

Minutes

Administrative Services Committee

September 13, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Rm #331

Livestreamed on Chautauqua County Facebook Page

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Scudder, Davis, Starks, Vanstrom, Muldowney

Others: Tampio, Ames, Chagnon, Dennison, Bentley, Meleen

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

Approval of Minutes (08/16/21)

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator Vanstrom.

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Norman Green – 54 Oneida Drive, Dewittville, N.Y. (*Inaudible*), I'll try not to repeat myself. I think that the American Rescue Plan (*inaudible*) work has been done in Chautauqua County (*inaudible*) from the standpoint of (*inaudible*) newspaper said it, a select group put together, reviewed everything and more importantly this money was awarded to Chautauqua County. It wasn't awarded to just the departments that are Chautauqua County government services. I mean, on this point, Ellicott, Jamestown, Fredonia, Dunkirk, wasn't included in the conversation, wasn't included and that money should be used for projects in those communities. An example that we looked at was this funding of the sewer (*inaudible*). Absolutely, everybody thinks that good sewer, good water, how can anybody argue against that but the truth is, we have sewage plants in Dunkirk, we have sewage plants in Fredonia, actually it's in the Town of Dunkirk outside the most (*inaudible*). We have a reservoir in the Village of Fredonia that has problems. Some people have said, well, Dunkirk and Jamestown got this huge amounts of money. They are entitlement communities and the law was written in such a way that entitlement communities was supposed to be getting some extra funding. Why are they entitlement communities? They are entitlement communities because of huge amounts of poverty. I would ask that Legislators go back and start over. There is plenty of time here to include all of the people that are paying taxes in Chautauqua County that we awarded this money. All of the communities in Chautauqua County, Dunkirk, Fredonia, Ellicott, Jamestown, have been left out. I understand how that happened but it's absolutely not right and that funding needs to go to these communities. In my mind, the two biggest (*inaudible*) we have in Chautauqua County has been identified over, over, and over again are the two "P's", right? You know the two "P's", poverty and population loss. We are the second most impoverished county

in Western New York. I think your reports said we were the third most impoverished county, if I recall correctly, in all of New York State. Very little addressing of poverty in that. Very little of the question that I think every request should have been asked was, how is this going to help us reverse the population loss in Chautauqua County or reverse the poverty loss? I'm going to listen to all of you on Facebook and thank you for your time.

Proposed Resolution – Quit Claim Deeds - RPTS Director – Kim Meleen

Unanimously Carried

Discussion – American Rescue Plan Money Projects – Budget Director Kathleen Dennison

Other

Proposed Resolution – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan – (No action taken)

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

Unanimously Carried (6:32 p.m.)

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