northern creeks with HABs; Cover Crop Program hosted by Soil and Water Conservation District with Erin Peruzzini – those in attendance are practicing cover crop program; Weeds – our harvester machine is useless, purchased in 1986. Cayuga County has been harvesting for us on Cayuga Lake when they have time. Need to consider a shared services contract with them. Sprvr. Ferrara suggested we request to use ARPA funds for a new harvester / request in 2023 budget

Public Works, Sprvr. Don Trout, Chairman. The recycling contract with Cardinal is up for a one-year extension @ \$623,999.00. Lisa Keshel, RPT Director provided the following information regarding how many households are served by our recycling program. Totals for stop counts from the drivers for weeks beginning August 29 and Sept 5: A-Week 2972 Stops 28.89 Ton (Covert-Town, Ovid-Town, Varick-Town, Seneca Falls-Town, Eastern part of Fayette). B-Week 2813 Stops 33.23 Ton (Junius-Town, Tyre-Town, Romulus-Town, Western part of Fayette, Ovid & Interlaken-Villages, Towns/ Villages of Lodi and Waterloo). As you can see B week had fewer stops with more tons, this could be attributed to larger amounts of glass and magazines (heavier items). Each stop was given one click on the

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counter, so for multi stop locations such as multi family, lake roads where customers bring up their recycling and place it together, etc, are counted as one stop.

Finance, Assessment & Insurance, Sprvr. Reynolds, Chairman. Adopt County Equalization Rates for 2023 County Tax Apportionment Prior to November 15, 2022; Support Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act Funds (\$4,160) to further Support County Road 136 Project Completion for construction management and inspection services; Support Bonuses for County Employees Not Otherwise Entitled by State Legislative and/or Executive Action (\$500 for part-time; \$1,000 for full-time).

Report of Special Committees

Airport Advisory Committee, Sprvr. Shipley attended a Microsoft Teams meeting with Federal Aviation Administration regarding the runway capital project and additional cost.

Soil & Water Conservation District Board, Sprvr. Jeffrey Trout announced the fall Ag Tour in Seneca County featuring three farms with reception following the tour at Fleur De Lis Brew Works. Government officials and others are urged to attend to learn more about how farms are striving to be compatible with the environment and remain profitable in these challenging times.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Hayssen said he attended the 9/11 memorial event hosted by the Town of Ovid; he thought it was an honorable remembrance and emotional.

County Manager's Remarks

None.

County Attorney's Remarks

None.

Communications

110. Copy of a news release dated August 10, 2022 from Seneca County Public Health regarding a single reported case of monkey pox in the county.

111. From Susan L. Smith, a letter dated September 8, 2022, notifying the Board of Supervisors of her resignation effective September 23, 2022.

112. Copy of Cayuga Lake Watershed Network, HABS Weekly Newsletter dated August 11, 2022.

113. Copy of Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association Bloom Watch report for August 1 – August 7, 2022

114. From The Halpin Firm, notice of public hearing on August 22, 2022 RE: Application of Wilkins Recreational Vehicles, Inc. to Seneca County IDA for financial assistance ins connection with the

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acquisition of a leasehold interest in certain real property located at Route 318, Town of Junius to construct a recreational vehicle sales development and service center.

115. From The Halpin Firm, notice of public hearing on August 23, 2022 RE: Application of Seneca gardens Solar, LLC to Seneca County IDA for financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of a leasehold interest in certain real property located at 2895 Garden Street Extension, Seneca Falls, to construct a solar farm for the generation of approximately five MWac of electricity to interconnect with the existing NYSEG electric grid.

116. From Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO), an email dated August 9, 2022, announcing the new Watershed Manager for Cayuga Lake, Erin Norris, who will work for government within the watershed to identify an assist in the implementation of projects that will help preserve and protect the water quality of Cayuga Lake as spelled out in the Cayuga Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan and the NYS Harmful Algal Bloom Action Plan.

117. From Katy Peters, resident, Waterloo, an email dated September 6, 2022, urging the Board of Supervisors to actively pursue the preservation and reuse of the Willard Psychiatric historic buildings owned and recently shuttered by New York State, following the closing of several correctional facilities in the state.

118. From Patricia S. Lisk, Senior Caseworker, Adult Protective Services, Seneca County, an email dated August 10, 2022, recognizing the administrative staff of DHS for their assistance and guidance and support, specifically, Commissioner Tracy VanVleck, Deputy Commissioners, Michael Whirtley and Annie Mahoney, and Wendy Cottrell, Confidential Secretary to the DHS Commissioner.

119. Copy of the project status update for Verona Village apartments renovation, as presented to the standing committee for Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism at its meeting on August 23, 2022.

120. Copy of a flyer for International Overdose Awareness Day, hosted by Seneca County Addictions Program on August 31, 2022. International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of a drug-related death.

121. Copy of the Seneca County Mental Health / Law Enforcement Collaborations presentation from the August 23, 2022 meeting of the Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Standing Committee.

122. From NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services, notifications of grant award: NYS 2021-22 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP \$159,186); FY-2022 Domestic Terrorism

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Prevention (DTP \$172,413); 2021-2022 Statewide Interoperable Communications (SICG-Formula \$789,937).

123. Copy of Cattaraugus County Act No. 370-2022, Opposing NYS Bill S.1001 / A.41001 which regulates legally obtained conceal carry gun permits.

124. Copy of Ontario County Resolution No. 492-2022, Approval of Administrative Agreement with the Finger Lake Workforce Investment Board.

125. Copy of Orleans County Resolution No. 409-822, Support of Senate Bill S.9509 to eliminate the farm laborers wage board created through the Farm workers fair Labor Practices Act; and Resolution No. 418-822, Proposing the Repeal or Amendment of Election Laws in so far as they Adversely Affect Smaller Counties.

126. From Lisa Casey, Secretary, Inter-County Association of Western New York. Copy of several resolutions adopted by the Association and forwarded to Governor Hochul: #2022-12-IC, Urging immediate release of overdue federal Medicaid reconciliations; #2022-13-IC, Urge NYS commence investigation into closure of bank branches in rural counties; #2022-14-IC, oppose law that regulates legally conceal carry gun permits; Stop sales of recreational cannabis before NYS regulations finalized and sales tax is not being collected; #2022-16-IC, Improve Alternatives to Incarceration program to reduce reliance on jail population; #2022-17-IC, Support S.9509, eliminating Farm Laborers Wage Board; #2022-18-IC, Repeal or amend election laws adversely affecting small counties.

127. Copy of Yates County Resolution No. 314-22, Proposing the repeal or amendment of election Laws in so far as they adversely affect smaller counties.

128. Copy of Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO) July 27, 2022 meeting minutes.

129. Copy of Seneca County Industrial Development Agency August 4 2022 meeting minutes.

130. Copy of Seneca County Planning Board August 11, 2022 meeting minutes.

131. Copy of Seneca County Sheriff's Office Monthly Snapshot for August 2022.

132. From NYS Homes and Community Renewal, a letter of notification dated September 8, 2022, that the application submitted for Community Development Block grant assistance (CDBG) has been selected for an \$4,89,311 award for INHS Affordable Housing Rehabilitation, NYS CDBG Project # 1056HR95-22 Verona Village.

133. From Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization, notification dated August 29, 2022 that membership dues for Seneca County for 2023 are \$5,060 (*25% increase from prior year*) due by June 30, 2023.

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**RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS**

**SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPTS COUNTY EQUALIZATION  
RATES FOR 2023 COUNTY TAX APPORTIONMENT PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 15 OF 2022**

RESOLUTION NO. 248-22, motion by Sprvr. Reynolds, second by Sprvr. Ferrara and adopted.

WHEREAS, Certified Equalization Rates for the Final 2022 Assessment Rolls have been received from the NYS Board of Real Property Tax Services for 2023 County taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Equalization Rates are as follows:

Covert	85.00	Romulus	58.00
Fayette	90.00	Seneca Falls	77.00
Junius	97.00	Tyre	95.00
Lodi	58.00	Varick	62.00
Ovid	58.00	Waterloo	79.00

And

WHEREAS, the Finance, Assessment & Insurance Standing Committee reviewed and approved this resolution on August 23, 2022; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the above County Equalization Rates supplied by the New York State Board of Real Property Tax Services for 2023 County Tax apportionment in accordance with Section 840 of the Real Property Tax Law.

**SUPERVISORS SUPPORT ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT  
FUNDS TO FURTHER SUPPORT COUNTY ROAD 136 PROJECT COMPLETION**

RESOLUTION NO. 228-22, motion by Sprvr. Reynolds, second by Sprvr. Jeffrey Trout and adopted.

WHEREAS, construction of the new County Road 136 Bridge Project has been successfully completed through the support of various state and federal funding sources; and

WHEREAS, project closeout has identified the need for an additional allocation of \$4,160.16 for construction management and inspection services; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Utilization has recommended the use of ARPA funds in this amount to ensure project closeout; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Finance, Assessment and Insurance Committee at its meeting on August 23, 2023; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes the utilization of \$4,160.16 in ARPA Funds to support closeout of the County Road 136 Bridge Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Finance is authorized and directed to make any necessary finance and budget entries to affect the intent of this Resolution.

**LAY ON THE TABLE**



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Sprvr. Enslow offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Rhinehart, to provide a bonus for county employees NOT otherwise entitled by state legislative and/or executive action using ARPA funds. Opposition to the motion was expressed by Sprvrs. Jeff Trout and Michael Ferrara, citing a raise to union employees averaging 25% and infrastructure needs should be a priority for allocating ARPA funds. During the discussion, Public Health Director King and Mental Health Services Director Margaret Morse, confirmed that not all the staff are eligible to received covid bonus funds offered by the state. Sprvr. Enslow said the intent is to award all employees who had to work during the pandemic. Sprvr. Trout suggested including a bonus for Soil & Water Conservation District and Cornell Cooperative Extension employees. Sprvr. Barnhart offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Ferrara, to lay the resolution on the table, and let the Finance Standing Committee work out the parameters on how such a bonus would be processed.

**2022 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT YOUTH BUREAU/BOARD'S  
BRIGHTEST STAR RECOGNITION**

RESOLUTION NO. 229-22, motion by Sprvr. Enslow, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, the 2022 Brightest Star Award recognizes four middle school students in Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, students are nominated by school personnel and other youth serving agencies for consistently reflecting the 5 Points of Light: Academics, Involvement in School or Community Activities, Responsibility, Respect, and Compassion; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Human Services Standing Committee on August 23, 2022; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, the Seneca County Youth Bureau and Youth Board recognizes and congratulates the following students for being selected for the 2022 Brightest Star Award.

**Addison Balliette**  
Seneca Falls Middle School  
Town of Seneca Falls

**Kaeleb Mahoney**  
Seneca Falls Middle School  
Town of Seneca Falls

**Markana Cruz**  
Seneca Falls Middle School  
Town of Seneca Falls

**Caydence Griswold**  
Romulus Central School  
Town of Lodi

**EXTEND CONTRACT FOR SECOND RENEWAL YEAR WITH  
CARDINAL DISPOSAL FOR RECYCLING PICKUP**

RESOLUTION NO. 230-22, motion by Sprvr. Don Trout, second by Sprvr. Partee and adopted.

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WHEREAS, the current one-year extension with Cardinal Disposal for household recycling pickup expires on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the contract provides for two (2) one-year renewal options; one for January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022, and one for January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023 with both options to be exercised at the sole discretion of Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost of such services for the 2023 calendar year is \$623,999.00; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County has been satisfied with the performance of the contractor, Cardinal Disposal, under the current Contract Term in providing curbside recycling pickup to the residents of Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of Seneca County to exercise the option for the 2023 calendar year for Cardinal Disposal to continue to provide recycling pickup in Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Standing Committee reviewed and approved this Resolution at its meeting on August 23, 2022; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs that the County Manager advise Cardinal Disposal that the County has chosen to exercise its Option to extend the current recycling services contract for the 2023 calendar year, at a contract cost of \$623,999.00 (a \$57,000.00 increase which has been budgeted for with \$61,117.36 coming from Recycling Reserves); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Manager to sign the one-year contract extension to cover the period of January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023.

**SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL THERAPIST  
(MHCT) FROM COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH GRANT BUDGET TO MENTAL HEALTH  
CLINIC BUDGET (SOUTH SENECA SCHOOL DISTRICT SATELLITE OFFICE)**

RESOLUTION NO. 231-22, motion by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, there is a recent vacant MHCT position in the Crisis Program as the result of a resignation; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Community Mental Health Grant Budget has reduced staffing needs from 4 fulltime MHCT positions to 3, as we believe this is adequate to meet the needs of the program; and

WHEREAS, South Seneca Central School District has requested an additional MHCT in the High School/Middle School building to meet increased mental health service needs in their District; and

WHEREAS, South Seneca Central School District has committed to support 50% of salary and fringe for this additional position in their District; and

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WHEREAS, the position will also be supported by billable service delivery and collection of medication fees; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact will provide additional revenue to the County and supports movement of the MHCT position from the Community Mental Health Grant budget into the Mental Health Clinic budget; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Personnel Standing Committee on August 23, 2022; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approves moving this Mental Health Clinical Therapist position from the Community Mental Health Grant to the Mental Health Clinic for the 2023 Mental Health Department Budget.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE STAFF RESOURCES ASSISTANT II AND ELIMINATE ONE PART-TIME CLERK POSITION**

RESOLUTION NO. 232-22, motion by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Partee and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Facilities Department, and the Superintendent of Facilities, have identified the need to create and fill one full-time Staff Resource Assistant II position and eliminate one part time clerk position; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have a point of contact person in the front office as well as someone proficient with computers with the ability to learn various programs to assist the Superintendent of Facilities with various daily required activities; and

WHEREAS, creating and filling this position is vital to ensuring that all ancillary duties are completed properly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the position is requested to be funded in the 2023 Budget and will be included in the Salary and Fringe Lines in Organization Code 101620 if adopted; and

WHEREAS, this position has been approved and reviewed by the Vacancy Committee and the Personnel Standing Committee on August 23, 2022; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approve the creation and filling of one (1) full-time Staff Resource Assistant II at Grade 5 (\$18.91 Hour / Annual \$36,888) on the Employee Salary Schedule for 2023; and that the part time clerk at Grade 2 (\$14.88) position eliminated for an increase of \$22,379; and be it further

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

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES THE RECLASSIFICATION OF PAYROLL SYSTEM  
TECHNICIAN TRAINEE TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS/PAYROLL SYSTEM TECHNICIAN IN  
THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023**

RESOLUTION NO. 233-22, motion by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has identified the need to create and fill one (1) Full-time Employee Benefits/Payroll System Technician position; and

WHEREAS, through the reorganization of the Personnel Department, the Payroll System Technician Trainee position will be abolished to provide for the creation of this position; and

WHEREAS, funding for the reclassified position will be provided for in the Organization Code No. 101430 Salary and Fringe Lines upon adoption; and

WHEREAS, this position has been reviewed and approved by the Vacancy Committee and the Personnel Standing Committee on August 23, 2022; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approve the reclassification of one (1) Full-time Payroll System Technician Trainee position (Management Grade 3, Hire Rate \$43,567) to Employee Benefits/Payroll System Technician at Grade 4, Hire Rate (\$50,522) of the Management Salary Scale to be filled effective January 1, 2023; and be it further

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-  
TIME EMPLOYEE HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023**

RESOLUTION NO. 234-22, motion by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Partee and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Personnel Department, and the Personnel Officer, have identified the need to create and fill one Full-time Human Resources Assistant position; and

WHEREAS, through the reorganization of the Personnel Department, it has become abundantly clear that a point of contact person in the front office is critical to the delivery of essential county services; and

WHEREAS, creating and filling this position is vital to ensuring that all applications are processed timely, all questions regarding testing and Civil Service are addressed, and all other ancillary duties are completed properly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, funding for the created position will be provided for in the Organization Code No. 101430 Salary and Fringe Lines upon adoption; and

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WHEREAS, this position has been approved and reviewed by the Vacancy Committee and the Personnel Committee on August 23, 2022; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approve the creation and filling of one (1) Full-time Human Resources Assistant at Grade 2 (\$39,875) on the Management Salary Schedule for 2023; and be it further

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

**SUPERVISORS SUPPORT CREATION AND FILLING OF  
ONE (1) FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION**

RESOLUTION NO. 235-22, motion by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors has authorized a second School Resource Officer (SRO) to the South Seneca School District for the 2022-2023 School Year; and

WHEREAS, the provision of a second SRO necessitates the creation and filling of a Full-Time Deputy Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the second SRO position is currently committed for one school year, at which time the Agreement between Seneca County and the South Seneca School District will be reviewed; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been approved by the Personnel Standing Committee on August 23, 2022; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes the creation and filling of one Full-Time Deputy Sheriff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the provision of two SRO positions for the South Seneca School District will be evaluated at the end of the 2022-2023 School Year.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACCEPTS GRANT FUNDING FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE  
FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS (BWC) FOR THE SENECA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

RESOLUTION NO. 236-22, motion by Sprvr. Rhinehart, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Sheriff's Office applied for a grant "Supporting Small, Rural, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program" through the Bureau of Justice, Justice & Security Strategies, Inc., 1835 E Hallandale Beach Blvd #387, Hallandale Beach, FL 33009 in the year of 2021 ;and

WHEREAS, this grant helps cover the costs for body worn cameras (BWC) for officers; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Sheriff's Office was denied this grant in the year of 2021 and was placed on a waiting list; and

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WHEREAS, the Seneca County Sheriff's Office was recently notified that it has been selected and awarded the grant for the year of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the grant award number is 29040468; and

WHEREAS, the grant program period is from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the grant amount that the Seneca County Sheriff's Office will receive is \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this grant will be in budget line 103113-52400; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the Seneca County Sheriff's Office to have body worn cameras (BWC) for their officers because it improves officer safety, community safety, increases evidence quality, reduces civilian complaints, and reduces the agencies liabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Standing Committee reviewed and approved this resolution at its meeting on August 23, 2022; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approves the acceptance of the grant "Supporting Small, Rural, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program" through the Bureau of Justice, for \$30,000 for the Seneca County Sheriff's Office ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Seneca County Sheriff to sign all agreements with the Bureau of Justice.

**COUNTY MANAGER AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SIGN A SERVICE AGREEMENT  
WITH PIVOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERSHIP (S2AY RURAL HEALTH NETWORK)  
FOR NETWORK MEMBERSHIP AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES**

RESOLUTION NO. 237-22, motion by Sprvr. Borst, second by Sprvr. Enslow and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Pivotal Public Health Partnership, formally S2AY Rural Health Network, is comprised of the public health departments in eight counties (Schuyler, Steuben, Seneca, Yates, Ontario, Wayne, Livingston and Chemung); and

WHEREAS, the Partnership has been in existence since 1997 with Seneca County joining in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the network it to be a leader in improving health outcomes for our rural counties; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the membership is \$18,375, with funds to be included in the 2023 Departmental Budget Account 104010-54270; and

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WHEREAS, the Public Health Services Standing Committee has reviewed and approved this resolution at its meeting of August 23, 2022; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to sign a Service Agreement with the Pivotal Public Health Partnership for network membership and quality improvement activities for 2023 at a cost of \$18,375.

**SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMS SEPTEMBER 2022  
AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN SENECA COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 238-22, motion by Sprvr. Borst, second by Sprvr. Enslow and adopted.

WHEREAS, for millions of American families the fight against cancer is personal; and

WHEREAS, across America, thousands of courageous children and adolescents diagnosed with cancer each year are facing life-threatening struggles. They are cared for by loving families, friends, volunteers, and health care teams who band together to support our most vulnerable patients as they face their cancer journey; and

WHEREAS, during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we honor the young lives taken too soon, as well as the growing number of young cancer survivors, some of whom may face serious health challenges throughout their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the remarkable progress made in treatment and survivorship, and rededicate ourselves to the development of more effective therapies so that all children have the chance to live long and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County will join others across the United States and commit to recognizing the need to continue to support programs and activities aimed at accelerating and supporting the timely, efficient development of safe and effective new drugs and biological products to treat cancers in children; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Public Health Services Committee at its meeting on August 23, 2022; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors proclaims September 2022 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Seneca County.

**SUPERVISORS APPROVE RENEWAL OF LEASE ON COUNTY HOUSE ROAD PROPERTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 239-22, motion by Sprvr. Barnhart, second by Sprvr. Kronenwetter and adopted.

WHEREAS, vacant property belonging to the County consisting of approximately 26 acres, located on County House Road, has been previously leased for a ten-year term to Mark Lott, of Lott Farms, LLC at an annual rental of \$2,000; and

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WHEREAS, it is found to be in the best interest of Seneca County to renew such lease; and  
WHEREAS, such lease is exempt from the requirement of competitive bidding under the provisions of Local Law Number 2 of 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Planning, Development, Agriculture and Tourism Committee recommended at its meeting on August 23, 2022 renewal of such lease for an additional term of ten years, with the condition that the County can terminate the lease if necessary for County use of the property; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize and direct the Chairman to execute a renewal of the lease of the real property belonging to Seneca County and consisting of approximately 26 acres of land located on County House Road at an annual rental of \$2,700.00 for an additional term of ten years.

**SUPERVISORS MEMORIALIZE SUPPORT FOR IMPROVING  
BROADBAND SERVICE THROUGHOUT SENECA COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 240-22, motion by Sprvr. Barnhart, second by Sprvr. Shipley and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors recognizes that all residents and businesses should have access to affordable, reliable, high speed internet service; and

WHEREAS, there are significant portions of Seneca County that are either underserved or unserved by Broadband internet service; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors has named an Ad Hoc Committee on Broadband that has been meeting regularly; and

WHEREAS, funding opportunities have begun to present themselves as a means to reduce and eliminate underserved and unserved areas; and

WHEREAS, while these funding opportunities provide much needed financial assistance, a local match is generally required; and

WHEREAS, while a County-wide application would be the ideal it may be more feasible and realistic to target certain Towns at the outset with the understanding that a full County-wide effort will ultimately be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to demonstrate Board of Supervisors support to addressing Broadband gaps, even if initiated at a town-by-town level; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture and Tourism Standing Committee at its meeting on August 23, 2022; now, therefore be it



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RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors is supportive of addressing underserved and unserved areas of Seneca County and understands that a Town-by-Town approach may need to be undertaken; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors is open to appropriate local match allocations on a case-by-case basis and subject to its full review and approval.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE CONTRACT WITH BRIANNE EN**

RESOLUTION NO. 241-22, motion by Sprvr. Partee, second by Sprvr. Reynolds and adopted.

WHEREAS, the full-time county psychiatrist resigned on May 20, 2022 and as a result, additional contract prescriber hours are required to provide adequate prescriber coverage; and

WHEREAS, Brianne En, NPP, has agreed to provide prescriber services to the clinic to support demand through the remainder of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the following array indicates the contract amount and total hours to be contracted in 2022; and

<b>Mental Health 104220.054350</b>	<b>Total Contract Amount</b>	<b>Rate/Hr</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Brianne En	\$36,765	96.75	380

WHEREAS, there is \$36,765 available in the 104220-51100 Account Code; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution was reviewed and approved by the Mental Health Services Standing Committee on August 23, 2022; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize and direct the County Manager to sign the contract for Brianne En; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize and direct the Finance Department to pay Brianne En, as contracted, when duly appropriated; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2022 County Budget be amended as follows:

104320-51100	Decrease	Payroll	Expenditure	\$36,765
104320-54350	Increase	Medical Fees	Expenditure	\$36,765

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZES CONTRACT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS  
FROM SOUTH SENECA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUPPORT ONE SCHOOL  
BASED CLINICIAN FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023**

RESOLUTION NO. 242-22, motion by Sprvr. Partee, second by Sprvr. Rhinehart and adopted.

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WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the County Manager to sign all documents necessary to accept the following in contract funding in support of one School Based Clinician in the South Seneca Central School District for School Year 2022/2023:

South Seneca Central School District	\$49,524
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WHEREAS, under this contract, the County will be reimbursed for salary expenses to support a full-time School Based Clinician at South Seneca Central School District; and

WHEREAS, this is a 12-month position, therefore contract amount will be pro-rated to reflect the date the position is filled; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the County Manager to sign the contract to receive the funding; and

WHEREAS, all funding for the 2023 months will be included in the 2023 County Mental Health budget request; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment will be required to reflect the intent of the resolution in the County 2022 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Services Standing Committee reviewed and approved this resolution at its August 23, 2022 meeting; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to sign all necessary documents to accept contract funding from the South Seneca Central School District to support one full-time School Based Clinician in school year 2022/2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Finance department is authorized and directed to make all the following budgetary modifications to the 2022 budget to fulfill the intent of the resolution as follows:

104320 42260	South Seneca Contract	Increase	Revenue	\$ 13,969
104320 41620	Medical Billing Revenue	Increase	Revenue	\$ 13,969
104320 51100	MH Salaries	Increase	Expenditure	\$ 18,984
104320 58100	Retirement	Increase	Expenditure	\$ 1,746
104320 58300	Social Security	Increase	Expenditure	\$ 1,177
104320 58400	Workers Compensation	Increase	Expenditure	\$ 379
104320 58600	Hospitalization	Increase	Expenditure	\$ 5,333
104320 58700	Medicare	Increase	Expenditure	\$ 320

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

RULE 29: Sprvr. Ferrara moved by 2/3 majority vote of Board of Supervisors members present, to introduce any and all new business to the floor pursuant to Rule 29.

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**DESIGNATE SENECA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS COUNTY TOURISM  
PROMOTION AGENCY AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR MATCHING FUNDS  
PROGRAM IN 2023**

RESOLUTION NO. 243-22, motion by Sprvr. Barnhart, second by Sprvr. Shipley and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors desires to enhance the general economy of Seneca County through the promotion and marketing of tourism attractions, conventions, trade shows, special events and other activities directly related to and in support of tourism assets; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors supports the designation of the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce as the County's Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA); and

WHEREAS, Seneca County commits up to \$380,000 in support of the Matching Funds Program; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution was considered Pursuant to Rule 29 of the Rules of Order of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New York State Department of Economic Development be requested to designate the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce as Seneca County's Tourism Promotion Agency for 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Seneca County will commit up to \$380,000 from the County's Room Tax to provide the County's share of the 2023 Matching Fund Program.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORT TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH SCSEA**

RESOLUTION NO. 244-22, motion by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Jeffrey Trout and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County (the County) and the Seneca County Sheriff's Employees Association (SCSEA) are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement for a term which expired on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County and SCSEA have been engaged in collective bargaining which has led to a mutual understanding between the County and the Union for the terms and conditions of employment for a Successor Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the SCSEA membership has voted on and passed the Tentative Agreement; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution was brought from the floor by a two-thirds majority vote under Rule 29 of the Board of Supervisors Rules of Order; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors supports the Tentative Agreement reached between the County and SCSEA to be effective January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025; and be it further

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RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to sign such Agreement on behalf of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Manager is authorized to make any necessary transfers from accounts within the 2022 Seneca County Budget and into the respective 2022 Sheriff's Office Budget and E-911 Lines regarding monetary changes in the Agreement.

**ACCEPT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN SUPPORT OF  
VERONA VILLAGE RENOVATION PROJECT**

RESOLUTION NO. 245-22, motion by Sprvr. Barnhart, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York State (NYS) Office of Community Renewal (OCR) provides funding to local governments and not-for-profits to create and preserve affordable housing through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and CDBG Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Programs; and

WHEREAS, Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (INHS) is the managing member of Verona Village LLC, which owns Verona Village Apartments located at 2276 County Road 139, Ovid, NY (Property) and plans to renovate 46 residential units and the community building as well as other site improvements (the "Project") with an estimated total cost of \$9,512,795; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 182-22, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorized and directed the County Manager to sign all necessary documents to apply for New York State Office of Community Renewal CDBG and/or CDBG CARES funding, in an amount not to exceed \$5 million, to support major renovations of Verona Village Apartments located at 2276 County Road 139, Ovid, NY; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County received notification from NYS OCR that Seneca County - INHS Affordable Housing Rehabilitation application was selected for an award of \$4,889,311 under the CDBG CARES Program and assigned the identifier NYS CDBG Project #1056HR95-22 (Grant); and

WHEREAS, Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. will enter into a Sub-Recipient agreement with Seneca County so Grant funds may be passed through for the express purpose of the Project; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution was brought from the floor by a two-thirds majority vote under Rule 29 of the Board of Supervisors Rules of Order; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the County Manager to sign all necessary documents to accept OCR CDBG CARES funding (NYS CDBG

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Project #1056HR95-22) in the amount of \$4,889,311 to support major renovations of Verona Village Apartments located at 2276 County Road 139, Ovid, NY; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the County Manager to sign all necessary documents to enter into Sub-Recipient Agreement with Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. for the express purpose of renovating Verona Village Apartments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance is authorized to make the necessary budgetary and account entries to affect the intent of this resolution

**SUPERVISORS APPROVE SALARY INCREASE FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES  
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

*(as amended)*

RESOLUTION NO. 246-22, motion by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted.

WHEREAS, employees who are not represented by a union do not receive a pay increase as a matter of a negotiated labor contract; and

WHEREAS, non-represented employees are deserving of a salary increase as the Board of Supervisors continues to focus on retention and recruitment in its workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors support an 8% increase for said employees; and

WHEREAS, 2022 budget amendments will provide for the increases in the remainder of the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, funding will be provided for said increases in the 2023 Seneca County budget; and

WHEREAS, salaries for appointed and elected officials will be set by Local Law in January 2023; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution was brought from the floor by a two-thirds majority vote under Rule 29 of the Board of Supervisors Rules of Order; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors approves an 8% salary increase, retroactive to September 1, 2022, effective immediately for those employees who are not represented by a union and whose titles are not included on any salary schedule, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager is authorized and directed to identify available funds in the 2022 Seneca County Budget to provide for increases in 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager is further directed to provide for said salary increases while preparing the Tentative 2023 Seneca County Budget.

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE SUPPORT LETTER FOR  
TOWN OF FAYETTE NY FORWARD PROJECT**

RESOLUTION NO. 247-22, motion by Sprvr. Jeffry Trout, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York Department of State launched NY Forward, a program aimed at rejuvenating smaller and rural communities, such as villages and hamlets, throughout the state by making available \$100 million in grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fayette is preparing an application to the NY Forward grant program for an award of \$2.5 million dollars for the revitalization for the Hamlet of Fayette; and

WHEREAS, with additional grant resources, the natural beauty, agricultural assets, and historical buildings of the Hamlet will continue to grow as a destination that draws on Finger Lakes visitors seeking events and amenities while serving residents with educational, cultural, and community events; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fayette is seeking letters of support for its application to NY Forward for \$2.5 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was introduced to the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Rule 29; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a letter of support, on behalf of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, be provided to the Town of Fayette in support of its application for \$2.5 million dollars under NYS Forward program.

Special Order of the Day

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.