ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
MR. BEN HULL, CHAIR
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025
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RUTH A. DOYLE
County Administrator

DAVID FORSYTHE
Chair, Board of Legislators

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –** July 28, 2025

3. **COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON**
   A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement for the Conveyance of 926 South Water Street, Ogdensburg, in Lieu of Foreclosure Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1170 (Res)
   B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Settlement Agreement between Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus Opioid Manufacturers and St. Lawrence County with Respect to an Action Relating to the Opioid Crisis (Res)
   C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the New Restructuring Plan and Settlement Proposal Related to Litigation Regarding the Manufacture and Distribution of Opioids (Res)
   D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Odin Environmental LLC for Phase 1 Environmental Assessment with Respect to Property Owned by Emerson and Eleanor Walker as well as Property Owned by Struick Holdings, LLC (Res)
   E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Jeda Environmental Services under the Blighted Property Program for the Demolition and Abatement of Two (2) Condemned Structures in the Towns of Fine and Potsdam (Res)
   F. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with GCA Excavating & Land Clearing, LLC, under the Blighted Property Program for the Demolition and Abatement of Two (2) Condemned Structures in the Town of Fowler and City of Ogdensburg (Res)
   G. Real Property Tax Law Cancellation of Delinquent Tax Liens (Res)
   H. Real Property Tax Law Prospective Cancellation of Future Tax Liens (Res)

4. **TREASURER – RENEE COLE**
   A. Authorization to Abolish an Assistant Accounting Supervisor Position and Create and Fill an Accounting Supervisor Position in the Treasurer's Office (Res)
   B. Sales Tax Update (Discussion)

5. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law G (No.__) for the Year 2025, “Senior Citizen Exemption Amending Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2010” (Res)

B. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law H (No. __) for the Year 2025, "Amending Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2005, "A Local Law Establishing Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes in Accordance with Section 459-C of the New York State Real Property Tax Law"" (Res)

C. Adopting Local Law F (No. _) for the Year 2025, "To Allow Enrolled Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers to be Eligible for a Real Property Tax Exemption Under RPTL §466-a" (Res)

D. Correction of Errors for New York State Department Exempt (Res)

E. Correction for the Town of Potsdam - Veteran's Exemption (Discussion)

6. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorization to Abolish Two (2) Laborer Positions and Create Two (2) Motor Equipment Operator Positions in the Department of Highways (Res)

7. TRAILS – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for Maintenance of the Multi-Use Trail System (Res)

B. Accepting Funds from the Industrial Development Agency for the Multi-Use Trail System and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office (Res)

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. to Provide Environmental Services Needed to Prepare Appendix A for the Town of Lawrence for the Multi-Use Trail Capital Project (Res)

8. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Solid Waste Department for Equipment Repairs, Building and Property Maintenance, Supplies, Credit Card Fees, and the Fleet Lease (Res)

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services for the Ogdensburg Transfer Station Improvement Project and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Solid Waste Department (Res)

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with NCC Systems for the Procurement, Installation, and Maintenance of New Fire Monitoring Systems at County Transfer Stations (Res)

9. **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD – PAM LEWIS**
   A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Amendment to the Contract with the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board to Reappoint the Executive Director for a Term of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028 (Res)

10. **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE**
    A. Summary of Totals (Info)
    B. Utilities (Info)
    C. Broadband (Info)

11. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE**
    A. 2025 Annual Vacancy Report and Recommendations (Discussion)
    B. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for Upfitting a Vehicle for Safely Moving Furniture, Equipment, and Supplies (Res)
    C. Courthouse Improvement Capital Project Presentation - Corey Mousaw, Project Manager and John Clark, Designer

12. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

13. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
    A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board (Denesha)
    B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 (Sheridan)
    C. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli)
    D. Gouverneur Fair Board (Smithers)
    E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee (Smithers)
    F. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen)
    G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board (Perkins/Webster)
    H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) (Forsythe)
    I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce (Webster)
    J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Burke/Fay)
    K. Buildings & Grounds Committee (Denesha)

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

15. **ADJOURNMENT** – If there is no further business.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF 926 SOUTH WATER STREET, OGDENSBURG, IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §1170

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg, County of St. Lawrence, approached St. Lawrence County in 2025 in relation to a destroyed building located at 926 South Water Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13617 with Tax Map No. 59.023-12-35 which is owned by Sally Lovely, and

WHEREAS, the building, a former residential single family home, was destroyed in a fire in June 2023, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg contacted St. Lawrence County to request that the County clean up the location and proceed to litigation against the owner for the tax delinquency and cleanup costs utilizing the Blighted Property Program established by the County, and

WHEREAS, the property is currently listed as tax delinquent based upon unpaid 2024 and 2025 taxes with an amount of taxes due of $4,789.19 along with interest, penalties, and fees of $1,092.94, and

WHEREAS, rather than commence a foreclosure action against Sally Lovely, the County Attorney discussed with Ms. Lovely the prospect of executing a transfer of the title to the property in lieu of foreclosure, which Ms. Lovely agreed was in her best interests, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1170, "Any tax district may, when authorized by resolution of its governing body and in lieu of prosecuting a proceeding to foreclose a tax lien on any parcel of real property pursuant to this article, accept a conveyance of the interest of any person having any right, title, interest, claim, lien or equity of redemption in or to such parcel," and

WHEREAS, by transferring to the County the deed to the property in lieu of foreclosure, the County may move forward and clean up the property on its own, which is the goal of the Village and the County, and Sally Lovely has agreed to a transfer of the property in lieu of foreclosure,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement for the conveyance of 926 South Water Street, in the City of Ogdensburg in lieu of foreclosure pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1170, upon review and approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Attorney is authorized to file the deed to execute the transfer once the agreement has been signed.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA, INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN, AND ZYDUS OPIOID MANUFACTURERS AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO AN ACTION RELATING TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 2017, St. Lawrence County, through its law firm Simmons, Hanly, Conroy, P.C. joined a class action lawsuit with numerous other municipal entities against pharmaceutical companies, drug manufacturers and distributors, which included Purdue Pharma, and

WHEREAS, Purdue Pharma, Abbott Laboratories, Johnson & Johnson (also known as "Janssen"), McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., as well as others, were alleged to have created damages as a result of the usage and prescription of OxyContin to the general public, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has reached terms of an agreement with a number of manufacturers and distributors, and

WHEREAS, there is pending the matter of County of Suffolk v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., under Index No. 400001/2017 in the Supreme Court, Suffolk County, regarding the opioid addiction crisis, in which the County of St. Lawrence is the named plaintiff in the action (the "Action"), and

WHEREAS, the Action is against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies, and

WHEREAS, proposed nationwide settlement agreements ("Settlements") have been reached that would resolve opioid litigation brought by states, local political subdivisions, and special districts against eight small opioids manufacturers; Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus (the "Manufacturers"), and

WHEREAS, the Settlements require the settling Manufacturers to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to abate the opioid epidemic and will provide a maximum of approximately $720 million in cash to participating states and subdivisions to remediate and abate the impacts of the opioid crisis, and

WHEREAS, the Settlements also contain injunctive relief governing opioid marketing, sale, distribution, and/or distribution practices and require the Manufacturers to implement safeguards to prevent diversion of prescription opioids, and

WHEREAS, each of the proposed settlements has two key participation steps:

1.) Each eligible state decides whether to participate in each Settlement, which New York State already has; and
2.) Eligible subdivisions within each participating state must decide whether to participate in each Settlement. The more subdivisions that participate, the more funds flow to that state and its subdivisions, and

WHEREAS, any subdivision that does not participate cannot directly share in any of the settlement funds, even if the subdivision's state is settling and other participating subdivisions are sharing in settlement funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a settlement agreement between Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus Opioid Manufacturers upon approval of the County Attorney with respect to an action relating to the Opioid Crisis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the execution and delivery on behalf of and in the name of the St. Lawrence County, by the Chair of the Board, or his designee, of the proposed Agreement is hereby authorized, and the Chair of the Board, or his designee, is hereby authorized, subject to County Attorney approval, to execute the proposed Agreement in a form substantially similar thereto and execute such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement with the small manufacturers Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE NEW RESTRUCTURING PLAN AND SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL RELATED TO LITIGATION REGARDING THE MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF OPIOIDS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 2017, St. Lawrence County, through its law firm Simmons, Hanly, Conroy, P.C. joined a class-action lawsuit with numerous other municipal entities against pharmaceutical companies, drug manufacturers and distributors, which included Purdue Pharma, and

WHEREAS, Purdue Pharma and Abbott Laboratories were alleged to have created damages as a result of the usage and prescription of OxyContin to the general public, and

WHEREAS, shortly after commencing the lawsuit in which St. Lawrence County is a party, Purdue Pharma filed for bankruptcy protection in the United States federal court, which included involvement by the majority stakeholder family, the Sacklers, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, a proposed settlement with the Sackler family defendants and a corresponding Purdue bankruptcy reorganization plan was presented to the bankruptcy court and approved by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, despite ratification by a large number of creditors, the 2021 settlement and bankruptcy plan was the subject of additional litigation; it was challenged, and later, vacated by the courts due to the fact that certain states and other plaintiffs challenged the release of personal liability for the Sackler family defendants that was part of the bankruptcy plan, and

WHEREAS, the parties then went back into negotiation and the result was a new two (2) part proposed settlement, and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlements are being implemented in connection with Purdue's bankruptcy proceedings, and consist of, among other things, a settlement of direct claims against the Sacklers held by states, local governments and other creditors (the "Direct Settlement"), and a settlement of Purdue's bankruptcy estate, which includes funding from the Sacklers and certain other parties (the "Estate Settlement"), and

WHEREAS, the two (2) proposed settlements contemplate that the Sacklers will be paying an aggregate of $6.5 billion in 16 payments over 15 years, including $1.5 billion on the settlement's effective date (anticipated in 2026), though some amounts are subject to discounted prepayments, and

WHEREAS, these amounts are in addition to amounts available from the Purdue estate, including amounts available on the effective date (expected to be around $900 million) and amounts that may be paid in the future, and

WHEREAS, the two (2) proposed settlements also contain injunctive relief governing opioid dispensing practices and require the successor-in-interest of Purdue Pharma L.P. to implement safeguards to prevent the diversion of prescription opioids, and also restrict certain Sacklers from directly or indirectly engaging in the manufacturing or sale of opioids, and

WHEREAS, the two (2) proposed settlements have two (2) key participation steps that must be completed, and

WHEREAS, first, eligible subdivisions within each participating state must decide whether to participate in the Direct Settlement, and

WHEREAS, as New York State has signed on to this part of the settlement, St. Lawrence County is eligible to participate in the Direct Settlement, whereby the more subdivisions that participate, the more funds flow to that state, and

WHEREAS, second, concurrently with the solicitation of eligible subdivisions to participate in the Direct Settlement, votes will be solicited for approval of Purdue Pharma L.P.'s bankruptcy plan, which will provide distributions from the Estate Settlement, and

WHEREAS, in order for the proposed settlement to proceed, creditors are being asked to vote on the proposed settlement plan by September 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the New Restructuring Plan and settlement proposal related to litigation regarding the manufacture and distribution of opioids, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes participation in the Direct Settlement Plan as well as the proposed Bankruptcy Restructuring Plan of Purdue Pharma and authorizes the Chair to execute any and all documents necessary in favor of the proposed accompanying settlement.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ODIN ENVIRONMENTAL LLC FOR PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY OWNED BY EMERSON AND ELEANOR WALKER AS WELL AS PROPERTY OWNED BY STRUICK HOLDINGS, LLC

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County commenced an In Rem Real Property Tax Foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against properties owned by Emerson and Eleanor Walker, with a physical address of County Route 24 in the Town of Russell, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 147.028-4-19) and Struik Holdings, LLC, with a physical address of 432 State Street in the City of Ogdensburg, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 48.079-2-23) (hereinafter referred to as the "Properties"), and

WHEREAS, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of $1,135.09, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of $5,028.24 for a total of $6,163.33 on the parcel owned by the Walkers, and

WHEREAS, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of $21,505.37, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of $5,016.07 for a total of $26,521.44 on the parcel owned by Struik Holdings. LLC, and

WHEREAS, the properties are believed to be potentially contaminated with petroleum or other hazardous materials, and

WHEREAS, the County would like to have a Phase 1 environmental assessment conducted with respect to each of the properties to obtain information about the use history and known past environmental conditions, so that the County can make an informed decision concerning the properties and determine whether a Phase 2 subsurface investigation is warranted at one or both of the Properties prior to a judgment of foreclosure being entered, and

WHEREAS, the County, through its outside environmental counsel, Gary Bowitch, Esq., has solicited quotes for the conduct of a Phase 1 environmental assessment of each parcel and the preparation of written Phase 1 reports describing the use history and known environmental conditions at each of the properties to the County, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and environmental counsel, Gary Bowitch, Esq. have reviewed the proposals received and recommend awarding the contract to Odin Environmental LLC,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Odin Environmental LLC for Phase 1 Environmental Assessment (01TG0899 50300) with respect to property owned by Emerson and

Eleanor Walker as well as property owned by Struick Holdings, LLC, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JEDA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UNDER THE BLIGHTED PROPERTY PROGRAM FOR THE DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT OF TWO (2) CONDEMNED STRUCTURES IN THE TOWNS OF FINE AND POTSDAM

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, each year the County forecloses on, and sells at auction, properties that are acquired by the County for the failure of a taxpayer to make payment upon their taxes, and

WHEREAS, periodically there are properties that are not turned over to a new owner through the auction process due to perceived deficiencies in the structures on the property, or the property itself, and

WHEREAS, properties that have been foreclosed upon that do not sell at the auction become a liability to the County and result in costs to maintain and continue to make local jurisdictions whole with respect to taxes assessed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, the St. Lawrence County Treasurer (as Tax Enforcement Officer) and the County Attorney are entrusted with protecting the interests of the County with respect to tax-delinquent parcels, and

WHEREAS, as a part of the annual review of parcels performed by the St. Lawrence County Tax Foreclosure Team, it has been determined that there are a number of active and abandoned parcels that are encumbered by the presence of structural deterioration sufficient to constitute a threat to human health, safety, and community welfare, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Board of Legislators authorized the creation of the "Blighted Property Program" designed to tackle blighted residential structures and augment the approach of the County to environmental clean-ups the County was already engaged in (01TG0899 50300 BP), and

WHEREAS, the Tax Foreclosure Team have selected two (2) properties for demolition in the 2025 cycle and have solicited bids, and

WHEREAS, the team recommends the demolition and removal of two (2) condemned structures known as 6911 State Highway 56, Town of Potsdam, with Tax Map No. 53.066-1-6, and 4231 State Highway 3, Town of Fine, with Tax Map No. 224.030-2-7, as well as the awarding a contract for demolition and abatement services to JEDA Environmental Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with JEDA Environmental Services under the Blighted Property Program for the demolition and abatement of two (2) condemned structures in the Towns of Fine and Potsdam, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH GCA EXCAVATING & LAND CLEARING, LLC, UNDER THE BLIGHTED PROPERTY PROGRAM FOR THE DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT OF TWO (2) CONDEMNED STRUCTURES IN THE TOWN OF FOWLER AND CITY OF OGDENSBURG

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, each year the County forecloses on, and sells at auction, properties that are acquired by the County for the failure of a taxpayer to make payment upon their taxes, and

WHEREAS, periodically there are properties that are not turned over to a new owner through the auction process due to perceived deficiencies in the structures on the property, or the property itself, and

WHEREAS, properties that have been foreclosed upon that do not sell at the auction become a liability to the County and result in costs to maintain and continue to make local jurisdictions whole with respect to taxes assessed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, the St. Lawrence County Treasurer (as Tax Enforcement Officer) and the County Attorney are entrusted with protecting the interests of the County with respect to tax-delinquent parcels, and

WHEREAS, as a part of the annual review of parcels performed by the St. Lawrence County Tax Foreclosure Team, it has been determined that there are a number of active and abandoned parcels that are encumbered by the presence of structural deterioration sufficient to constitute a threat to human health, safety, and community welfare, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Board of Legislators authorized the creation of the "Blighted Property Program" designed to tackle blighted residential structures and augment the approach of the County to environmental clean-ups the County was already engaged in (01TG0899 50300 BP), and

WHEREAS, the Tax Foreclosure Team have selected two (2) properties for demolition in the 2025 cycle and have solicited bids, and

WHEREAS, the team recommends the demolition and removal of two (2) condemned structures known as 1530 County Route 22, Town of Fowler, with Tax Map No. 187.001-3-12.1, and 926 South Water Street, City of Ogdensburg, with Tax Map No. 59.023-12-35, as well as the awarding a contract for demolition and abatement services to GCA Excavating and Land Clearing, LLC (GCA),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with GCA Excavating & Land Clearing, LLC, under the Blighted Property Program for the demolition and abatement of two (2) condemned structures in the Town of Fowler and City of Ogdensburg, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW CANCELLATION OF DELINQUENT TAX LIENS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, for the last ten years, the Board of Legislators and County Treasurer have employed practices to designed to tackle commercial environmentally contaminated properties and residential blight, and

WHEREAS, as a part of their efforts, they have investigated processes that could be employed to protect the interests of the county and its constituents, mindful of the tax burden that these types of properties place on their communities, and

WHEREAS, some properties require time and additional funding in order to remediate the problems they carry which is not available currently, and

WHEREAS, these properties not capable of being remediated immediately, continue to create a tax burden on the communities and County operations, and

WHEREAS, Section 1138 subdivision 6 of the Real Property Tax Law allows for the cancellation of certain delinquent tax liens when it has been determined that there is no practical method to enforce its collection and that a supplementary proceeding would not be effective either, and

WHEREAS, the cancellation of taxes of a property does not remove the property from the tax rolls but it does impose a legal exemption until such time as the Board of Legislators and Treasurer determine how best to tackle the contaminated or blighted property, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer as the Enforcing Officer and County Attorney have investigated and determined that certain delinquent tax liens fit this criteria, and

WHEREAS, the following properties have property tax delinquency that are not enforceable and necessitate cancellation, and

Property Owner	Tax Map Number	Address	Town	Years Delinquent	Total Delinquency
The Heritage Grist Mill	402289 62.064-3-7	7210 County Route 27	Canton	2015-2025	$7,553.25
St. Lawrence County (Prior Owner Torrington Industries, Inc.)	402289 75.003-1-31	Old Ames Road	Canton	1997-2025	$22,189.72

Newton Falls Holdings	402600 203.000-4-2.1	County Route 60	Clifton	2007-2025	$24,674.29
Christine Simmons	403089 115.001-1-2	240 Hitchcock Road	Dekalb	2020-2025	$14,231.94
Petro Star Corporation	403600 223.028-1-11	940 Oswegatchie Trail Road	Fine	1995-1998, 2005-2025	$56,072.76
Unknown Owner	404400 132.003-1-31.21	County Route 21	Hermon	1996-2025	$39,170.23
James Covell Trust	404800 36.003-4-10	McAuslen Road	Lawrence	2009-2025	$12,827.59
Henry VanRensselaer	405000 61.003-1-14.3	State Highway 68	Lisbon	1999-2025	$11,233.99
Christopher Scott	405000 50.003-1-8.3	523 Hall Road	Lisbon	2021, 2023-2025	$11,233.99
Carl Grant, Jr. Estate	405289 15.002-5-3	Patterson Road	Louisville	2013-2014, 2016-2025	$15,679.64
Jacob Pearson	406289 16.076-1-7	State Highway 420	Norfolk	2021-2025	$2,328.60
Raquette Valley Habitat	405801 9.060-6-4	Center Street	Massena	2021-2025	$1,855.00
James Jessmer	405801 9.067-13-1	6 View Street	Massena	2021-2025	$1,229.89
James Jessmer	405801 9.067-13-2	4 View Street	Massena	2021-2025	$1,229.89
Roland LaFave, Jr.	406489 59.004-3-47.12	County Route 4	Oswegatchie	2013-2025	$54,543.44
Autumn Phillips	407200 201.003-1-13.1	161 County Route 23	Pitcairn	2020-2025	$5,990.46
Lonnie Dean Gillette	407489 64.003-2-12.1	7675 US Highway 11	Potsdam	2003-2013, 2017-2025	$85,486.29
Unknown Owner	407489 53.072-1-31	River Road	Potsdam	1998-2025	$14,113.43
Amos Bicknell	408000 54.066-3-1	Hatch Road	Stockholm	1996-2025	$38,728.32

WHEREAS, the mechanism to provide for cancellation of taxes entitles the County to charge back to other municipalities the portion of the cancelled taxes which have been previously paid or credited to them by the County, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the cancellation of aforesaid real property tax liens and the filing of a certificate of cancellation to be recorded with the County Clerk.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW PROSPECTIVE CANCELLATION OF FUTURE TAX LIENS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, for the last ten years, the Board of Legislators and County Treasurer have employed practices designed to tackle commercial environmentally contaminated properties and residential blight, and

WHEREAS, as a part of their efforts, they have investigated processes that could be employed to protect the interests of the County and its constituents, mindful of the tax burden that these types of properties place on their communities, and

WHEREAS, some properties require time and additional funding in order to remediate the problems they carry which is not available currently, and

WHEREAS, these properties not capable of being remediated immediately, continue to create a tax burden on the communities and County operations, and

WHEREAS, Section 1138 subdivision 6 of the Real Property Tax Law allows for the cancellation of certain delinquent tax liens when it has been determined that there is no practical method to enforce its collection and that a supplementary proceeding would not be effective either, and

WHEREAS, in addition to permitting the cancellation of existent taxes, Section 1138 subdivision 6 of the Real Property Tax Law allows for the prospective cancellation of certain future tax liens when it has been determined that there is no practical method to enforce future collection against the parcel until such time as the Board of Legislators and the Treasurer may determine that recovery has become a possibility, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer as the Enforcing Officer and County Attorney have investigated and determined that parcels fit the criteria for both current and prospective tax cancellation, and

WHEREAS, the following properties are not property tax enforceable and necessitate future cancellation of tax liens, and

Property Owner	Tax Map Number	Address	Town
The Heritage Grist Mill	402289 62.064-3-7	7210 County Route 27	Canton
St. Lawrence County (Prior Owner Torrington Industries, Inc.)	402289 75.003-1-31	Old Ames Road	Canton

Newton Falls Holdings	402600 203.000-4-2.1	County Route 60	Clifton
Christine Simmons	403089 115.001-1-2	240 Hitchcock Road	Dekalb
Petro Star Corporation	403600 223.028-1-11	940 Oswegatchie Trail Road	Fine
Unknown Owner	404400 132.003-1-31.21	County Route 21	Hermon
James Covell Trust	404800 36.003-4-10	McAuslen Road	Lawrence
Henry VanRensselaer	405000 61.003-1-14.3	State Highway 68	Lisbon
Christopher Scott	405000 50.003-1-8.3	523 Hall Road	Lisbon
Carl Grant, Jr. Estate	405289 15.002-5-3	Patterson Road	Louisville
Raquette Valley Habitat	405801 9.060-6-4	Center Street	Massena
James Jessmer	405801 9.067-13-1	6 View Street	Massena
James Jessmer	405801 9.067-13-2	4 View Street	Massena
Jacob Pearson	406289 16.076-1-7	State Highway 420	Norfolk
Roland LaFave, Jr.	406489 59.004-3-47.12	County Route 4	Oswegatchie
Autumn Phillips	407200 201.003-1-13.1	161 County Route 23	Pitcairn
Lonnie Dean Gillette	407489 64.003-2-12.1	7675 US Highway 11	Potsdam
Unknown Owner	407489 53.072-1-31	River Road	Potsdam
Amos Bicknell	408000 54.066-3-1	Hatch Road	Stockholm

WHEREAS, the mechanism within Section 1138 subdivision 6 of the Real Property Tax Law provides for future cancellation of taxes and entitles the County to issue a certificate of prospective cancellation to change the status of the parcel to exempt from taxation until the County Board determines that it should be restored to taxable status, and

WHEREAS, should the Board determine that cancellation is appropriate, the Treasurer shall be required to file a copy of the certificate with the assessor of the assessing unit in which the parcel is located and with the county director of real property tax services, and

WHEREAS, the impacted parcels shall remain exempt until the Board of Legislators determines that the parcel(s) should be restored to the taxable portion of the assessment roll, and the enforcing officer files a certificate of restoration, setting forth the relevant facts, with the assessor and county director of real property tax services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the certificate of prospective cancellation of aforesaid real parcels to be recorded with the County Clerk pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1138(6), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Board is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to each impacted taxing jurisdiction.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 08-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH AN ASSISTANT ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR POSITION AND CREATE AND FILL AN ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR POSITION IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer's Office is the financial hub of the County, providing guidance and support to the County's twenty-five (25) departments consisting of eighty-three (83) individual cost centers, and overseeing the recording and reporting of all County financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the accounting and reporting responsibilities in the Treasurer's Office continue to expand and evolve, with new programs and initiatives undertaken by the office, such as investment and liquidity management and ongoing one-on-one training of departmental staff, and

WHEREAS, based on a review of the needs of the Treasurer's Office and the volume and complexity of the necessary accounting and reporting responsibilities, the creation of an Accounting Supervisor is warranted and would result in a more productive, better optimized operation of the County's accounting and reporting operations, and

WHEREAS, based on the needs of the Treasurer's Office, is has been recommended that an Accounting Supervisor be created,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish an Assistant Accounting Supervisor Position, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to create and fill an Accounting Supervisor Position in the Treasurer's Office.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW G (NO.__) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 2010"

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Real Property Tax Law provides municipalities with the ability to recognize difficulties in certain populations, and

WHEREAS, the exemption currently in place for senior citizens provides for $10,000 exemption,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held at 5:30 pm in the Legislative Chambers on October 6, 2025 for the purpose of considering a proposed local law dealing with Senior Citizen Exemption.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW G (NO.__) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR YEAR 2010"

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of St. Lawrence County as follows:

Section 1. **Legislative Intent**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, real property owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by husband and wife, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt from county taxation to the extent of 50% of the assessed valuation as long as the income of the owner or combined income of the owners does not exceed **$25,000.**

Section 2. **Exemptions for Senior Citizens**

Where the income of the owner or combined income of the owners exceeds **$25,000**, the exemption shall be calculated at the percentage provided for in section 467 (1)(b)(1).

	ANNUAL INCOME	
EQUAL TO	BUT LESS THAN	% EXEMPT
$0.00	$25,000	50%
$25,000	$26,000	45%
$26,000	$27,000	40%
$27,000	$28,000	35%
$28,000	$28,900	30%
$28,900	$29,800	25%
$29,800	$30,700	20%

Section 3. **Effective Date**

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Please note: This local law modifies Local Law No. 1 for the year 2010 by changing the $12,000 income limit to $25,000. (Local Law No. 1 for the year 2004 was amended by changing the $10,000 income limit to $12,000).

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW H (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2005, "A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 459-C OF THE NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW""

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Real Property Tax Law provides municipalities with the ability to recognize difficulties in certain populations, and

WHEREAS, the Exemption currently in place for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes provides for a $10,000 exemption,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held at 5:40 pm in the Legislative Chambers on October 6, 2025, for the purpose of considering a proposed local law dealing with Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Exemption.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW H (NO.__) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 2005, "A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 459-C OF THE NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW""

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of St. Lawrence County as follows:

Section 1. **Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes**

Real property owned by one or more persons with disabilities, or real property owned by a husband, wife or both, or by siblings, at least one of whom has a disability, and whose income, as hereafter defined, is limited by reason of such disability, shall be exempt from taxation for County purposes to the extent as provided in the following schedule:

ANNUAL INCOME

EQUAL TO	BUT LESS THAN	% EXEMPT
$0	$25,000	50%
$25,000	$26,000	45%
$26,000	$27,000	40%
$27,000	$28,000	35%
$28,000	$28,900	30%
$28,900	$29,800	25%
$29,800	$30,700	20%

$30,700	$31,600	15%
$31,600	$32,500	10%
$32,500	$33,400	5%

Section 2. **Definitions**

For purpose of this Section:

(a) "Sibling" shall mean a brother or a sister, whether related through half blood, whole blood or adoption.

(b) A person with a disability is one who has a physical or mental impairment, not due to current use of alcohol or illegal drug use, which substantially limits such person's ability to engage in one or more major life activities, such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working, and who (i) is certified to receive social security disability insurance (SSDI) or supplemental security income (SSI) benefits under the federal Social Security Act, or (ii) is certified to receive Railroad Retirement Disability benefits under the federal railroad Retirement Act, or (iii) has received a certificate from the state commission for the blind and visually handicapped stating that such person is legally blind, or (iv) is certified to receive a United States Postal Service disability pension. An award letter from the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board or a certificate from the state commission for the blind and visually handicapped, or an award letter from the United States Postal Service shall be submitted as proof of disability.

Section 3. Any exemption provided by this section shall be computed after all other partial exemptions allowed by law, excluding the school tax relief (STAR) exemption authorized by section four hundred twenty-five of this title, have been subtracted from the total amount assessed; provided, however, that no parcel may receive an exemption for the same municipal tax purpose pursuant to both this section and section four hundred sixty-seven of this title.

Section 4. No exemption shall be granted:

(a) If the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption exceeds the sum of **$33,400**. Income tax year shall mean the twelve month period for which the owner or owners filed a federal personal income tax return, or if no such return is filed, the calendar year. Where title is vested in either the husband or the wife, their combined income may not exceed such sum, except where the husband or wife, or ex-husband or ex-wife is absent from the property due to divorce, legal separation or abandonment, then only the income of the spouse or ex-spouse residing on the property shall be considered and may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, total gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset which may be offset by a loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset in the same income tax year, net rental income, salary or earnings, and net income from self-employment, but shall not include a return of capital, gifts, inheritances or monies earned through employment in the federal foster grandparent program. (In computing net rental income and net income from self-employment no depreciation deduction shall be allowed for the exhaustion, wear and tear of real or personal property held for the production of income);

(b) Unless the property is used exclusively for residential purposes, provided, however, that in the event any portion of such property is not so used exclusively for residential purposes but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this section;

(c) Unless the real property is the legal residence of and is occupied in whole or in part by the disabled person; except where the disabled person is absent from the residence while receiving health-related care as an inpatient of a residential health care facility, as defined in section twenty-eight hundred one of the public health law, provided that any income accruing to that person shall be considered income for purposes of this section only to the extent that it exceeds the amount paid by such person or spouse or sibling of such person for care in the facility.

Section 5. Application for such exemption must be made annually by the owner, or all of the owners of the property, on forms prescribed by the state board, and shall be filed in such assessor's office on or before the appropriate taxable status date; provided, however, proof of a permanent disability need be submitted only in the year exemption pursuant to this section is first sought or the disability is first determined to be permanent.

Section 6. At least sixty (60) days prior to the appropriate taxable status date, the assessor shall mail to each person who was granted exemption pursuant to this section on the latest completed assessment roll an application form and a notice that such application must be filed on or before taxable status date and be approved in order for the exemption to continue to be granted. Failure to mail such application form or the failure of such person to receive the same shall not prevent the levy, collection, and enforcement of the payment of the taxes on property owned by such person.

Section 7. The provisions of this section shall apply to real property held in trust solely for the benefit of a person or persons who would otherwise be eligible for a real property tax exemption, pursuant to subdivision one of this section, were such person or persons the owner or owners of such real property.

Section 8. **Effective Date**

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Please Note: This local law modifies Local Law No. 1 for the year 2005 by changing the income threshold for exemption. The income limit for a 50% exemption in 2005 was $10,000 and is now $25,000. The income limit for a 5% exemption was previously $18,400 and is now $33,400.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW F (NO. _) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "TO ALLOW ENROLLED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER RPTL §466-A"

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of St. Lawrence County as follows:

Section 1. **Legislative intent**

The legislature recognizes the role of the volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in securing the safety and well-being of our communities. The legislature hereby finds that it is in the best social and economic interests of the County of St. Lawrence to encourage volunteerism for said purposes. To that end, by providing the following exemption, it is the intent to so encourage volunteerism for our various fire and ambulance companies.

Section 2. **Exemptions for certain volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers**

(a) Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse residing in St. Lawrence County shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten (10%) percent of the assessed value of such property for county purposes, exclusive of special assessments.

(b) Such exemption shall not be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service residing in such county unless:

(i) the applicant resides in the city, town or village which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;

(ii) the property is the primary residence of the applicant;

(iii) the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion shall only be entitled to the exemption provided by this section; and

(iv) the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department for at least two (2) years or the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated voluntary ambulance service for at least two (2) years;

(v) the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department and incorporated voluntary ambulance service has submitted to the St. Lawrence County Director of Emergency Services a complete list of enrolled members, with their respective dates of service for such incorporated voluntary fire company, or fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service. The St. Lawrence County Director of Emergency Services shall then review all potential candidates and certify those that meet the necessary criteria to be eligible for this exemption.

(c) Application for such an exemption shall be filed with the assessor on or before the taxable status date on a form as prescribed by the state board.

(d) No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who, by reason of such status, is receiving any benefit under the provisions of this article on the effective date of this section shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this section.

(e) Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent exemption as authorized by this section for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within this County.

Section 3. **Effective date**

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State and shall apply to real property having a taxable status date on or after the first day of January 2026 next succeeding the date on which this act shall have become a law.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

CORRECTION OF ERRORS FOR NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT EXEMPT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2025 City and County Tax Bill for New York State Department Exempt, tax map number 48.002-1-1.2 was assessed in error a sewer relevy of $15,039.65 and a water relevy of $9,399.79 and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Article 5 allows for Correction of Assessment Rolls and Tax Rolls using the RP-554 Form for certain errors and filed with the Director of Real Property Tax Services and approved by the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Office has affirmed that a correction should occur pursuant to Article 5 of the Real Property Tax Law and is recommending that the taxes be corrected,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes Real Property Tax Law correction of taxes, as follows:

Name:	New York State Dept Exempt
St. Lawrence County:	Ogdensburg
Tax Roll Year:	2025
Tax Map No.:	48.002-1-1.2
Original Bill:	$24,439.44
Corrected Bill:	$11,108.84
Reason:	Amount of Water and Sewer Relevy was billed in error by the City of Ogdensburg on the 2025 City and County Tax Bill

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH TWO (2) LABORER POSITIONS AND CREATE TWO (2) MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways has experienced difficulty in retaining personnel in the Laborer position, as employees in this title frequently bid on and are appointed to the position of Motor Equipment Operator, and

WHEREAS, this continuous turnover in the Laborer position creates administrative burdens and operational inefficiencies for the Department, and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that two (2) Laborer positions can be abolished and two (2) Motor Equipment Operator positions can be created to provide a more stable and effective workforce,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish two (2) Laborer positions, Position No. 306000017 and Position No. 306000125, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED create and fill two (2) Motor Equipment Operator Positions, Position No. 310000015 and Position No. 310000018.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved Resolution No. 193-2017, which changed Local Law to approve all-terrain vehicle operation on certain public lands and County Roads, and

WHEREAS, the continued usability and safety of the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trails are dependent upon regular and adequate maintenance, including but not limited to surface repair, drainage improvements, and vegetation management, and

WHEREAS, the Dana Hill Road, Long Pond Easement, and Burns Road segments are currently in need of maintenance to ensure the safety and continuous growth of the trail system, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of St. Lawrence County and its constituents to ensure the long-term preservation and accessibility of this valuable public resource,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for the maintenance of the Multi-Use Trail System, as follows:

DECREASE MISCELLANEOUS RESERVE FOR TRAIL:

01TG0899 50300 TRAIL	Recreational Trail Fund	$23,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	$23,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BF079894 40800 TRAIL	B Trail Property Maintenance	$23,000

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency has awarded $40,000 to the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail, and

WHEREAS, the additional funds will be used to hire a contractor with equipment to connect Russell to Pitcairn, Harrisville, and the Lewis County Trail System,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to accept funds from the Industrial Development Agency for the Multi-Use Trail System, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BF079894 40800 TRAIL	B Trail Property Maintenance	$40,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

BF027705 55000 TRAIL	B Trail Other Revenue	$40,000

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES NEEDED TO PREPARE APPENDIX A FOR THE TOWN OF LAWRENCE FOR THE MULTI-USE TRAIL CAPITAL PROJECT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved Resolution No. 193-2017 which changed Local Law to approve all-terrain vehicle operation on certain public lands and County Roads, and

WHEREAS, these Local Laws took effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State and satisfactory completion of Appendix A as included in the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) for the Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, a new trail segment in the Town of Lawrence will be added to the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. has agreed to provide environmental services needed to prepare the Appendix A-Environmental Checklist for the new trail segment for a fee not to exceed $4,900 (BF079894 43007 TRAIL),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. to provide environmental services needed to prepare Appendix A for the Town of Lawrence for the Multi-Use Trail Capital Project, upon approval by the County Attorney.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT FOR EQUIPMENT REPAIRS, BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, SUPPLIES, CREDIT CARD FEES, AND THE FLEET LEASE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department requires additional funding to cover the overage in equipment repairs, building and property maintenance, supplies, credit card fees, and the fleet lease, and

WHEREAS, unforeseen costs and unanticipated projects this year have caused these overages exceeding the 2025 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the overage in these expenses can be offset by retained earnings as well as postponing a project at the Massena Landfill,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Solid Waste Department as follows:

DECREASE RETAINED EARNINGS:

05TG0909 50300	Retained Earnings	$226,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

05TG0599 50300	EL Fund Balance, Appropriated	$226,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WLM81604 40800	W MAS Building & Property	$45,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WT081604 40801	W TRS Bldg Improvements	$45,000
WT081604 40800	W TRS Building & Property Maint	13,500
WT081604 42200	W TRS I/D Equip Repair & Main	64,100
WT081604 42202	W TRS Equip Repair & Main	52,700
WT081604 46701	W TRS Supplies	17,000
WO081604 43007	W OPR Other Fees & Services	26,000
WO081604 421FL	W OPR Fleet Lease	52,700
		$271,000

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE OGDENSBURG TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, with consideration given to the ongoing challenges due to the replacement of a compactor piece of equipment called the Builtrite, purchased in 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Transfer Station needs to replace the Builtrite machine with a new excavator and a new platform needs to be built to support the new equipment, and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. has prepared a proposal to provide engineering services to assist the County in preparing plans for modifications to the Ogdensburg Transfer Station for a fee not to exceed $30,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for the Ogdensburg Transfer Station Improvement Project, upon approval by the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for the Solid Waste Department as follows:

DECREASE RETAINED EARNINGS:

05TG0909 50300	Retained Earnings	$30,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

05TG0599 50300	EL Fund Balance, Appropriated	$30,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WT081604 430ED	W TRS Engineering Design	$30,000

Septemeber 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH NCC SYSTEMS FOR THE PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF NEW FIRE MONITORING SYSTEMS AT COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department operates four (4) transfer stations (Gouverneur, Massena, Ogdensburg, and Star Lake) critical to waste management operations within the County, and

WHEREAS, the existing fire monitoring systems at these four (4) transfer stations have been identified as outdated and faulty, posing potential risks to County assets, personnel, and public safety, and

WHEREAS, a review and evaluation of potential vendors for new, modern, and reliable fire monitoring systems has been conducted, and

WHEREAS, NCC Systems has presented a comprehensive proposal that meets the County's requirements for the installation and maintenance of new fire monitoring systems at each of the aforementioned four (4) transfer stations at a cost of $7,360 (WT081604 40800),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with NCC Systems for the procurement, installation, and maintenance of new fire monitoring systems at the four (4) County transfer stations, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO REAPPOINT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR A TERM OF JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2028

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators would like to continue to participate in the workforce training programs implemented through the 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 133-2015 approved the Workforce Investment Operations Agreement and participation has been structured through the Agreement between St. Lawrence County and the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 234-2022 authorized the Chair to sign an amendment to the contract with the St. Lawrence County Board, agreeing that Pamela Lewis will contract with the Workforce Development Board to serve as its Executive Director, and

WHEREAS, under Section IV, D Staffing, of the Agreement, it was agreed that Pamela Lewis will act as administrative/managerial staff to the Workforce Development Board for the period from July 1, 2022, until the contract between the two organizations expires, and

WHEREAS, the agreement between Pamela Lewis and the Workforce Development Board expires on June 30, 2025, and Ms. Lewis expressed interest in continuing in the position of Executive Director, and

WHEREAS, at its June 11, 2025 meeting, the Workforce Development Board unanimously approved to renew the contract with Pamela Lewis to serve as the Executive Director, and to continue to provide other necessary administrative/managerial services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amendment to the contract with the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendment will state, the Chief Elected Official and the Workforce Development Board agree that Ms. Pamela Lewis will contract with the Workforce Development Board to serve as its Executive Director and act as the administrative/managerial staff for the Workforce Development Board beginning on July 1, 2025, and extending until the contract between the Workforce Development Board and Ms. Lewis is terminated or expires (as long as three (3) years starting from July 1, 2025), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Workforce Development Board has executed or expects to contract with Ms. Lewis who will provide contract administrative/managerial services beginning on July 1, 2025, in substantially the form outlined in the attached Agreement.

September 15, 2025

Finance Committee: 8-25-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE FOR UPFITTING A VEHICLE FOR SAFELY MOVING FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, County Staff are required to move furniture, equipment, and supplies when performing their duties across various county facilities, and

WHEREAS, this is accomplished in part with the use of a truck, and it can be made more difficult for staff to get close to loading docks to safely load and unload heavy items, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation is to upfit a truck with a lift gate for safety purposes, providing a much safer means for employees to transfer furniture, equipment, and supplies, thereby reducing the potential for work-related injuries,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for upfitting a vehicle for safely moving furniture, equipment, and supplies, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	$13,443

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG016202 24000	Bldg Highway & Street Equip	$13,443