

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Daniel G. Stec presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Taylor.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Girard, McDevitt, Taylor, Loeb, Kenny, Belden, Bentley, McCoy, Merlino, Stec, Strainer, Champagne, VanNess, Sokol, Thomas, Wood and Geraghty - 18.

Absent: Supervisors Monroe and Goodspeed - 2.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2011 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Stec declared the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2011, entitled "A Local Law Limiting Protest Activities Before, During and After Funeral Services in the County of Warren" opened at 10:02 a.m. and requested the Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Chairman Stec advised the Public Hearing would remain open for a few minutes in order to give any members of the public an opportunity to speak.

Chairman Stec informed that the Senior of the Year and Outstanding Contribution by a Senior awards were recently presented and he noted that the recipient of the Senior of the Year award, Fred Hoenigmann from the Town of Chester, was not present today. He requested Supervisor Conover to come forward to present the certificate award for Outstanding Contribution by a Senior. Mr. Conover recognized Maureen Mihalics from the Town of Bolton, and presented her with the certificate award. He thanked her for her generous contributions and work for senior citizens in Warren County. The board members responded with applause.

Chairman Stec announced Rick Murphy, Accountant in the Treasurer's Office and Fiscal Assistant to the Administrator, would be retiring at the end of the month after thirty six years of dedicated service to Warren County and he requested Frank O'Keefe, County Treasurer, to come forward to present a plaque to Mr. Murphy. Mr. O'Keefe referred to Mr. Murphy as an accountant extraordinaire and a budget expert and noted his dates of service with Warren County as August 11, 1975 to May 30, 2011. He remarked that Mr. Murphy

would be greatly missed in the Treasurer's Office. The board members responded with a standing ovation and applause.

Mr. Murphy thanked everyone for the honor today and stated it had been a privilege to work for the County over the past thirty six years, primarily because of the wonderful people he had worked with in the County. Chairman Stec presented Mr. Murphy with a certificate of appreciation for his thirty six years of dedicated service. He expounded that the Board of Supervisors truly appreciated Mr. Murphy's efforts on the preparation of past budgets, especially the past few years during difficult economic times. The board members responded with applause.

Paul Dusek, County Attorney/Administrator, apprised that his relationship with Mr. Murphy changed this past year when he became Administrator and began working more closely with Mr. Murphy and it was then that he realized what a gem the Treasurer's Office had. He said that Warren County was very lucky to have had Mr. Murphy working here and he congratulated him on his retirement.

There being no one wishing to speak on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2011, Chairman Stec closed the Public Hearing at 10:14 a.m.

Chairman Stec declared the Public Hearing on the proposed airport real property lease agreement with B&C Property Ventures, LLC opened at 10:15 a.m. and requested the Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Supervisor Goodspeed entered the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

There being no one wishing to speak on the proposed airport real property lease agreement with B&C Property Ventures, LLC, Chairman Stec declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:17 a.m.

Chairman Stec informed the Supervisors that a meeting would be held on May 26, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at Adirondack Community College, regarding the College's proposal to pursue student housing and a land lease agreement with the Counties and he encouraged all to attend.

Chairman Stec reported that the railroad contract negotiations were progressing and would be discussed later in detail by Mr. Dusek. He also commended the Department of Public Works for all their assistance during the recent floods, while continuing their daily operations. Referring to the Corinth Road Reconstruction Project, Chairman Stec apprised that the project was on schedule and going well.

Chairman Stec expounded that the delay in State reimbursements, specifically those relating to the Gaslight Village property, had caused great concern for all parties involved; however, he said, Dave Decker, Director of the Lake George Watershed Coalition, was confident that the grant funds would be released in the month of June in order to continue with the scheduled demolition of structures on the property.

Mr. Kenny expressed his frustration with the glacial pace of the Gaslight Village project and he questioned if there were any alternatives to waiting for the State to release the funds, such as the County or the Town providing the funds to progress the project. He reminded the board members of the commitment made to Americade that the property would be ready for their event. Chairman Stec recalled that the contractor was waiting for assurance of when they would receive payment, not necessarily if they would receive payment and recently the contractor was informed that the payment would be made in June. He further explained that the contract specifically stated that payment would be made after the County received the reimbursement from the State.

Mr. Belden recommended that the demolition of buildings be postponed until after Labor Day and added he was not in favor of the County providing any additional funding for the project. Chairman Stec suggested that a meeting be scheduled between the Gaslight Village Ad Hoc Committee, Mr. Decker, representatives from the New York State Department of Conservation (NYS DEC) and the State Comptroller's Office before any decisions were made. Mr. Geraghty opined that the Opera House should not remain on the property in the condition that it was currently in.

Mr. Bentley mentioned the terrible condition of the Northway and noted that the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) had started re-paving but work was halted shortly thereafter. Mr. Belden added Route 9 from the Town of Bolton to the Town Hague was in the same condition, if not worse than the Northway. Mr. Geraghty suggested that the representative from NYS DOT be contacted with regard to the condition of the Northway and Chairman Stec acknowledged the request.

Referencing the Gaslight Village project, Mr. Kenny recommended that Mr. Decker be contacted before the end of the meeting in order to provide the board members with a status update relative to the grant funds and Chairman Stec agreed.

Chairman Stec informed that actions were being taken to re-institute the County's Honor a Deceased Veteran Program and information was forwarded to all Town Supervisors requesting possible candidates for the Program. The Return the Favor Program, he continued, had been well received and currently over three hundred veterans had received the ID cards to date. He added that the hope was to issue five hundred ID cards to veterans by Memorial Day.

Chairman Stec called for reports by Committee Chairmen on past month's meetings and activities and the following gave verbal reports: Supervisor Taylor, Economic Growth & Development; Supervisor Loeb, Social Services; Supervisor Kenny, Occupancy Tax Coordination; Supervisor Belden, Public Works; Supervisor McCoy, County Facilities; Supervisor Merlino, Tourism; Supervisor Strainer, Human Services; Supervisor Champagne, Community College and Intercounty Solid Waste; Supervisor VanNess, Public Safety; Supervisor Sokol, Health Services; Supervisor Thomas, Finance; Supervisor Wood, Planning & Community Development; Supervisor Conover, Personnel; and Supervisor Girard, Extension Service.

Pertaining to the Economic Growth & Development Committee, Mr. Taylor apprised the meeting consisted of discussions regarding the consolidation of dispatching services between the County and the City of Glens Falls. He stated Resolution No. 286 included in the Supervisors' packets conceptually approved the intermunicipal agreement.

In connection with the Social Services Committee, Mr. Loeb asserted that the Committee had initiated the process for amending the County's Travel Policy. Also discussed, he said, were new hire requests. He added that the Committee approved the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the future of the Youth Court Program and the first meeting would be held today immediately following the Board Meeting.

With regard to the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee, Mr. Kenny informed that the Committee discussed the survey that was distributed recently to area business owners requesting that they rank various events held in the County in terms of impact on occupancy and he listed the results of that survey. He advised that amendments were made in the agreement for occupancy tax special event funding, which were reflected in Resolution No. 269 in the packets. Mr. Kenny noted that the Committee approved appropriating \$30,000 from the Occupancy Tax Reserve Fund for the eradication of Asian Clams in Lake George, as outlined in Resolution No. 297 in the Supervisors' packets.

Concerning the Public Works Committee, Mr. Belden expounded Resolution No. 306 in the packets was generated under the Airport portion of the meeting and authorized a lease agreement with B&C Property Ventures, LLC. He added that \$15,000 would be allocated from the occupancy tax budget towards the cost of overtime for DPW staff during the Balloon Festival. In response to an inquiry, Don DeGraw, Airport Manager, reported that the new Fire Truck for the Airport was 90% complete and he expected it to be delivered in approximately one month. Under the Parks, Recreation & Railroad portion of the meeting, Mr. Belden said it had been determined that a balance of \$47,000 remained from a NYS DOT grant and the Committee discussed the possibility of utilizing those funds for additional work on the Hadley and Thurman Rail Stations. He noted that the Committee also further reviewed the Railroad Operator contract and had agreed to increase the Reserve Fund from \$500,000 to \$1 million. Mr. Geraghty interjected that the Operator's website, snccr.com, was wonderful and listed

the upcoming schedule which reflected four runs per day. Mr. Belden remarked that under the DPW portion of meeting, the Committee discussed fuel costs and the impact to the budget. The remainder of the meeting, he continued, was mostly housekeeping issues. He referred to the new sign that had been erected in front of the Municipal Center and he commented that he had received two phone calls regarding the sign, one of which suggested the sign should be raised higher off the ground. Chairman Stec agreed that the sign should be raised due to the shrubs in front of it and the snow in the winter, which could cover the sign.

Mr. Goodspeed referenced the recent flooding of the Hudson River at the end of April and noted that on April 29, the River reached the highest level in recorded history in North Creek. He stated that the Town had declared a State of Emergency which lasted three days. He thanked Brian LaFlure, Fire Coordinator/Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Amy Manney, Deputy Director of OES, for their stellar performance in this particular case. He detailed the damage to County roads and thanked Jeff Tennyson, DPW Superintendent, for his assistance throughout the situation.

Relative to the County Facilities Committee, Mr. McCoy apprised the Committee had authorized the purchase of ten additional speakers for the PA System in the Human Services Building, which would complete the final connections. He stated the Committee unanimously agreed to decline a proposal for construction of an access road from Exit 20 to the former Reebok Outlet on Route 9, due to safety concerns with regard to the Corrections Facility. He said the Perkins Recycling property was discussed and Mr. Dusek had voiced concern that the sale of the property meant a loss of control in the event that a pollution scenario was triggered and the County would still be liable for the clean-up. He concluded that a possible lease agreement would be pursued, as opposed to the sale of the property.

Pertaining to the Tourism Committee, Mr. Merlino announced that the NYS Matching Funds had been received in the amount of \$79,912. He announced that the Adirondack Hot Air Balloon Festival was chosen for the cover of the *I Love New York* magazine. Mr. Merlino echoed Mr. Goodspeed's statements about Mr. LaFlure and Mrs. Manney and acknowledged their efforts during the recent flooding in Lake Luzerne, and he also thanked Mr. Tennyson for his assistance.

With regard to the Human Services Committee, Mr. Strainer stated that Resolution No. 323 was resultant of the meeting and authorized the filling of the vacant Meal Site Cook position under the Office for the Aging (OFA). He noted Christie Sabo, Director of the OFA, had reduced the hours of the Meal Site Cook from thirty-five to thirty hours per week, thus realizing a savings to the County.

Regarding the Community College Committee, Mr. Champagne announced an additional meeting would be scheduled in the near future to discuss the issue of student housing and he noted that no County funds would be allocated for this project.

Mr. Champagne noted that relative to the Intercounty Solid Waste Committee, the sale of the trash plant was progressing.

In connection with the Public Safety Committee, Mr. VanNess referred to the amazing teamwork between Mr. LaFlure and Mrs. Manney during emergency situations and he thanked them both for their phenomenal work. He asserted the Committee was informed that funding was received from the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) and Homeland Security grants in the amounts of \$6,000 and \$131,972, respectively. He referenced Resolution No. 283 in the Supervisors' packets and thanked Mr. Bentley for the Town of Horicon's contribution to the Marine Patrol on Schroon Lake. Resolution No. 281, he said, authorized an agreement with Rich Morin's Professional Scuba Centers for training services. Mr. VanNess reported that the Elk's Lodge 81 had donated \$1,000 to the Project Lifesaver which was being administered by the Sheriff's Office. He introduced and congratulated Shawn Lamouree, who was recently promoted to the position of Major in the Sheriff's Office. He apprised Resolution No. 286 in the packets conceptually approved the transfer of 911 dispatch functions from the City of Glens Falls to the County; however, he noted it would be a timely transition.

Concerning the Health Services Committee, Mr. Sokol advised under the Westmount Health Facility portion of the meeting, Resolution No. 322 was generated and authorized the filling of the vacant position of Clinical Coordinator due to creation.

With regard to the Finance Committee, Mr. Thomas reported Resolution Nos. 287 through 299 were resultant from the meeting and highlighted a few of the resolutions as follows: Resolution No. 287, Resolution to Authorize the Formation of a Local Development Corporation and to Approve the Proposed Certificate of Incorporation Related Thereto; Resolution No. 288, Approving Transfer of Four Filing Cabinets to the Town of Johnsbury; Resolution No. 289, Approving Transfer of County-Owned Property to the Town of Lake Luzerne; Resolution No. 290, Authorizing Participation in a Multi-County Grant Application to NYSERDA in Connection with the Green Jobs New York Program; Resolution No. 291, Accepting Donation to Project Lifesaver Being Administered by the Sheriff's Office and Authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Send a Letter of Appreciation; Resolution No. 292, Authorizing Agreement with New York State Department of Correctional Services' Office of Nutritional Services to Provide Food Products for Warren County Correctional Facility; Resolution No. 293, Authorizing an Amendment Agreement with Mailings Made Easy, Inc. to Clarify the Pricing; Resolution No. 294, Authorizing Renewal of the Agreement with Hess Corporation as Preferred Supplier for Natural Gas Through the Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance (MEGA); Resolution No. 295, Authorizing an Agreement with Thorp, Reed & Armstrong, LLP for Professional Services regarding Common Carrier Rules and STB Filings in Connection with the Railroad; Resolution No. 298, Amending Resolution No. 230 of 2011; To Change Source of Funding, Remove Contingencies, and Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Lake George to Assist in the Eradication of the

Asian Clam Infestation; and Resolution No. 299, Establishing Capital Project No. H323.9550 280 Gaslight Festival Space; Authorizing Transfer of Funds and Amending Warren County Budget for 2011. Mr. Thomas announced that the Committee had approved a resolution calling for immediate payment of IGT payments from the State; however, he said, the resolution was not included in the packets. He remarked that at the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting, a presentation was given on the Truth & Taxation Local Law that was enacted by Fulton County in response to the 2% tax cap that was being pushed by the Governor and Legislature. He suggested that Warren County pursue similar action.

Regarding the Planning & Community Development Committee, Mrs. Wood stated the Committee discussed vacancies on the Warren County Planning Board, as well as GIS fees and Resolution No. 328 introduced proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2011, relative to the GIS fees. She noted that Resolution No. 326 included in the packets would amend Resolution No. 82 of 2010 to authorize an amendment agreement with ANCA (Adirondack North Country Association). She added Resolution No. 327 would amend Resolution No. 94 of 2011 relating to the public hearings and submission of the application for Community Development Block Grant Funds for an economic development project.

Mr. Geraghty announced that the Town of Warrensburg would like to contribute \$1,000 to the Warren County Youth Court for this year. He echoed Mr. Thomas' remarks pertaining to the Truth & Taxation Local Law and agreed the County should implement the same. He recommended that the matter be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee. He urged all Supervisors to become well versed on the 2% tax cap and to understand the effect it would have on the County.

Relative to the Personnel Committee, Mr. Conover apprised Resolution Nos. 319 through 325 were generated from the meeting, the majority of which authorized the filling of vacant positions in various departments.

Concerning the Extension Service Committee, Mr. Girard advised that a budgetary shortfall was recently discovered relative to the income tax program provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Unfortunately, he said, there had been mis-communication as to whether the funding for this program had been budgeted, and it had been determined the funding had not been included in the 2011 budget; therefore, he stated, there was currently a \$7,500 shortfall in the Extension Services Budget. He opined that the tax program was extremely beneficial to the citizens of the County and he hoped that the funding would be included in the 2012 budget.

Mr. McDevitt expressed his concern with the re-assessment of City-owned dams in the Town of Queensbury.

Chairman Stec announced he had attended the ACC graduation last night, which was a well attended event for the thirty-ninth commencement of SUNY Adirondack. He noted that it was an impressive group that graduated. He reminded the Supervisors that the Westmount Memorial Day Ceremony would be held on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. and he encouraged all to attend. He added that he felt the resolution for the consolidation of dispatching services that was before the board members today was a milestone for the County and he thanked Mr. Taylor for his efforts in that regard.

Chairman Stec announced the next item on the Agenda was a report by Mr. Dusek, on the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) review which was necessary in connection with the Airport real property lease agreement with B&C Property Ventures, LLC. Mr. Dusek requested Mr. DeGraw to review his prepared document announcing a negative declaration, meaning there would be no significant impact on the environment. Mr. DeGraw informed he had reviewed this project and found it negative of any adverse impacts for items such as the following: air quality; ground water quality; noise levels; agriculture; historic, natural or cultural resources; vegetation; fish; wildlife species; existing plans, subsequent to development or growth in the area; long, short-term or other effects not identified in this form and any other impacts that may not be identified in the form. Mr. Dusek advised if there were no comments, the SEQRA would become part of Resolution No. 306 in the packets.

Mr. Dusek remarked the next matter to address concerned the MEGA (Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance) Hess contract and he noted there was a slight change in the contract. He explained that the contract was originally effective through December 2013; however, he said, since the contract was subjected to re-bid next year, the contract must end December 2012, which was reflected in Resolution No. 294. He asserted that he had discovered that the Human Services Building (HSB) and the Westmount Health Facility building were not included in the contract and he had suggested that they be added. Mr. Dusek expounded that the HSB should be included; however, he noted, Westmount Health Facility paid a different rate for gas because of the co-generation plant and they received a discounted rate. As a result, he continued, that rate had proven to be lower than the rate offered through the MEGA plan; therefore, he said, he recommended that Westmount Health Facility not be included in the contract.

Mr. Dusek referenced the Police Supervisors Benevolent Association agreement and recommended that the matter be referred to the Personnel Committee prior to any action taking place in order to maintain proper procedure and the board members agreed.

The next item to report on, Mr. Dusek stated, was the intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Corinth relative to the railroad. He distributed copies of the proposed agreement to the board members, a copy of which is on file with the minutes. He reviewed changes that had been made to the agreement in detail. He noted that the changes did not affect the financial arrangements of the deal, and he felt they clarified the agreement. Mr. Dusek

asserted Resolution No. 308 in the packets, if approved, would also approve the changes to the agreement as he had outlined.

Mr. Dusek expounded that the railroad operator agreement was progressing and they were nearing execution of the contract. He reported that the original target date of July 1, 2011 was still on schedule. He added that he had recently received the first draft of the Public Authority language, which he had recommended to the board because of the concern of liability issues and it would help to serve as a good management tool. Mr. Dusek said he would review the draft and report to the appropriate committee.

Chairman Stec called for reading of communications.

Clerk read communications, including the following:

Minutes from:

- Warren County Planning Board;
- Warren/Washington Counties IDA;
- Office of Community Services Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Subcommittees.

Monthly Reports from:

- Weights & Measures;
- Veterinarian;
- Probation.

Annual Reports from:

- Warren/Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency;
- County of Warren for Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/10.

Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, March and April 2011 surcharge in the amount of \$7,414 and \$6,935 respectively.

Brian Dunlevy, Lake George resident, writing in support of keeping the snowmobile trail connection to Washington County.

Greater Adirondack Resource Conservation & Development Council, correspondence advising of elimination of federal funding for their RC & D Program effective April 15, 2011.

Communications, resolutions and reports ordered placed on file.

Mr. Belden informed he had a resolution to introduce and he pointed out that a draft of the resolution was distributed to the board members, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously authorizing the transfer of a Warren County Department of Public Works' surplus vehicle to the District Attorney's Office. Clerk remarked it would be Resolution No. 331 of 2011 for the record.

Chairman Stec reported that the Finance Committee had approved a resolution calling for immediate payment of Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) payments; however, he said, the resolution was not included in the packets, as noted by Mr. Thomas. He advised a motion to waive the rules followed by a motion to call for the immediate payment of IGT payments could be made to resolve the matter.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to waive the rules of the board requiring a resolution be in writing. Clerk noted it would be Resolution No. 332 of 2011 for the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously calling for immediate payment of IGT payments. Clerk added it would be Resolution No. 333 of 2011 for the record.

Chairman Stec called for reading of resolutions and discussion.

Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, advised that Resolution Nos. 265 through 329 were mailed. She added that the resolutions relating to the filling of vacant positions were Resolution Nos. 320 through 323 and unless a roll call vote was requested, all would be approved in the collective vote.

Mrs. Sady announced a motion was needed to bring Resolution Nos. 264 and 330 to the floor. Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to bring Resolution Nos. 264 and 330 to the floor.

Chairman Stec called for a vote on the resolutions.

Resolution Nos. 264 through 333 were approved. Proclamations- Mental Health Month and Older Americans Month; and Mortgage Tax Report were submitted.

Mr. Belden announced that he would not be running as a candidate for re-election as Supervisor this fall. He said this December would mark his fortieth year as an elected official for the Town of Hague and he had made great friends over the years that he would miss

when he retires. Chairman Stec replied Mr. Belden would be missed on the Board of Supervisors and he enjoyed his company and counsel over the years that they had served together.

Mr. Kenny mentioned that on June 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Big Cross Street School, he and Councilman Driscoll would be holding their semi-annual Town Hall Meeting and the Assessor from the City of Glens Falls was the invited guest to explain to the constituency how the assessing process evolves. He extended an invitation to all Supervisors.

Mr. Strainer informed that the CCE Golf Tournament would be held on August 27, 2011 and teams and donations were still needed. He also commented on the efforts of Mr. LaFlure and opined it was disheartening that he was considered a part-time Director. He further requested that the Public Safety Committee discuss the part-time status and consider making the Director of the Office of Emergency Services a full time position.

Mr. Bentley remarked that a Fishing Derby would be held at the Mill Pond tomorrow and the Fish Hatchery had stocked Mill Pond with large Rainbow Trout. He also recognized Kathy Baker, Fiscal Manager of the Department of Social Services, who was retiring today and he thanked her for her many years of dedicated service to the County.

Chairman Stec reminded the Supervisors that the Memorial Day Ceremony would be held at Westmount Health Facility on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. He added that the Ad Hoc Committee that was established for Youth Court would meet immediately following the Board Meeting today.

Chairman Stec asked Jeff Tennyson, DPW Superintendent, to update the board members on the Gaslight Village project following his call to Mr. Decker. Mr. Tennyson reported that the contractor was currently owed \$35,000 for the demolition of Charley's Saloon that had been completed and the contractors' position had been that he would not mobilize to the site until he received payment. Subsequent to discussions, he continued, it had been determined that Americade would still be able to utilize the space with the buildings remaining on site. He stated that the New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) payment to the Town of Lake George was anticipated the third week of June and Mr. Decker was working on an additional option with the contractor to provide partial payment, allowing the contractor to pay his sub-contractors and get them to the site prior to receipt of the full reimbursement from the NYS DOS.

Chairman Stec extended privilege of the floor to George Winters, resident of the Town of Queensbury. Mr. Winters referenced the patch work that was done last year on West Mountain Road and expressed his disdain with said work. He also mentioned his concern with the vehicles that the Sheriff's Office used, which he opined burned more gas than other vehicles. In conclusion, Mr. Winters suggested that public comment be offered at the

beginning of a Board Meeting.

Dr. Jim Seeley, Executive Director of CCE, referred to the unanticipated shortfall in the Extension budget, and apprised that it was an excellent budget process and it was an oversight on his behalf. He also announced that the New York State Girls Softball Tournament would be held on June 10th and 11th at the Dome in the Town of Queensbury and he encouraged all to attend.

Mr. LaFlure thanked the Supervisors for the accolades for his Office and he asserted his staff could not do it alone. He further recognized Mr. Tennyson and the DPW staff, all the local DPW crews, the Town Highway crews, volunteer Firefighters and squad personnel that were involved during the flooding. He reinforced the importance of each Supervisor knowing where their town's Emergency Action Plans were located and to be familiar with it. He informed that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), SEMA (State Emergency Management Agency) and the National Red Cross had been in the area surveying the damage and utilizing Warren County as their staging area.

Michael Consuelo, Special Events Coordinator, announced that he had been selected as the interim Executive Director of the Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce to replace Luisa Craige-Sherman following her resignation, with the understanding that he would continue his duties as the Special Events Coordinator.

Chairman Stec extended privilege of the floor to Dennis Bardin, resident of the Village of Lake George. Mr. Bardin commented that the Opera House needed to be torn down immediately and it was a liability to the County to allow people on the property with the building in that condition.

Mr. Loeb expounded that it appeared that the building would be demolished in two weeks, as reported by Mr. Tennyson, and he suggested that the County put forth the necessary funding today to progress the project until reimbursement was received; thereby allowing the work to start next week. Mr. Kenny agreed and added that the Gaslight Village Ad Hoc Committee needed to schedule a meeting as soon as possible. Mr. Dusek interjected that he would need to research the issue because the contract was not with the County and the County did not have the authority to provide a loan for this project. Mr. Belden asked Mr. Tennyson if he had the staff and equipment to remove the remaining Opera House structure and Mr. Tennyson responded that his Department could tear down the structure to make the area safe. Mr. Dusek countered that the contract specified that the contractor had control of the site; however, he said, he could look into the matter further.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Goodspeed and seconded by Mr. Bentley, Chairman Stec adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.