REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislator Jareo.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Chairman Gray read a Proclamation and declared September 11, 2020 as Overdose Awareness & Remembrance Day in Jefferson County.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION, IF REQUESTED

The August Session minutes stand approved in the absence of objection or correction.

PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Finance & Rules Committee reported favorably on resolutions referred from other jurisdictional committees.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

The County Treasurer provided a report on Investments and Cash in Banks as of July 31, 2020.

The County Administrator provided a report on Budget Transfers for August, 2020.

The County Auditor provided a report on Erroneous Assessments for August, 2020.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution 166

Authorizing an Agreement with the New York State Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund Regarding Several Environmental Remediation Sites in Jefferson County.

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, Tax Map Parcel Number 112.36-1-31 in the Town of Adams (19-21 VFW Drive) is a former petroleum distribution site that has been recently cleaned by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and

Whereas, Tax Map Parcel Number 73.73-1-7 in the Town of Brownville (680 Main St.) is a former gas station site that has recently been subject to a underground storage tank removal by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and

Whereas, Tax Map Parcel Number 106.09-2-46 in the Town of Henderson (8851 NYS Rte 178) is a former gas station site that has recently been subject to an underground storage tank removal by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and

Whereas, Tax Map Parcel Numbers 74.18-1-37.1 and 74.18-1-37.3 in the Town of Pamelia (22220 and 22214 US Rte 11) is a former heavy construction equipment maintenance and storage site that has been recently cleaned by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and

Whereas, There is a significant lien against each property as a result of the environmental cleanup costs incurred by NYS DEC, and

Whereas, In addition, each property is significantly delinquent in the payment of real property taxes and Jefferson County, and

Whereas, The County has negotiated with the NYS Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund (hereinafter "Spill Fund") to obtain a release for itself and any future owner of the property holding said parties harmless from the cost of cleanup for the existing spill on the site, and

Whereas, The terms of the agreement with the Spill Fund require the County to pay to the Spill Fund upon sale of the premises 50% of the sale proceeds following auction sale of the parcels.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board to execute an agreement with the Spill Fund as outlined above, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 167

Authorizing the Sale of Certain Tax Foreclosure Property to the Town of Champion.

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, the County of Jefferson foreclosed on two parcels of land in the Town of Champion identified as Tax Map Nos. 85.15-1-14 and 85.15-1-31 for 2017 tax liens, and

Whereas, Said parcels consist of the former Champion Volunteer Fire Department (hereinafter "CVFD") and its building, and

Whereas, the Town of Champion, under the auspices of an involuntary dissolution of the Champion Volunteer Fire Department in Jefferson County Supreme Court, is participating in a plan to distribute the chattel and real property of the former CVFD to remaining fire protection districts within the Town, and

Whereas, the Town of Champion desires to purchase title to the real property of the former CVFD from the County for the purpose of utilizing the location and building as a satellite fire station for the West Carthage Fire Department for the sum of \$1.00, and

Whereas, The *Ad Hoc* Committee on Real Property Tax Foreclosure matters has reviewed and approved this proposed offer.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all necessary documents for the conveyance of the above parcel to the Town of Champion for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), and in the event the Town ever conveys the real property to a non-municipal entity, all taxes due and owing to the County at the time of foreclosure shall be reimbursed to the County up to the amount of the purchase price, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Legislator Peck thanked the Finance & Rules Committee and Board for their consideration of this resolution. He and said it will allow the volunteer fire department in the hamlet of Champion to finally move forward and once the Town receives this property they will be able to transform it into a fully functional fire department again and it will be an asset to the community.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 168

Authorizing Renewal of Agreement with Davis Vision for Vision and Eye Care Benefits Services Management

By Legislator: Allen T. Drake

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolution 68 of 2013, Jefferson County first authorized an agreement with Davis Vision for vision benefits services management, and

Whereas, The current agreement expires on December 31, 2020, and

Whereas, For the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024, Davis Vision will provide vision benefits services management at the same rate as set forth in the prior agreement.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute such renewed agreement with Davis Vision on behalf of Jefferson County for the period set forth above, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 169

Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to the Workers' Compensation Fund

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Jefferson County is required by law to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage to its employees and has elected to provide those benefits through a self insured plan funded within the County Budget, and

Whereas, The Amount budgeted for legal fees is projected to be exceeded due to increased need for services, and

Whereas, Funds are available in the Payment of Claims account line.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget be amended as follows:

Increase:

35171000 04411 Legal Fees \$30,000

Decrease:

35172000 04626 Payment of Claims 30,000

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 170

Approval of a Line of Credit for the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, border crossings at the Thousand Islands Bridge Crossing (the "Bridge") have been restricted to essential traffic only resulting in a temporary reduction of Bridge crossings and revenue derived therefrom; and

Whereas, On May 5th, 2020, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators by Resolution Number 123 approved the request of the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority (the "Authority") to borrow up to one million five hundred thousand dollars pursuant to a line of credit with a local banking institution; and

Whereas, Restricted travel at the border has been extended beyond what was originally anticipated since the adoption of Resolution Number 123; and

Whereas, The Authority now believes that a larger line of credit should be secured to support its operations during the period of restricted border travel at the Bridge for cash flow purposes in supporting its general operations and meeting its financial obligations with respect to previously committed capital projects, while preserving its reserves and investments to the maximum extent; and

Whereas, The Authority proposes to obtain an additional five million dollars in credit through a new line of credit for a total of six million five hundred thousand dollars through one or more financial institutions; and

Whereas, The Authority proposes to pledge its accounts receivable and equipment as security for the line of credit; and

Whereas, Pursuant to the New York State Public Authorities Law, Title 4, Section 578 (21), the Authority is granted the power to borrow money and issue its negotiable bonds and notes or other obligations for any of its corporate purposes and to provide for and secure the payment thereof; and

Whereas, Pursuant to the New York State Public Authorities Law, Title 4, Section 581 (7), the Authority is granted the power to and is authorized to issue negotiable notes and renewals thereof for any corporate purpose of the Authority in conformance with the applicable provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code provided, however, that it shall not issue such notes in an aggregate amount of one hundred thousand dollars without the prior approval of the Board of Legislators duly adopted, and such note, including the renewals thereof, shall not exceed five years from the date of issue of the original note, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Legislators; and

Whereas, Pursuant to the New York State Public Authorities Law, Title 4, Section 583, the note or notes of the Authority pursuant to the line of credit shall not be and shall never be a debt or obligation of Jefferson County, NY, nor shall Jefferson County, NY be liable thereon; and

Whereas, The Board of Legislators, after due inquiry, believes that the Authority obtaining a new line of credit by way of a refinancing of the prior line of credit or by obtaining an additional line of credit in the total principal amount of six million five hundred thousand dollars as set forth

above is prudent under the circumstances and is in the Authority's best interest for the purposes set forth herein.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the borrowing by the Authority pursuant to a line of credit or lines of credit in the total principal amount of six million five hundred thousand dollars is hereby approved, and the Authority may give its note or notes in accordance therewith; and be it further

Resolved, That the pledging of the Authority's accounts receivable and equipment to secure a line or lines of credit in the total principal amount of six million five hundred thousand dollars is hereby approved, and the Authority may give a security interest to its lending institution(s) in and to the same; and be it further

Resolved, That the re-payment term of the line or lines of credit note or notes, and any renewals thereof, shall not exceed five years from the date of the original note without the further resolution of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators.

Seconded by Legislator: William W. Johnson

Legislator Maxon asked if we expect Federal stimulus aid or aid from Canada to make up for any of the shortfall in revenue with the Bridge closed. Administrator Hagemann advised that he was not aware of any stimulus aid that may be available or in the works. He said the Bridge Authority is financially secure and this is only a precautionary step in case the border stays closed longer than anyone anticipates. He said TIBA doesn't want to deplete their entire fund balance so their plan is to slowly draw down the line of credit, as needed, and only as much as needed not necessarily the whole \$6.5 million right away. He pointed out that the line of credit repayment is only for five years. Legislator Reed added that TIBA just finished up a couple rather costly projects for the new EZ Pass, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant that may help day-to-day operational expenses.

Chairman Gray said he would abstain from voting on this resolution due to a potential conflict of interest. At the time of the last TIBA line of credit resolution the County did not know which bank they would use. Since that time TIBA chose a bank that pays a salary to Chairman Gray so he felt it only proper that he abstain from voting on this resolution out of an abundance of caution.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Drake, Doldo, Ferris, Peck, Calarco, Cantwell, Reed, Grant, Nabywaniec,

McBride, Maxon, Johnson, Montigelli

Absent: Jareo

Abstain: Gray

Resolution No. 171

Authorizing Agreement in Relation to the FY20 Emergency Management Performance Grant and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Whereas, Jefferson County has been awarded a FY20 Emergency Management Performance Grant - COVID 19 Supplemental from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) on behalf of Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$25,409 for the period of January 27, 2020 through July 31, 2021, and

Whereas, Said grant requires a local match of \$25,409, identified as laptop computers purchased by County Information Technolgy for COVID-19 response, and

Whereas, The County must enter into an agreement with the New York State DHSES to receive this grant for decontamination and disinfection supplies/equipment and personal protective equipment to protect from exposure to COVID-19 virus during mass testing and/or mass vaccination, and

Whereas, DHSES now processes grants through an electronic format.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the County of Jefferson hereby accepts the said grant award, and the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents as may be required to fulfill the requirements of this grant award on behalf of Jefferson County, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

01341000 94305	Federal Aid Homeland Security	\$25,409
Expenditure		
013414000 04111	Trackable Durable Items	\$17,500

Operating Supplies

Seconded by Legislator: Robert D. Ferris

Roll Call Vote

013414000 04585

Ayes: Doldo, Reed, Maxon, Montigelli, Johnson, Ferris, Nabywaniec, Drake, Grant,

7.909

Peck, McBride, Calarco, Cantwell, Gray

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 172

Amending the 2020 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating Same in Fire and Emergency Management Department Budget

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, An external power surge occurred on or about June 7 at the Dry Hill Tower site in the Town of Watertown resulting in damaged equipment, including a generator and surge suppression box, and

Whereas, Insurance recovery for the repair costs will be \$73,461.60, which is less the \$5,000 deductible being covered by the budgeted expenditure line.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

01341000 92680 Insurance Recoveries \$ 73,461.60

Expenditure

01341500 04114 Maintenance \$ 73,461.60

Seconded by Legislator: Corey Y. Grant

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Grant, McBride, Ferris, Peck, Drake, Calarco, Montigelli, Johnson, Doldo, Reed,

Cantwell, Nabywaniec, Maxon, Gray

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 173

Authorizing Agreements With Jefferson County Public Safety Agencies for the Lending of Subscriber Radio Units Compatible with Jefferson County's Upgraded

Emergency Management Radio System

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, Jefferson County is about to complete and begin use of an upgraded interoperable public safety radio system for countywide radio communication between fire protection, law enforcement, emergency medical, ambulance and public service agencies in Jefferson County, and

Whereas, Existing mobile radio equipment will no longer function on the new system, Jefferson County has committed to assisting public safety agencies by providing compatible subscriber radio units at no cost to the various agencies, and

Whereas, The Subscriber radio units will remain the property of the County of Jefferson, and the individual public safety agencies will be responsible for upkeep, maintenance, insurance, and eventual replacement for each unit, and

Whereas, A total of 938 subscriber radio units have been allocated for the above purpose.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Director of Fire and Emergency Management for Jefferson County is hereby authorized and directed to enter into agreements with the various public safety agencies utilizing the Jefferson County EMS radio system for the allocation of subscriber radio units on the terms set forth above, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

In response to questions regarding issues with pagers that have not been operating properly in the Southern end of the County, Legislator Doldo said they were only aware of issues in Carthage that are being worked on, and didn't even know there were issues in the Southern end of the County. He said it is important for organizations to keep Fire & Emergency Management informed of issues so they can be fixed.

In response to questions regarding equipment for the Champion tower, Legislator Doldo said the issue needs to be brought to the Radio Committee for discussion.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 174

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (CR 189 over Grunley Creek), Appropriating Funds Therefor and Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, A Project for the Replacement of CR 189 over Grunley Creek, PIN 775388 (the "Project") is eligible for Funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds, and

Whereas, By Resolution 153 of 2019, the County of Jefferson approved the above project by making a commitment of \$150,000 for the cost of the Preliminary Engineering/Design Phase, and

Whereas, The County of Jefferson desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the cost of All Phases of the Project.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators does hereby approve the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Jefferson County Treasurer to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the Final Design Phase of the Project or portions thereof, and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of \$250,000, which includes the Final Design Phase of the Project, or so much thereof as is necessary is hereby appropriated from Account 20511300 02859 in the 2020 County Budget, and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That in the event the full federal and non-federal share of the costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Jefferson County Board of Legislators shall convene to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators thereof, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal and State Aid, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and substance, on behalf of the County of Jefferson with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs, and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefor that are not federal-or State-aid eligible, and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and be it further

Resolved, That this Resolution shall take effect immediately, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue

 20900600 94592
 Federal Aid Bridges
 \$ 80,000

 20000000 30599
 Appropriated Fund Balance
 20,000

Expenditure

20511300 02859 CR 189 over Grunley Creek (Q17) \$ 100,000

and be it further

Resolved, That the six year capital plan is amended accordingly.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel R. McBride

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McBride, Maxon, Grant, Reed, Nabywaniec, Cantwell, Johnson, Peck, Calarco,

Montigelli, Doldo, Drake, Ferris, Gray

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 175

Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Cape Vincent for Transfer of Ownership of Culvert E019 and Amending the County Highway Map in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

Whereas, By Resolution 76 of 1999 this Board authorized the "Jurisdictional Road Reclassification Program" providing for the transfer of certain roads and parts thereof to the Town in which the road is located upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, and

Whereas, Sections 115-b and 115-c of New York Highway Law provide the County Board of Legislators with the authority, upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent and pursuant to a written agreement with the governing body of a town, to remove portions of roads including culverts from the highway system upon the adoption of a resolution, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County Highway Superintendent has recommended the removal of Culvert E019 located in the Town of Cape Vincent on the town road called Branche Road from the County Highway System and that ownership of said culvert be transferred to the Town of

Cape Vincent as hereinafter set forth.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators and the Highway Superintendent are hereby authorized to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Cape Vincent to transfer ownership of Culvert E019 to the Town, and be it further

Resolved, That upon conveyance of the above described section of county highway to the Town of Cape Vincent, it shall be deleted from the Jefferson County Highway System Map, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators and County Attorney are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the transfer of ownership as above described.

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 176

Amending the 2020 County Budget Relative to Office for the Aging

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) provides state aid to reimburse local Office for Aging departments for maintenance-in-lieu-of-rent paid to their counties, and

Whereas, Jefferson County entered into an agreement with the Office for the Aging pursuant to Resolution 141 of 2014 to collect annual maintenance-in-lieu-of-rent for the space the Office occupies in the County Office Building, at whatever amount is authorized to be reimbursed by NYSOFA, and

Whereas, Annual appropriations for this function have remained at \$10,000 while the documented value has risen to \$32,000, resulting in the opportunity to optimize reimbursement within NYSOFA's authorization by collecting the full value, and

Whereas, There are funds available for transfer within the personal services account due to vacancies.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01677200 04210 Building/Property Rental \$22,000

Decrease:

01677200 01100 Personal Services \$22,000

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 177

Authorizing Agreement with DUFLO SPRAY-CHEMICAL INC Relative to Aerial Spraying to Mitigate Eastern Equine Encephalitis and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, Jefferson County has had several confirmed cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) among horses, and

Whereas, EEE, is a very rare but serious virus spread by the bite of a mosquito that can infect humans as well as other species, and there is no human vaccine nor specific treatment available, and

Whereas, The plan to conduct aerial mosquito spraying to mitigate EEE risk was developed in conjunction with regional and state experts including the NYS Departments of Health and of Environmental Conservation, and

Whereas, DUFLO SPRAY-CHEMICAL INC can provide aerial spraying at the cost of \$3.90 per acre to mitigate EEE risk.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with DUFLO SPRAY-CHEMICAL INC for the purposes stated above during the period of August 10, 2020 through December 31, 2021, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01405100 04416 Professional Fees \$50,000

Decrease:

01405100 01100 Personal Services \$50,000

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

In response to questions Mr. Hagemann advised that the contract extends into next year just in case a second spraying is needed, and he was not aware of the result of any further mosquito trapping by Public Health. There being no further discussion, all members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 178

Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to Public Health Department Accounts

By Legislator: Jeremiah J. Maxon

Whereas, The Jefferson County Public Health Service provides home health services, and

Whereas, Additional funds are needed in the home care temporary account, due to gaps in full-time positions, and fluctuating service demands for temporary and part-time employees, and

Whereas, There are funds available within the Public Health Service personal services account for transfer, due to vacancies.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That the 2020 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

01405000 01110 Temporary \$97,000

Decrease

01405000 01100 Personal Services 97,000

Seconded by Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 179

Accepting Funding for New Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID-19 Local Health Department Allocation Funding, Establishing a Typist Position Within Public Health and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Anthony J. Doldo

Whereas, The NYS Department of Health and HRI have advised Jefferson County Public Health Service of the allocation of Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID – 19 funding to be used for increased capacity to enhance detection, surveillance, case and contact investigation and prevention of COVID-19, and

Whereas, JCPHS will receive funding in the amount of \$303,148 for additional staffing for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for coordination, case and contact investigations, and reporting related to COVID-19 crisis response and prevention, and

Whereas, The Public Health Director has determined that part-time, temporary and full-time staffing will be needed.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Jefferson County hereby accepts said funding for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to sign any and all documents necessary to accept said funding, subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the position of Typist be created in the Public Health Department Preventive Unit (4051-022), and be it further

Resolved, That the 2020 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01405000 94489 Fed Aid Other Health \$7	75,787
Expenditure	
01405100 01100-022 Personal Services \$	8,750
01405100 01110 Prevent Temporary 5	52,800
01405100 01300 Prevent Overtime	5,727
01405100 08010 Retirement	875
01405100 08020 Health Benefits	2,535
01405100 08030 Social Security	5,100

Seconded by Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Doldo, Johnson, Cantwell, McBride, Reed, Grant, Peck, Montigelli, Drake, Ferris,

Maxon, Nabywaniec, Calarco, Gray

Absent: Jareo

Resolution passed.

Chairman Gray said in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 203 we will be undertaking a local process for a Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. He said he is considered the "convener", the Sheriff is considered the "presentor" and there is a list of community stakeholders that have to be involved, as well as other "also serves" that will be brought in periodically throughout the process. It will require staff time from Administration,

Sheriff, District Attorney, and the Public Defender, and a Plan has to be written and approved by April 1, 2021. The Plan entails sourcing feedback from the public throughout the County and is a chance for us to instill good will between the community and law enforcement. Every agency in the County that has a police force has to go through this exercise. In speaking to some of the Mayors in the County they agreed that it doesn't make sense for staff to visit 16 different municipalities to do presentations so parts of the process will be done collaboratively, however each municipality will have to pass its own plan. Everyone has seen what is happening on a national level and this is an opportunity to build a relationship between our police force and the community so these events aren't simmering out there. He said a planning meeting will be convened soon and legislators can expect to hear and see more about this.

Chairman Gray entertained a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations. Such motion was made by Legislator Montigelli seconded by Legislator Johnson and the Board entered Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 6:50 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Peck and unanimously carried.

In response to questions Mr. Hagemann advised that the Transfer Station has been extremely busy in terms of both solid waste and recycling. Recycling material is still going down in pricing, but we are in a better position than those using single stream as we have a better, cleaner product and we are not paying to get rid of it. Legislator Reed added the Transfer Station is a good asset to the community and when real numbers for solid waste/recycling are available he will distribute them to Board members.

There being no further business of the Board, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Hagemann, III

Clerk of the Board