

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: BUDGET

DATE: JUNE 25, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS THOMAS
MERLINO
STROUGH
WILD
SOKOL
GERAGHTY
FRASIER
DIAMOND
MCDEVITT

OTHERS PRESENT:

RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
HOGAN
LEGGETT
SIMPSON
KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST-STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: BEATY
DICKINSON

Please note the following contains a summarization of the June 25, 2019 meeting of the Budget Committee; the meeting in it's entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:
<https://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2019/budget/>

Mr. Thomas called the meeting of the Budget Committee to order at 11:39 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to the Committee members and a copy of same is on file with the minutes.

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. Thomas stated the purpose of today's meeting was to discuss establishing multiple reserves for the future. He suggested a reserve should be set up for SUNY Adirondack because he felt Warren and Washington Counties were not living up to their expectations, as they should be contributing 20% not 11% of the budget; however, Mr. Thomas noted, if Warren County was going to contribute more, Washington County would have to do the same. Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, notified the College received a grant that was not entirely for College use. Mr. Strough expounded that the College received funds from the State, the Counties, as their sponsors, and tuition contributions from students.

Other suggestions for reserves included Mr. Geraghty's idea of establishing a reserve for Municipal buildings; Mr. Wild's suggestion of establishing a general reserve for when there was a downturn in the economy; Chairman Conover's suggestion of a reserve for building stock and equipment; Mr. Strough's idea of establishing a reserve for road maintenance; and Mr. Diamond's suggestion that a reserve be established for support of the Cool Insuring Arena. Mr. Sokol noted that another idea would be to invest funds in CD's (*Certificate of Deposit*). Mr. Moore informed they were working with NYCLASS (*New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System*) to receive lower interest rates from local banks.

Mr. Thomas advised he intended to ask Mr. Moore to work with the County Treasurer to provide assistance in

establishing reserves and discussion would continue throughout the 2020 Budget process.

There being no further business to come before the Budget Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strough and seconded by Mr. Wild, Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist