

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: SHARED SERVICES

DATE: MARCH 11, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS CONOVER
WOOD
DICKINSON
FRASIER
SIMPSON
MERLINO
THOMAS

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOANN MCKINSTRY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARTIN AUFFREDOU, COUNTY ATTORNEY
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS BROCK
MONROE
SEEBER
SOKOL
TAYLOR
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
JIM FITZGERALD, PRESIDENT OF THE WARREN COUNTY SOCIETY FOR THE
PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, INC./ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
FOR THE TOWN OF QUEENSBURY
JAMES CAMPINELL, GLENS FALLS CITY COUNCILMAN, 1ST WARD
JAMES CLARK, JR., GLENS FALLS CITY COUNCILMAN, 5TH WARD
J. LAWRENCE PALTROWITZ, ESQ., BARTLETT, PONTIFF, STEWART &
RHODES, P.C.
DAVID STRAINER, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
CHARLENE DiRESTA, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mr. Conover called the meeting of the Shared Services Committee to order at 10:03 a.m.

Copies of the agenda packet were distributed to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda packet is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Conover commented this was the first meeting of the Shared Services Committee and he welcomed the members and the Supervisors in attendance. He said the establishment of this Committee was appropriate and timely. He recognized the Committee members, as follows: Evelyn Wood; Dennis Dickinson; Edna Frasier; Matthew Simpson; Gene Merlino; and Frank Thomas. Mr. Conover invited Ms. Seeber to the podium to discuss the matter of the agreement with the Warren County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), Inc. which had been tabled at the February 20, 2015 Board meeting and referred to the Shared Services Committee.

Ms. Seeber stated she appreciated the opportunity to further discuss the agreement with the Warren County SPCA with the Shared Services Committee which she said seemed appropriate. She pointed out that Jim Fitzgerald, President of the Warren County SPCA/Animal Control Officer for the Town of Queensbury, was present and would speak briefly about his efforts with the SPCA. In 2014, she recalled the County was discussing approval of an agreement with the SPCA for \$8,000 and the actual numbers were startling. She explained the SPCA was an agency that provided services throughout Warren County and Mr. Fitzgerald was working hard to re-establish it. She expressed the County had an opportunity to be a model for New York State and to do the right thing for the residents and their animals. She thanked the Committee members for being open minded and for taking a hard look at the opportunity to make a positive difference in our community.

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked the Committee members for inviting him to the meeting and for listening to his concerns. He said Paul Dusek, County Administrator, had been very helpful and had introduced the concept of re-establishing the SPCA to him. He informed he had investigated the current status of the agency and had heard complaints that the level of service provided by the SPCA was unsatisfactory. He noted the agreement was in the amount of \$8,000 and he informed that amount would cover the operation of the SPCA until the end of April. He stated the January figures for expenses relating to cats only was \$1,745 and he added this amount had been during what is a slow season. He mentioned his responsibilities also included dogs, injured animals, animal cruelty cases, investigating stables, etc. Mr. Fitzgerald announced the Town of Queensbury had assumed the responsibility of paying the costs associated with trapping and caring for injured cats. He said he had talked to the Glens Falls City Clerk regarding the cat issues in that municipality and he noted the SPCA removed over 100 feral cats from the City of Glens Falls. He informed he was currently housing 65 cats that were collected during the month of January. He apprised he had started working with the North Shore Animal League and six other rescue organizations to establish a whole new process which would be more humane. He informed that every cat collected had to be tested for feline leukemia. He estimated there were about 10,000 cats in the feral population in the Town of Queensbury.

Since 2000, Mr. Fitzgerald apprised, the Warren County SPCA had paid \$270,000 for the housing of cats; he noted the agreement with Warren County had totaled \$171,000 for the same time period. He commented the total expenses incurred by the SPCA for animal care since 2000 was \$510,000. He said the County had been great in trying to work with the SPCA and he acknowledged the figures had never been presented in the past nor had the fact that there was an epidemic of feral cats in Warren County. He stated he worked in each of the Towns to try to clean up particular situations. He pointed out there had been an animal cruelty case in the Town of Bolton last year which had cost the SPCA \$4,500. Mr. Fitzgerald requested the Committee's approval to approach Bud York, County Sheriff, and Brian LaFlure, Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES), regarding the possibility of obtaining surplus vehicles and he mentioned the possibility of in kind services. He said they were trying to keep the costs of operating the SPCA to a minimum and if there were older vehicles which could be used it would be helpful.

Mr. Fitzgerald informed that before he became an animal control officer he had worked on Wall Street for AIG (American International Group, Inc.); however, he continued, he had decided to change careers following the events of September 11, 2001 which claimed the lives of many of his friends. He expressed he had dedicated his life to animals and he wanted to establish the Warren County SPCA as one of the best in New York State. He informed that Queensbury Animal Control was recognized as one of the best animal control units in New York State. He said he taught rookie police officers and new animal control officers and had supplied some of the local animal control officers with gear. He opined that New York State animal control was sub par and they were working to bring it up to date. He informed he was working on acquiring a building but he was not requesting any funding for this effort; however, he continued, he was requesting the agreement with the SPCA be increased to \$20,000 for 2015. He said he would return to the Committee at the end of the year to discuss the amount requested for 2016 based on the 2015 data.

Mr. Fitzgerald said the SPCA's contractual obligations to Warren County were estimated to cost \$40,000 in 2015. He mentioned he had hired marketing professionals to start fundraising efforts for the SPCA. He informed that five new animal control officers had been hired to work throughout the County. He said the new animal control officers were attending the Animal Control Care Association Academy, as well as a peace officer class. He stated that a lot of the complaints from residents

pertained to animal control officers wearing civilian clothing with no indication that they worked in an official capacity. He noted another complaint was the length of time it took to have an animal control officer respond. He said the Warren County SPCA Animal Control Officers from this point forward would all be uniformed professionals.

Mr. Dickinson asked if the estimated 10,000 cats in the Town of Queensbury included pets or just feral cats and Mr. Fitzgerald replied it was the feral cat communities. Mr. Fitzgerald informed there were feral cat communities in the Town of Queensbury located behind Staples, Pizzeria Uno and the cemetery. He commented there were 17 amateur trappers in the Town of Queensbury who assisted with the collection of feral cats. He expressed that representatives from the North Shore Animal League would visit next week to discuss the SPCA's funding and to transport feral cats to sanctuaries in Long Island. He informed of an animal cruelty case in the Town of Queensbury last year where he had removed 160 cats from a house and North Shore Animal League had assisted with their transport to cat sanctuaries free of charge. He said he was looking into additional not-for-profit organizations to assist and he mentioned he had overloaded every local rescue organization with dogs and cats. He stated that in order to honor the agreement with Warren County he was requesting additional funding for a total of \$20,000.

Chairman Geraghty opined the SPCA was a good and necessary service; he said the Town of Warrensburg had a Dog Control Officer. He advised that dog control officers had a tendency to be reluctant to deal with cats. He pointed out most of the Town dog control officers worked full time jobs in addition to that appointment. He stated he was in support of increasing the agreement with the Warren County SPCA to \$20,000.

Mr. Dickinson informed there was an Animal Control Officer in the Town of Lake George and he felt the position would be difficult to fill in the event that person decided to retire. Mr. Fitzgerald proposed the possibility of individual Towns contracting with the SPCA for animal control services. He said the SPCA employed professional, nationally accredited animal control officers and contracting with the SPCA for these services would eliminate the need for worker's compensation insurance and would save money versus the salary of an individual employee. He noted the possibility that the smaller Towns could enter into an agreement on a per-call basis. Mr. Dickinson asked if the service would be offered on a 24 hour per day/7 days a week basis and Mr. Fitzgerald replied affirmatively. He said he would approach the Town Supervisors individually to determine the need for this service. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Conover commented it was important that Mr. Dusek stay informed of any agreements between the SPCA and the individual Towns due to the State requirement that municipalities achieve a 1% savings on the tax levy which would be discussed later in this meeting. Mr. Brock agreed that shared services would be a cost effective way to deal with the animal control issues; however, he pointed out that in his neighborhood there were several residents who fed the feral cats adding to the problem. Mr. Fitzgerald said the SPCA had previously not conducted any public education activities. He explained that they tried to herd the feral cats into one area so they could be trapped by amateur trappers to be spayed, neutered and tagged by the SPCA. He commented that residents were either annoyed by the feral cat communities or protective of them. He expressed his vision of the future of the SPCA would be that only one phone call would be needed to resolve any animal issue. He added the service would be operated 24/7 with six officers on-call on weekdays and four on-call officers on the weekends. He said the territory of the County would be divided into a northern zone and a southern zone. He expressed he was not trying to replace the animal control officers employed by the individual Towns and he intended to work with them. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that Florence

Converse, Animal Control Officer for the Town of Chester, did an amazing job and had rescued 17 animals since January 1st in a small town. He noted about 200 animals had been rescued in the Town of Queensbury since January 1st.

Mr. Conover commented that if the Committee members were in support of amending the agreement with the Warren County SPCA from \$8,000 to \$20,000 then a motion would be needed to bring it to the floor. He said the additional \$12,000 would need to be allocated from the Contingent Account and the resolution should be moved to the March 20, 2015 Board meeting in order to be approved this month. Mr. Dickinson stated his interest in eliminating the need for the local animal control officers and he agreed with Mr. Fitzgerald that animal control officers tended to work in civilian clothing with no indication of the organization that they represented. A brief discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to authorize the renewal of the agreement with the Warren County SPCA in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2015 and terminating December 31, 2015 with \$8,000 being allocated from Control of Dogs, Contract (A.3510 470) and \$12,000 being transferred from the Contingent Account (A.1990 469) to Control of Dogs, Contract (A.3510 470). *The necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20, 2015 Board meeting.*

Mr. Conover thanked Mr. Fitzgerald for his explanation, as well as Ms. Seeber for bringing the matter to the attention of the Committee. He said the next item on the agenda was a discussion regarding the State requirement that municipalities achieve a 1% savings to the tax levy. He asked Mr. Dusek to provide further explanation.

Mr. Dusek distributed three documents to the Committee members, as follows: the 2014 Tax Levy by Municipality and Taxing District; Publication 1030 - Property Tax Freeze Credit Guidance; and the Results of the Survey of Municipalities and County Departments; *copies of these documents are on file with the minutes.* He pointed out that if there was some desire to try and establish centralized animal control services it would be important to coordinate the effort and enter into intermunicipal agreements to identify the services and anticipated savings because these efforts would count towards the required 1% savings to the tax levy. He stated there was plenty of time to initiate shared services under this requirement because it would not be necessary to show the savings until 2017. He noted the Towns did not have to explore the option of centralized animal control services through the County and could do so on their own; however, he reiterated, it would count towards this requirement. Chairman Geraghty asked if Mr. Fitzgerald had the Committee's consent to talk to Sheriff York and Mr. LaFlure about surplus vehicles. Mr. Dusek replied affirmatively adding that if the County transferred ownership of a vehicle to the SPCA, a not-for-profit organization, it would be necessary to sell the vehicle for the surplus value amount.

Mr. Dusek briefly reviewed the Publication 1030 - Property Tax Freeze Credit Guidance (Freeze Credit) document with the Committee members and he pointed out this publication had been issued by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and was dated July 14, 2014. He noted Governor Cuomo had enacted the Freeze Credit which required municipalities to realize a 1% savings to the tax levy. He said he would point out some key provisions within the requirement which would assist in determining what services the County would want to share and why.

Concerning Page 9 of the document, Mr. Dusek pointed out the section entitled "Savings Requirements" explained that they would be required to show cooperation agreements, shared services, mergers or efficiencies in a Government Efficiency Plan which collectively generated a

savings of at least 1% of the levy of the school districts or local governments participating in the Plan. He explained that the County and the Towns could all meet this requirement on an individual basis if they so desired; he mentioned the sale of Westmount Health Facility would meet this requirement for Warren County. He apprised the Warren County 2014 Tax Levy was \$40.6 million so it would be necessary to show a 1% or \$406,000 savings and the sale of Westmount Health Facility would save the County approximately \$1 million per year. He commented it would be possible for Warren County to write an individual plan indicating that the sale of the Westmount Health Facility was the means of generating the required 1% savings to the tax levy. Mr. Dusek stated that if all of the municipalities and Warren County joined together to submit the Government Efficiency Plan they would be required to show a savings of \$607,000 or 1% of \$61.7 million (the total 2014 tax levy for all municipalities in Warren County). He pointed out that if Warren County, the individual municipalities and the taxing districts joined together to submit the Government Efficiency Plan they would be required to show a savings of \$738,000 or 1% of \$73.8 million (the total 2014 tax levy for all municipalities and taxing districts).

Referring to Page 9 of the document, Mr. Dusek pointed out the section entitled "Calculating Savings" which he read an excerpt from, as follows:

Local Governments

.....to calculate the savings requirement for a local government Government Efficiency Plan, add the tax levies for local fiscal years beginning in 2014 for all local governments that are participating in the Government Efficiency Plan and multiply the sum by one percent.

Mr. Dusek stated the Freeze Credit required local governments to use the 2014 tax levies to determine the 1% savings requirement. He explained the 2014 tax levies from all of the local governments participating in the Government Efficiency Plan were added in order to determine the 1% savings requirement for the participating municipalities. Pertaining to Page 11 and 12 of the document, he advised the section entitled "Overall Plan Savings" detailed that the 1% savings requirement would need to be shown for 2017, 2018 and 2019 when the Plan was fully implemented. He explained the only requirement for 2015 was to develop and submit the Government Efficiency Plan and necessary certifications. He said as long as a Plan which showed an anticipated savings of at least 1% was submitted they would be in compliance. Mr. Conover noted the 1% savings was based on the 2014 tax levy and he asked what happened in subsequent years. Mr. Dusek explained the 1% savings would be based on the 2014 tax levy for the entire Freeze Credit requirement which included the submission of a Plan for savings in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

In answer to a question, Mr. Dusek clarified that it was not necessary to lower the tax levy, it was only necessary to show a 1% savings to the 2014 tax levy. He added the savings could be used to offset the tax levy if the municipality decided to do so or it could be utilized to add a new service to the residents. Mr. Dusek read the following excerpt from Page 11 of the document, as follows:

It is important to note that the savings requirement is plan-wide. Each school district or local government does not have to individually meet the savings requirement - the plan as a whole has to meet the savings requirement.

Mr. Dusek explained the general intention of the Freeze Credit was that if a County-wide Government Efficiency Plan was submitted the State would be looking for County-wide savings. He noted if a particular Town did not realize a 1% savings but the entire Plan did, it would be acceptable as meeting the requirement. He commented there was some flexibility in the accounting for this requirement but it would not be possible to simply sell Westmount Health Facility to justify a savings for Warren County and all of the Towns that chose to participate in the Government Efficiency Plan.

He said it would be necessary to either submit one County-wide Plan showing savings throughout the County or multiple Plans that would total the required 1% savings.

Mr. Conover said they were spending time reviewing the State requirement to ensure it was understood; however, he continued, Chairman Geraghty's intention in establishing the Shared Services Committee went beyond what was being required by the State. He commented they would likely discover there were shared services ongoing between municipalities that represented the required 1% savings which should be reviewed in terms of achieving greater efficiencies within Warren County. Mr. Brock asked if conversion to solar power would count towards the State requirement if it showed a savings of at least 1% and Mr. Dusek replied affirmatively noting it would fall under efficiencies.

Concerning Pages 11 and 12 of the document, Mr. Dusek pointed out the section entitled "Eligible Activities" reflected that cooperation agreements, shared services, mergers for school districts or local governments and efficiencies were all eligible activities. Mr. Conover mentioned the snow and ice contracts between the County and the individual Towns which displayed efficiencies and he noted this would be an excellent activity in the future because the cost of doing so changed regularly. He asked if going forward on an existing contract with a changing situation would qualify towards the savings. Mr. Dusek commented the snow and ice contracts would be problematic because they had been in effect prior to 2012 and the amounts allocated to the Towns had been increased in the last year. He acknowledged there was an overall savings generated by the snow and ice contracts but he was unsure if it would meet the requirements for the Freeze Credit.

Mr. Simpson stated the Town of Horicon had converted to solar power in 2013 and he asked if this would meet the savings requirements. Mr. Dusek responded affirmatively and noted the conversion had taken place after January 1, 2012 and would therefore qualify. Mr. Dusek read an excerpt from Page 12 of the document, as follows:

Efficiencies are actions taken by a local government or school district to improve the completion of existing processes or functions or the delivery of existing services that result in lower costs.

Past Activities

Eligible past efficiencies, shared services, and reforms include only those implemented since the local government or school district became subject to the tax cap.

- *For local governments, this is the first day of the fiscal year beginning in 2012 (January 1, 2012 for counties, most cities, towns, fire districts, and other local governments with a calendar fiscal year; June 1, 2012 for most villages).*

A brief discussion ensued pertaining to the past activities of various municipalities in Warren County. During the discussion, Mr. Dusek commented that brief survey forms had been sent to each municipality requesting information of past and planned activities which would qualify for the State requirement. Mr. Conover mentioned if the municipalities had not yet completed those surveys, it was important that they do so as soon as possible.

Regarding Page 14 of the document, Mr. Dusek informed the section entitled "Multiple Local Government" detailed that the chief executive officer or budget officer of each local government must certify in writing that the local government would undertake its best efforts to fully implement the Government Efficiency Plan. He noted the chief financial officer of each local government must certify that the Plan would result in a savings and that full implementation of the agreements would result in savings over the aggregate tax levies for fiscal years beginning in 2014 and savings of at

least 1% would occur in 2017, 2018 and 2019. He pointed out that Pages 14 and 15 of the document detailed the appropriate people to sign the necessary certifications for the Counties, Cities, Towns, Villages, Fire Districts and Special Districts.

Concerning Page 16 of the document, Mr. Dusek pointed out, the section entitled "Submission" detailed that a multiple local government plan would require one local government to act as the lead entity which would submit the plan on behalf of all of the participating municipalities. He said the participating municipalities should deliver their plans to Warren County, as the lead entity, no later than May 15, 2015 with the required certifications. He explained that Michael Swan, County Treasurer, would be the chief financial officer for Warren County and as such he must submit the Government Efficiency Plan, all certifications and an analysis of the savings to be achieved to the New York State Director of the Budget no later than June 1, 2015. Mr. Dusek said he did not think the analysis of the savings would be difficult to complete because it would be prepared as the plans were determined. He stated the underlying decision that each municipality would need to make was whether they wanted to submit a Government Efficiency Plan on their own or jointly with Warren County. He said if a municipality was certain they would be able to show the required 1% savings on their own they could feel comfortable submitting an individual Plan. He advised if the municipality had doubts about their ability to achieve the savings on their own they could join with the County for submission of the Plan. He noted the State would prefer the Government Efficiency Plans to be submitted on a County-wide basis.

Mr. Dusek mentioned the possibility of initiating a County-wide centralized purchasing program like the one established by Onondaga County. He said Onondaga County's initiative had been very successful, achieving savings by reducing the number of necessary employees and by receiving better pricing on proposals, as well. He explained that if Warren County wanted to purchase 3 vehicles a proposer would submit a certain price per vehicle; however, he continued, the price per vehicle would be lower if 10 vehicles were sought for various municipalities within Warren County. He stated if the Committee was interested in the concept of centralized purchasing, he would request a representative from Onondaga County to attend a future meeting to explain their program and he added he would ask Julie Butler, Purchasing Agent, to attend, as well. He stated if they established a centralized purchasing program and shared animal control services it would go a long way towards the required 1% savings.

Chairman Geraghty asked if there was a specific form which needed to be submitted and Mr. Dusek replied in the negative noting there would be an electronic online portal for submission of the required documents which had not yet been established. A discussion ensued pertaining to the concept of a centralized purchasing program.

Mr. Conover said there had been many suggestions presented to him in the past few weeks and he commented that a broader plan beyond the Freeze Credit requirement would take some time to plan and implement. He stated all of the items should be placed on a list to be culled and prioritized. He explained that currently it was necessary to develop the Government Efficiency Plan showing a 1% savings to the 2014 tax levy for the June 1, 2015 submission deadline. Chairman Geraghty expressed this would be a great opportunity for municipalities in Warren County to explore the many options for creating efficiencies and garnering savings.

Mr. Dusek recommended that he make arrangements for a representative from Onondaga County and Mrs. Butler to attend a Committee meeting within the next two weeks. At the same meeting, he continued, further discussion could be held on the concept of shared animal control services. In preparation for that meeting, he said, it would be necessary to determine which municipalities

wanted to be included in the joint Government Efficiencies Plan with Warren County. He stated it would be necessary to have the information on which municipalities would be included in the Plan within the next week. He mentioned any of the municipalities that wanted to participate should provide details on any cooperative agreements, shared services or efficiencies that they had initiated with another municipality after January 1, 2015. He noted the details should include a description of the shared services, which municipalities were involved, the savings realized and whether or not those savings were anticipated to continue in 2017, 2018 and 2019. He mentioned the participating municipalities should also inform of any shared services or efficiencies that they wanted to initiate. He reiterated the requirement for 2015 was to develop the Government Efficiency Plan by June 1st and they would then have until 2017 to get all of the necessary intermunicipal agreements in place. He said there was sufficient time to work out the details but the June 1st submission deadline was for the development of the Plan and the certifications. He requested the Town Supervisors to inform him of their intent to participate in the joint Government Efficiency Plan and he noted he would send an email requesting same. He added he would send an additional email requesting information on any cooperative agreements, shared services or efficiencies which had been initiated after January 1, 2015, as well as any that were desired. It was the consensus of the Committee to have Mr. Dusek schedule a meeting within the next two weeks and request the attendance of a representative from Onondaga County, Mrs. Butler and Mr. Fitzgerald to discuss a centralized purchasing program and shared animal control services.

Mr. Dickinson apprised he would have a meeting that afternoon to discuss shared services between the Town and Village of Lake George. He asked if the Village of Lake George would be included in the joint Plan and Mr. Dusek responded that the Village of Lake George and the City of Glens Falls were invited to attend this meeting and would have the opportunity to participate in the joint Plan. Mr. Dickinson stated the Town and Village of Lake George had recently initiated several shared services and he noted he would fill out the survey and return it to Mr. Dusek as soon as possible. Mr. Conover asked if fire districts would be included in the joint Plan and Mr. Dusek responded the centralized purchasing program could include all municipalities and taxing districts. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Merlino advised that the Town of Lake Luzerne had several shared services with the Town of Hadley in Saratoga County and he asked if shared services between two separate Counties would count towards the requirements and Mr. Dusek responded he was unsure of the answer to that question. Mr. Merlino said there was an EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Squad which served both Lake Luzerne and Hadley, as did the fire department. Chairman Geraghty opined that a County-wide EMS program would be a good shared service. Mr. Dusek stated that part of initiating a centralized purchasing program would include the reduction in the necessary staff and he noted some of those employees could be absorbed into the County's Purchasing Department but it would be necessary to show a net savings from initiating the program. He added that any of the Towns which currently employed a purchasing agent might be able to reduce the position from full time to part time.

In answer to a question from Mr. Monroe pertaining to savings derived from capital project costs, Mr. Dusek explained that debt savings were not eligible under the State requirements. Mr. Thomas asked if the MEGA (Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance) Program would qualify and Mr. Dusek responded the County had participated in the program prior to 2012 and he was unsure if it would count. Mr. Thomas commented that the contract would be renewed soon and Mr. Dusek said he would look into whether or not the MEGA Program would qualify. Mr. Thomas informed of a letter he had received from the New York State Association of Towns indicating that Counties which had joined NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) in 2012 or later could calculate their

savings from the program. Mr. Dusek commented that any efficiency which had been initiated in 2012 or later where calculated savings for 2017, 2018 and 2019 could be shown would count towards the 1% savings to the tax levy.

Mr. Simpson said there was another municipal energy program with a two year fixed delivery cost that the New York State Association of Towns had indicated would count towards the requirement. He added the cost was \$.069 per kilowatt and the Town of Horicon had been paying \$.175 per kilowatt. Mr. Dusek cautioned it would be necessary to show projected savings in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

There being no further business to come before the Shared Services Committee, on motion made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Simpson, Mr. Conover adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene DiResta, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist