

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, April 26, 2021 - 10:00 AM

James Monty, Chairperson  
Thomas Scozzafava, Vice-Chairperson

Chairman Monty called this Ways and Means Committee to order at 10:00 am with the following Supervisors in attendance: Clayton Barber, Robin DeLoria, Archie Depo, Stephanie DeZalia, Shaun Gilliland, Joseph Giordano, Roy Holzer, Kenneth Hughes, Steve McNally, Jim Monty, Noel Merrihew, Tom Scozzafava, Jeffrey Subra, Ike Tyler, Joe Pete Wilson and Davina Winemiller. Charlie Harrington and Jay Rand were excused.

Department Heads present: James Dougan, Judy Garrison, Dan Palmer, Dave Reynolds and Dan Manning.

Also present: Matt Watts

Media present: Sun News, Tim Rowland

MONTY: Good morning. I will call the ways and means committee to order. Please stand for the pledge. Thank you. Roll call please.

**HUMAN SERVICES**

Monday, April 12, 2021

Chairman – J. Giordano Vice-Chairman - C. Harrington

1. **RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. Tyler, unanimous**
2. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOB WUGHTER AS A MEMBER OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE, FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024. Hughes, Wilson**
3. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,507.04, 2020 CARRY OVER COVID RESPONSE. Winemiller, Depo**
4. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,855.29, 2020 CARRY OVER ATKINSON AWARD. Scozzafava, Giordano**
5. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,853.03, 2020 CARRY OVER MEDICAL RESERVE CORP. Subra, Holzer**
6. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,109,515.85, 2020 CARRY OVER DSRIP. Tyler, Giordano**

7. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,566.00, 2020 CARRY OVER NYSDOH IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN. Subra, Depo**
8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,446.03, 2020 CARRY OVER COVID 19 GRANT. Tyler, Winemiller**
9. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO PURCHASE TWO (2) VEHICLES IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000.00, WITH DSRIP FUNDS. Tyler, Barber**

MONTY: Discussion?

HUGHES: These are non-electric vehicles correct?

PALMER: Right, they would be just regular yes.

MONTY: Any further discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

10. **RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2021 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH. Scozzafava, unanimous**
11. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,346.00, COVID-19 STIMULUS FUNDING. Giordano, Tyler**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Monday, April 12, 2021**

**Chairman – S. McNally Vice-Chairman – I. Tyler**

12. **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE ESSEX COUNTY 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS CALL TAKER/DISPATCHERS DURING NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK APRIL 11-17, 2021. Hughes, unanimous**
13. **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO EMS PROVIDERS IN ESSEX COUNTY DURING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK, MAY 16-22, 2021. Subra, unanimous**

MONTY: We are going to withdraw resolution #14, because we're going to introduce it at regular meeting next Monday on the Local Law authorizing 12 and 13-year-old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during regular season with the supervision of a licensed adult. We can introduce it only at a regular meeting so we will do it but it will be done Monday. I need a motion to withdraw.

14. **WITHDRAWN: RESOLUTION TO BEGIN INTRODUCTION TO A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED, "A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING 12 AND 13 YEAR OLD LICENSED HUNTERS TO HUNT DEER WITH A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW DURING HUNTING SEASON WITH THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED ADULT" Tyler, Hughes**

MONTY: Discussion? No discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESSEX COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT A THREE-YEAR NYS INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$191,496.00 AND DISTRIBUTION GRANT #11 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,832.00 FOR YEAR 1 AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME. Tyler, Scozzafava

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Monday, April 12, 2021

Chairman – I. Tyler Vice-Chairman – R. Holzer

16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,891.57 - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY, JAY EMERGENCY CENTER. Holzer, Depo
17. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,263.00 - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY, GULF BROOK - PHASE 2. Wilson, Winemiller
18. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$748,996.15 - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY, EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSABLE RIVER PROJECT. Wilson, Depo
19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,454,133.79 - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY, GULF BROOK 3/BEEDE BROOK. Wilson, Depo
20. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,465.96 - CLEANER, GREENER. Giordano, DeZalia
21. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION. Giordano, Merrihew

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Monday, April 19, 2021

Chairman – R. DeLoria Vice-Chairman – A. Depo

22. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A DEDUCTION TO A CHANGE ORDER WITH REALE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$31,567.80) FOR THE PHASE 2 GULF BROOK RESTORATION PROJECT LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF KEENE. Wilson, DeLoria

23. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH REALE CONSTRUCTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,800.00, FOR LABOR AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF THE TRACY ROAD, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS. Depo, Scozzafava
24. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH REALE CONSTRUCTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,300.00, FOR LABOR AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION OF TWO SECTIONS OF THE PILFERSHIRE ROAD, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF MORIAH WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS. Scozzafava, Giordano
25. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SCHODER RIVERS ASSOCIATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,800.00, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SIMONDS HILL ROAD OVER THE BOQUET RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS. Merrihew, Depo

**PERSONNEL**

Monday, April 19, 2021

Chairman – S. DeZalia Vice-Chairman – J. Giordano

26. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SEMI-ANNUAL MORTGAGE TAX REPORT 10/01/2020 – 3/31/2021. Scozzafava, DeZalia
27. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE EXTENSION WITH FORT TICONDEROGA ASSOCIATION FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM AND OPTIONS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,222.92, WHICH INCLUDES 3% INCREASE EACH YEAR FOR COLA, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND AMENDMENT BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY. Giordano, Wilson

**FINANCE/TAX REDUCTION/MANDATE RELIEF**

Monday, April 19, 2021

Chairman – T. Scozzafava Vice-Chairman – N. Merrihew

28. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES OBSERVE SUMMER HOURS FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2021. DeZalia, Scozzafava

MONTY: Discussion?

HUGHES: Is this for in person appointments that are not scheduled a head of time? Anybody can just walk in?

PALMER: No, the State still has not allowed DMV to open, everything is by appointment only right

now. Joe was going to check on that. I guess a couple of counties have moved forward without the Governor's permission but I think it was something he was going to look at but right now DMV is still appointment only.

HUGHES: Okay, thank you.

MONTY: Any further questions? All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

**29. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO INCREASE THE PETTY CASH DRAWER IN THE ESSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ELIZABETHTOWN OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZE SETTING UP TWO \$50.00 PETTY CASH DRAWERS AND A \$150.00 CASH DRAWER IN THE ESSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES LAKE PLACID OFFICE FROM BUDGETED FUNDS. Depo, Subra**

**30. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HANNAH CARSON TO SIGN VOUCHERS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX DIRECTOR. Barber, Giordano**

MONTY: Discussion?

HUGHES: What is Ms. Carson's position?

PALMER: She's a Real Property Tax Aide right now. I think she is being promoted to another level title a little higher up.

MONTY: Any other questions? All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

**31. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE OBSERVE SUMMER HOURS FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2021. Scozzafava, Hughes**

MONTY: Discussion?

GIORDANO: We talked about trying to correlate the same months with the Department of Motor Vehicles and County Clerk's office, wasn't there some discussion on that?

GARRISON: He included May.

GIORDANO: You don't have September in there.

MONTY: You don't have September for the Clerk's and Motor Vehicles but have August.

GARRISON: No, not for the County Clerk's office I believe for September but Mike included May.

GIORDANO: Yes, so May, June, July and August for all those departments so just take off September.

GARRISON: No, I think Mike asked to include September.

SCOZZAFAVA: Dan, how many I mean most people that come to Elizabethtown it's not just the one stop shop you might be visiting two or three different departments and I always thought that maybe we need to take these departments that the public usually come to see and put them all

on summer hours? So if you get here at four or three and find one is closed –

PALMER: The majority of our departments are eight to four.

SCOZZAFAVA: Are we all?

PALMER: Yes, a majority of the departments are eight to four.

SCOZZAFAVA: So it's only these two here?

PALMER: Yes, these ones are and actually Clerk of the Board's too are defined in county law as to having to be open from nine to five and the only way you can change those hours is by resolution of this board that's why you see this resolution for these particular departments come up at this time every year but typically every department around here is open eight to four. I mean some of us start earlier. I start at seven and my department goes to five to be honest Linda doesn't leave until five but we're are not controlled by law those other departments are that's why you see those changes.

SCOZZAFAVA: Thank you.

GIORDANO: The only question I had is resolution #28 and this resolution, weren't we trying to correlate them all for the same months?

PALMER: Well we were but I don't know that Mike doesn't want to go beyond August. I think he could if you approved it so I'll have that discussion with him before the regular. He may have originally, I think he did say June to September and then when we moved it back to May start we probably should have moved it back to August but I'll ask him.

MONTY: Any other questions? All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

- 32. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$211,102.78, IN THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT 2020 BUDGET TO CAPITAL PROJECT 13-2. Depo, Hughes**
- 33. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,492.89, CYBER SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM. Hughes, Barber**
- 34. RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND BROADBAND AND RURAL CELLULAR COVERAGE TO ALL NEW YORKERS. Depo, DeZalia**

MONTY: Discussion?

SCOZZAFAVA: On my way here this morning I see, maybe Noel can help me, I see them running cable on Lincoln Pond Road way out by Lincoln Pond.

MONTY: SLIC

SCOZZAFAVA: Who's doing that?

MONTY: SLIC is putting it in.

SCOZZAFAVA: SLIC? So they are headed south.

MONTY: I don't necessarily know they are headed South. I know they are doing Lincoln Pond.

SCOZZAFAVA: They have enough people out there to do that?

MONTY: SLIC has hired as many independents as they possibly can to run fiber for them.

SCOZZAFAVA: I mean enough customers, subscribers?

MONTY: Lincoln Pond? Oh yeah, Lincoln Pond has several probably 30 both ends of the pond.

SCOZZAFAVA: I have areas of thirty and Spectrum won't go near them because they are two miles down the road.

MONTY: I can't speak on that. I understand your pain.

SCOZZAFAVA: Exactly.

MONTY: Also so you're aware, let's vote on this. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried. The North Country Broadband Alliance which we formed, Mr. Hughes is on that with us, we're putting together a Zoom meeting with Dan Stec's office, Matt Simpson's office, Billy Jones' office and as many small providers as possible because there is pending legislation going in Albany looking for support for these smaller providers these Charters and Spectrums multi-million dollar corporations where the pole tax and the build out taxes are really destroying the small time providers and really something definitely needs to be done so that's coming up probably the middle of May where we sit down and have that meeting and we'll let you know how that goes.

SCOZZAFAVA: Thank you.

PALMER: Jim, can I just go back. Now I do remember what Mike Diskin said on resolution #31, he wanted to wait until after Labor Day because he figured he would have people off so he'll come back full, right after Labor Day but I think there really is a few days' difference between what they are saying. Joe is saying end of August; Mike is saying after Labor Day in September.

MONTY: Thank you.

- 35. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND ESSEX COUNTY RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENERGIZE NY OPEN C-PACE FINANCING PROGRAM WITHIN ESSEX COUNTY AS AUTHORIZED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2021 ENTITLED "ENERGIZE NY OPEN C-PACE FINANCING PROGRAM LOCAL LAW" Merrihew, Giordano**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**36. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH COUNTRY PUBLIC RADIO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A COMMUNICATION ANTENNA AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AT TERRY MOUNTAIN. Merrihew, Depo**

MONTY: Discussion?

HUGHES: Two questions, what is the length of the agreement and does the county collect revenue on that agreement?

MONTY: Max can you come up?

THWAITS: It is a five-year lease with the County collecting \$2,334.03, with a 3% increase each year.

MONTY: Any other questions for Max? Thank you. Any further questions on the resolution? All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

**37. RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #207 OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, FROM THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE; #5. MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT – AMEND TO READ, CONTRACT FOR PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL CONSULTANT, 4 HOURS PER WEEK AT \$220.00 PER HOUR WITH A CONTRACT TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021, FOR 3 YEARS NOT TO EXCEED \$46,000 A YEAR. Giordano, DeZalia**

**38. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OBSERVE SUMMER HOURS FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2021. Tyler, Giordano**

MONTY: And I believe discussion was there after Labor Day coming back.

PALMER: Yeah, that's true. We'll probably move Joe's to that same date just so they are all consistent.

MONTY: Any questions? No questions, signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

**39. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION TO THE ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CORRECTION STAFF IN HONOR OF NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK, MAY 2-10, 2021. Holzer, unanimous**

**40. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 15, 2021, AS NATIONAL PEACE/POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND THE WEEK OF MAY 9-15, 2021, AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK. Tyler, unanimous**

**41. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH VHB ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,200.00 FOR GIS MAP CONVERSION BEYOND THE ORIGINAL SCOPE OF WORK AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$3,000.00 FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY GIS PARCEL VIEWER WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS. Scozzafava, Depo**



MONTY: Discussion?

WINEMILLER: This is for Real Property?

PALMER: Yeah, this is for Real Property they actually had a grant fund that most of the GIS work was done on but once they got into the project they realized these things had to be addressed as well so these are the additional items and we're taking them out of their consulting budget, that is already budgeted.

WINEMILLER: I know in the past couple weeks they had trouble at Real Property with the GIS?

PALMER: That's when they noticed they needed to do these different thing yes.

WINEMILLER: Okay thank you.

MONTY: Any other questions?

HUGHES: I just want to say that the parcel viewer is an awesome tool. I have used it almost every day for something and I'm glad it's available for the public and it is very user friendly so thank you for making it available.

MONTY: Thank you. Any further questions? No further questions, all in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried. Mr. Palmer do you have anything?

PALMER: I don't.

MONTY: Mr. Manning?

MANNING: No.

MONTY: Chairman Gilliland would you like to update us on Covid or anything of that nature Sir?

GILLILLAND: Well we are, people are not getting vaccinated. It has definitely slowed way, way down nationally. Linda I concurred and they are just going to keep going and if they pick up a POD that has 20 people then they have a POD of 20 people. The State has reversed its stance on seven days to use or lose the vaccine but they have rescinded that so please do not pull the pressure off in having people get vaccinated because you know, this thing can come back like gang busters and it seems to be mutating all the time. That's kind of where we are nationally and if we don't use our vaccine they are going to ship it to India so let's put it in our arms first.

MONTY: Any questions for Mr. Gilliland?

HUGHES: It's not a question it's more of a just a statement FYI, yesterday was two weeks after my second dose of Pfizer and I've learned that and you are probably all aware of this too that you can sign up for the Excelsior pass on the Internet so I'm a tech guy and I like that kind of stuff so I actually did and I'm not sure when I will have the opportunity to use it but it was very easy to do and I couldn't do it until two weeks had passed but it's an app for both Android and Apple if you download it will grant permission to certain venues I'm assuming in the future once the infrastructure is there. I was pleased to see New York State working with I think IBM to allow that to happen so it's an opportunity to take for your towns and yourself if you are interested.

MONTY: Glad to know it's up and working. When they first put it out there it was hard to get in and get on.

HUGHES: It took me thirty seconds to get a pass. It was very quick.

MONTY: Thank you.

McNALLY: Is there any guidelines on the Federal stimulus money to the counties?

PALMER: National Association of Counties put out what out their legislative analysis for the American Rescue Plan Act and it gives a good breakdown. What I'll do is I'll PDF that to you guys just so you can have it. It talks about what is supposed to be funded and what's anticipated to be funded. We are also told that we needed to and I'm sure you're all aware as well that we need to get our DUNS numbers and those things in place in the event of the transfer of any funds that would come. My understanding is some of this funding would come and then you're required to spend it according to the guidelines if and fact you don't spend it according to the guidelines they are going to ask you to pay it back. It is intended to be I think a two-year payment. It's over both the '21 and '22 so whatever the amount that was allocated to us and to each of you as individual towns you would get half of it to start, you spend the money, you document how you spend the money, if it's accepted then you get to keep it if and fact you don't spend it properly they are going to ask you to return it. That's my understanding of the process now but I can get you out that American Rescue Plan Act which does kind of break down at least according to the National Association of Counties is what the rule is. I have not seen anything specifically from the Federal Government that says, here's the guidelines and here's what you can spend it on but like I said the National Association of Counties did a nice breakdown of whatever it is.

SCOZZAFAVA: Yes, I was talking to the Comptroller's Office probably a week ago and they told me that they are going to put something together and send it out to the individual towns and villages too.

PALMER: Yes but these funds will my understanding will come directly to counties and towns. They are not passing –

GILLILLAND: Any town or municipality under 50,000 goes through the State.

PALMER: Really?

McNALLY: But there's a time limit for money to be forwarded I believe it's 30 or 60 days.

PALMER: Is that true of the counties too?

GILLILLAND: No, counties are coming directly from the Federal Government.

McNALLY: As summer approaches our town swells in population. Is there any guidelines on 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations or any mass gatherings?

GILLILLAND: I continue to ask and continue to ask and the only thing that comes back is the 200 and 500 rule. You can have 200, if you want 500 you basically have to contact Public Health but other than that 6 foot with a mask outdoors that's the guidance for it.

SCOZZAFAVA: I thought it was 3 foot?

PALMER: No that's schools.

GILLILLAND: That is in schools.

SCOZZAFAVA: So it depends on where you are if it's six foot or three foot?

GILLILLAND: I did ask also when we could remove our mask with this particular venue they checked on that and they have not removed that yet they think sometime around July the CDC will amend it.

SCOZZAFAVA: I just read yesterday where if everybody in a room has been vaccinated and they've been through that period of time, two weeks you don't need a mask. So, obviously we do?

PALMER: The CDC hasn't changed that.

GILLILLAND: The CDC guidance hasn't changed.

DELORIA: To answer your question, the fourth of July has always been the Lions Club chicken BBQ and the way I understand this is first the towns have to decide the event to occur and if so we would authorize such to be done but then the Lions Club would then basically have to come up with their safety plan which is developed around the regulations but it has to be approved by the Essex County Department of Public Health. Shaun is absolutely correct in the 500 rule that's the maximum unfortunately Newcomb has around 1,000/1,200 a day two-hundred would be great but then you're six foot with masks and then you go 500 that triggers this regulation that requires the responsible party which in this case would be the Lions Club to check them at the door and it's like taking somebody's hat well, you know we're going around on that but it doesn't appear that the Lions Club is going to buy into that. They would have to take in and enforce the mandatory regulations as a private entity so I believe they are going to cancel this year but it's one more year, they are not going to change it. We have been on the phone with Steve down in Albany, very helpful but the regulations still stand with no changes.

MONTY: Anything else to come before the board? Nothing else we stand adjourned.

As there was no further discussion to come before this ways and means committee it was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Garrison, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors