

Minutes

Administrative Services Committee

May 17, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Davis, Starks, Vanstrom, Muldowney

Member Absent: Scudder

Others: Tampio, Ames, Dennison, DeAngelo, Meleen, Button, Abdella, Crow, Chagnon

Vice Chair Vanstrom called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (04/19/21)

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator Muldowney.

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Clerk Tampio: We have no communications.

Proposed Resolution – FY19 Cyber Security Grant Program

Mr. DeAngelo: This is a grant that we've gone after for at least three years now. The first year we did get it, last year, we did not and this year we were fortunate to get the full amount. Fifty thousand is the maximum amount that you can ask for so we got the full amount which is great. We plan on spending this to upgrade some of our cyber software that we use. A lot related to our remote access to kind of strengthen those remote users. Making sure that we are keeping our network safe and then another piece of it will go to do some more in depth technical training for our I.T. staff in and around cyber. So, that is our plan. We've already found a vendor for the training and have been working with the administrator of the grant. They've already approved that vendor and the training so we'll get started on the training piece almost immediately after this is approved and then get the software upgraded probably by the end of the year. We have until August of 2022 to spend the funds so this is a good thing. There is no match, no ongoing costs, so this is something that we go after and we were lucky to get it this year. Any questions?

Legislator Starks: Congratulations. I love no match.

Legislator Muldowney: No local share, good job.

Vice Chair Vanstrom: Any other discussion? All those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Distribution of Mortgage Taxes

Vice Chair Vanstrom: Grand total is \$987,115.90. Any questions?

Legislator Muldowney: Does anyone know, is this about normal or are we a little high?

Ms. Meleen: It is higher than it was in November. In November it was \$926,825.45 and then a year ago it was \$734,373.53, so considerably higher from a year ago.

Legislator Davis: Would you assume that reflects more sales or just higher home values?

Ms. Meleen: I think because it's a sellers' market and everything is going pretty quickly and their asking price are more.

Ms. Crow: Our mortgage tax revenues have been trending up at least for two years now but especially did last year and appears *(inaudible)*..

Legislator Muldowney: O.k., like last year because of the pandemic, it wasn't really lower and that \$700,000 and maybe this is an unfair question but, is that higher than the year before?

Ms. Crow: Just recalling off the top of my head, mortgage tax receipts for 2020 exceeded our budget and were at least as high as 2019. It might have been a little higher.

Legislator Muldowney: They are going up, that sounds great.

Vice Chair Vanstrom: Any more comments or questions?

Unanimously Carried

Discussion - Update on Postponed 2020 County Tax Foreclosure – Abdella

Legislator Muldowney: I would like to make that motion that Steve suggested that we do. Extending the deadline to November 1st, is that what I heard correctly Steve?

Mr. Abdella: Yes and upon your direction and the rest of the committee we would draft that resolution and prefile it in the committee's name at the end of this week for the full Legislature.

Legislator Muldowney: So what do you need from us, a motion?

Mr. Abdella: The motion as you stated will be fine.

Legislator Starks: If Kevin makes that motion, I'll be happy to second it.

Vice Chair Vanstrom: All those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Other

Mr. Abdella: I do have an item for executive session that came up unexpectedly involving the potential sale of real property. And barring any other business of the committee, I would ask for a motion to go into executive session for that purpose and also ask all the County's finance officials to stay for that executive session.

Legislator Starks: I will make a motion that we move into executive session.

Legislator Davis: Second.

Mr. Abdella: And I will just state for the record that will be for the purpose of discussing the potential sale of real property.

Unanimously Carried

Committee moved into executive session at 5:25 p.m.

Legislator Muldowney: Move to come out of executive session.

Legislator Davis: Second.

Unanimously Carried

Committee reconvened at 5:36 p.m.

MOVED by Legislator Davis, SECONDED by Legislator Starks to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (5:37 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Kathy K. Tampio, Clerk/Olivia Ames, Deputy Clerk/Lori J. Foster, Sr. Stenographer