

## **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

**January 20, 2016**

**NOT APPROVED**

**Committee Members Present:** C. Jessup, P. Curran, K. Graves, D. Healy, K. LaForge, T. O'Grady, D. Pullen, D. Root, C. Crandall (Absent: D. Fanton)

**Others Present:** H. Budinger, J. Budinger, S. Burt, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, R. Ewell, R. Hollis, J. Hopkins, C. Knapp, J. Margeson, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, R. Scott, R. Sobeck-Lynch, I. Whitehouse,

**Media Present:** B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Ways & Means Committee Chairman Charles Jessup.

### **Real Property Tax**

Director Joe Budinger requested permission to sell the recently replaced plotters. He said usually they give the equipment to the Department of Public Works (DPW) to dispose of them, but Mr. Budinger feels like they still have some value. Mr. Budinger stated he will still sign them over to the DPW, but put out a request for sealed bids to see if anyone is interested in purchasing them. He noted this would deviate from standard practice. Legislator Pullen asked if there was a downside to doing this. Mr. Budinger replied no because if they don't get any bids nothing is lost. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried.

### **Acceptance of Insurance Recovery**

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle requested a resolution accepting a check in the amount of \$235 from New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) representing the cost to replace a windshield on a Sheriff's Office 2008 Dodge Durango (#5025). The cracked windshield was discovered at 1:27 p.m. on December 14, 2015. The funds should be appropriated to 2015 Accounts Receivable CS1931.429 (Risk Retention – Uninsured Property Loss) with a like sum placed in revenue account CS1930.2680.00 (Insurance Recovery). The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Orleans County Resolutions**

Legislator Jessup noted there were two resolutions from Orleans County. The first resolution is supporting New York State's Constitutional Home Rule. Legislator Graves stated the problem is, "New York State tends to paint things with the same brush." For example, you can either adopt the New York State Building and Fire Code or write your own. He said he doesn't know of any town or village that has the capability of writing their own Building and Fire Code. The New York State Building and Fire Code has become so stringent. Legislator Graves said you have to get a building permit to replace a roof on a house or rewire an outlet. He is not sure of the positive benefits of home rule for Allegany County. Legislator Graves said New York State has set the bar so high that the municipalities have no choice but to enforce the New York State Building and Fire Code. Legislator Jessup stated he didn't know what Article X was. County Attorney Tom Miner stated it did not make sense because Article X is irrelevant to this

issue. He feels like there is something missing in the resolution. Legislator Root made a motion to table this resolution, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

The second resolution from Orleans County concerns Fuel Zone Pricing. Legislator O'Grady stated he didn't know enough about the issue to comment on it. Legislator Graves stated he was opposed to the resolution. Legislator Graves said he doesn't know who controls the zones. His family drove from Jamestown, New York, to Orange County near New York City. He reported in Jamestown gas was \$1.80 a gallon, \$1.97 near New York City, and around \$2.14 in Allegany County. Legislator Curran said apparently there is a pipeline delivery across the middle of the state that goes from east to west. Orleans County is at the end, and there is a higher cost for fuel. Chairman Crandall stated both of the resolutions came from Orleans County and are moving up to the state level. He noted if they are important, they will go to InterCounty. Chairman Crandall suggested learning more about the resolutions at InterCounty. Legislator Root made a motion to table this resolution, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Scott, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators