



FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 14, 2023

10:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Chair Sauerbrey, Ciotoli, Flesher, Brown, Mullen, Monell, Standinger, Roberts, Weston

Staff: Legislative Clerk Haskell, County Attorney DeWind, Treasurer McFadden, Deputy Treasurer Chandler, Chief Accountant Jerzak, Accountant Schurter, Personnel Officer Parke, 4th Assistant County Attorney Lanouette

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Legislator Ciotoli asked for a motion to approve the January 10, 2023, minutes. Legislator Monell made the motion seconded by Legislator Brown and was unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL: Safety's budget has had some expenditures for new ADA signage and wheels for the magnetometer. Legal's budget is tracking well with monthly legal fees pre-encumbered.

OLD BUSINESS

- Litigation: Rosvold is moving forward with a trial date set for June 2023. A new claim was received for a previous claim for a third-party incident. A new claim was received for property damage reimbursement caused by a County employee which NYMIR is currently handling. A former employee's case is moving slowly due to a switch in judges and a crime victim's case has moved to discovery.

NEW BUSINESS

- County Attorney DeWind discussed the updates to the Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy and Discriminatory Harassment Policy and the addition of blood and bone marrow donation to the Personnel Rules section of the Employee Handbook.
- The Ethics Board will have two open board seats at the end of March. Legislators need to be mindful of political party affiliation when nominating someone for this board.

- Accessible parking education is required every two years. A quarter page ad will be purchased from the Owego Pennysaver and brochures will be given to municipalities for distribution sometime this spring.
- Flood insurance premiums are coming due for renewal. Premiums can be lowered however it would take over ten years to offset the deductibles.
- The Commercial Insurance fund is low and will need money transferred in to cover cyber, flood, and auto insurance. There is also the possibility of several lawsuits settling this year which could deplete the fund with its current balance.

PERSONNEL

- Resolutions to create and fill the position of Secretary to the 1st Assistant County Attorney and Safety Officer were discussed and 4th Assistant County Attorney Lanouette was introduced to the Legislators.

RESOLUTIONS: AUTHORIZE TO CREATE AND FILL SECRETARY TO THE 1ST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY; TEMPORARY INCREASE FULL-TIME HEADCOUNT LAW DEPARTMENT, AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK; WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM POLICY AND DISCRIMINATORY HARASSMENT POLICY, AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK: SECTION IV. PERSONNEL RULES: SUBSECTION V. LEAVE TIME, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TEVA CONCERNING CLAIMS RELATED TO THE OPIOID CRISIS, APPOINT SAFETY OFFICER; these resolutions were moved into full Legislative session without further questions.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Legislator Ciotoli adjourned the Finance, Legal and Safety Committee meeting at 11:26 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Freyvogel

Secretary to the County Attorney