

Present: Legislator Bausch, Cianfrini, Clattenburg, Stein. Also Present: Legislature Clerk LaGrou, Legislator Davis, DeJaneiro, Young, Deleo, County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Landers, Human Resource Director Cleveland, Elections Deputy Melissa Gaebler, Deputy County Treasurer Andrews, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Executive Secretary Jasinski, Daily News reporter Mallory Diffenbach and Batavian reporter Howard Owens.

Chair Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room. New County Attorney Kevin Earl was welcomed. The minutes from the December 7, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Deputy County Treasurer Kevin Andrews presented an amendment to the 2017 Tax Warrants resulting from an error found in the Town of LeRoy's figures. The error was corrected prior to the warrants being mailed. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Mr. Andrews proceeded with a review of property tax exemptions and made reference to a chart prepared for the committee that included a list of exemptions offered by Genesee County and the number of municipalities offering the same from adjacent counties. Mr. Andrews explained that exemptions had not been reviewed recently. Discussion included state mandated exemptions and clarification on when exempt organizations are charged due to revenue generating business activity. Committee members stated they are satisfied with exemptions offered to county residents and do not want to make changes.

Mr. Andrews presented a resolution that gives the Treasurer authority to perform the duties of the tax levying body in regard to Real Property Tax Law 554 and 556. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein.

Deputy Elections Commissioner Melissa Gaebler and Ways & Means Chairman Bausch explained a special election resulting from a petition filed in the Town of Byron. Mr. Bausch explained that he met with the Elections Commissioners and reviewed the Town's request for assistance. He stated the Town is seeking technical assistance from the County Elections Department. Elections Commissioners clearly explained the Town will be responsible for the cost of the election but with a formal request, the County Elections Department will assist with moving equipment to the polling site, set up of machines, ballots and inspectors among other needs. All costs will be charged back to the Town. Elections will make this county policy.

STOP-DWI Coordinator Matt Landers presented a resolution to reappoint Jocelyn Sikorski to the STOP-DWI Board. He explained that she serves as Chair of the board and is interested in serving another term through December 31, 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Stein.

The following referrals were from the Human Service Committee upon motion of Legislator Stein:

Reappointment-Mental Health Community Services Board for 2017 seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Advisory Council-Reappointments seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Appointment-Genesee County Youth Board seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

County Manager Gsell asked Legislators to review and consider the information e-mailed to them pertaining to a department merger concept. He explained it is preliminary and he is asking for their comments and questions. He stated the timeframe is February/ March and needs several layers of approvals.

Clerk LaGrou presented a resolution for Local Law Introductory NO. One, year 2017 in relation to the salaries of county officers who are elected or appointed for a fixed term. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.


Next, Clerk LaGrou presented a resolution listing additional boards and county employees to be covered by the Ethics and Disclosure law. It was explained the local law passed in 1992 names several county officers and boards however, since that time new positions and boards with policy-making responsibilities have been created. The resolution should be brought to the legislature each year. Legislator Clattenburg asked if there were any new boards or positions listed and was informed there are not. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein.

The Clerk reported the next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

Chair Bausch asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss possible litigation with the County Self Insurance Plan.

The Ways & Means Committee meeting reconvened at 5:14 PM upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.



Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
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