#### OFFICIAL RECORD

Lockport, New York January 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McNall at 7:03 p.m.

Clerk Tamburlin called the roll. All Legislators were present with the exception of Legislators Andres, Lance and Steed.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman McNall announced that Financial Disclosure forms will be mailed out soon through the Human Resources Department and are due no later than March 1, 2017.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. Mrs. Pamela Atwater, President of Save Ontario Shores, Inc was called to the lectern to give briefing on the impact that APEX Wind Turbines could have on our communities and our Airbase if they are built she also thanked the Niagara County Legislature for their support.
- 2. Legislator Zona invited Niagara Falls Firefighter John Castellani to the lectern to read a proclamation for the Niagara Falls Firefighters Christmas Toy Fund Committee and for all their charitable work supporting needy families during the holiday season. Social Services Commissioner Anthony Restaino also expressed his gratitude for the amount of families they were able to touch this past year.
- 3. Chairman McNall gave his State of the County Address. He provided a summary of the past year, while highlighting some key initiatives, and discussed goals for the upcoming year.

No citizens spoke at this time.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Virtuoso to accept the preferred agenda. Carried.

#### Resolution No. AD-001-17

From: Administration Committee

Dated: January 17, 2017

### AUTHORIZATION FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS/CORRECTIONS - 2017

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law, sections 554 and 556, provides for an administrative correction of error process that assists property owners in obtaining refunds and/or corrections for real property tax payments or billings, and

WHEREAS, certain clerical errors, unlawful entries and errors in essential fact, as defined in the New York State Real Property Tax Law, are permitted to be corrected by a taxing jurisdiction based upon the recommendation of the Director of Real Property Tax Services, and

WHEREAS, the taxing jurisdiction can delegate, by resolution, on an annual basis, to an official who is empowered to authorize payment of bills without prior audit, the authority to perform the duties of the tax levying body in regard to Real Property Tax Law, Sections 554 and 556, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Treasurer is hereby delegated such authority to perform the duties of the tax levying body during 2017 when the Real Property Tax Director's recommended refund and/or correction is twenty-five hundred dollars or less, and be it further

RESOLVED, that on or before the fifteenth day of each month, the Niagara County Treasurer shall submit a report to the Niagara County Legislature of the refunds and or corrections processed during the preceding month, containing the name of each recipient, the location of the property, and the amount of the refund. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Virtuoso.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent - Andres, Lance and Steed

### Resolution No. CS-001-17

From: Community Services and Administration Committees

Dated: January 17, 2017

# OFFICE FOR THE AGING BUDGET MODIFICATION – ACCEPTANCE OF PARTNERSHIP IN INNOVATION FOR OLDER ADULTS GRANT

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Office for the Aging (NCOFA) provides community-based services to help older adults remain active and independent in the community, and

WHEREAS, the NCOFA receives various recurring and one-time state and federal grants each year to fund a portion of these services provided, and

WHEREAS, the NCOFA, in partnership with the Niagara County Office of Mental Health and Northpointe Council successfully applied and received the Partnership In Innovation For Older Adults (PIOA) Grant, a five-year, \$963,489 grant that begins on January 1, 2017 and will serve Niagara County individuals who are 55 years or older whose ability to remain safe and independent in the community is at risk due to mental health and/or substance abuse concerns, and

WHEREAS, the funding NCOFA receives through the PIOA grant will allow this office to fund one of our existing FT Case Manager- Senior Services to devote one half of their time, and support all of our operations in order to be an integral partner in the PIOA project and create a strong, connected network of behavioral health, peer, and aging service providers, as well as leverage other existing supports to meet with needs of At-Risk Older Adults, helping them to not only remain safe in the community, but helping them to flourish by remaining connected with medical, behavioral health, and non-medical supports in the community, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the department is given authorization to accept the grant increase with the effectuation of the following budget modifications:

### **INCREASE REVENUE:**

A.24.6772.000 43772.01	Programs for Aging General	\$39,019.57
INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:		
A.24.6772.000 71010.00	Positions Expense	\$16,250.00
A.24.6772.000 72100.05	Machinery and Equipment Computer Equipment	1,500.00
A.24.6772.000 74200.02	Rents Leases/Copier Rental	31.74
A.24.6772.000 74250.01	Office Expenses Office Supplies	16.67
A.24.6772.000 74300.03	Reimbursements Travel, Mileage	924.49

A.24.6772.000 74375.02	Communications Telephone Usage	9.89
A.24.6772.000 74375.05	Communications Cellular Phone	453.80
A.24.6772.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses	7592.60
A.24.6772.000 74600.03	Professional Development Training and Education	925.93
A.24.6772.000 74675.01	Services, Central Postage	11.86
A.24.6772.000 74675.02	Services, Central Printing	74.80
A.24.6772.000 74675.06	Services, Central Maintenance in Lieu of Rent	\$389.45
A.24.6772.000 78100.00	Retirement Expense	2,143.84
A.24.6772.000 78200.00	FICA Expense	1,261.50
A.24.6772.000 78300.00	Worker's Compensation Expense	75.50
A.24.6772.000 78400.01	Insurance, Health Active Hospital/Medical Ins	6,714.50
A.24.6772.000 78400.05	Insurance, Health Retiree Employer Contribution	425.00
A.24.6772.000 78700.00	NYS Disability Expense	42.50
A.24.6772.000 78800.00	Flex 125 Employer Contribution Expense	175.50
CM.24.6772.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$27,088.34
DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:		
CM.24.6772.000 71010.00	Positions Expense	\$16,250.00
CM.24.6772.000 78100.00	Retirement Expense	2,143.84
CM.24.6772.000 78200.00	FICA Expense	1,261.50
CM.24.6772.000 78300.00	Worker's Compensation Expense	75.50
CM.24.6772.000 78400.01	Insurance, Health Active Hospital/Medical Ins	6,714.50
CM.24.6772.000 78400.05	Insurance, Health Retiree Employer Contribution	425.00
CM.24.6772.000 78700.00	NYS Disability Expense	42.50
CM.24.6772.000 78800.00	Flex 125 Employer Contribution Expense	175.50
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Virtuoso.		

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent - Andres, Lance and Steed

### Resolution No. CSS-001-17

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees

Dated: January 17, 2017

# BUDGET MODIFICATION/GRANT ACCEPTANCE-SHERIFF'S OFFICE **OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office was recently awarded the 2016 Operation Stonegarden Grant from the New York State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$132,476, and

WHEREAS, this grant is for the purpose of protecting our borders and allows for the continuation of multi-law enforcement agencies to jointly support and secure international borders and waterways, and

WHEREAS, the 2017 budget did not include these funds as the grant award was just recently finalized, and

WHEREAS, the grant includes overtime and equipment to be shared by the agencies, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that prior to the execution of the grant, the County Attorney will review the grant for approval to legal form, language and compliance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute this grant, and be it further

RESOLVED that the following budget modification be made:

#### **INCREASE REVENUE:**

A.17.5045,000.44505.02	Homeland Security	Ψ132, 470
INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:		
A.17.3645.000.71050.00	Overtime	\$42,866
A.17.3645.000.72100.21	Law Enforcement Equipment	40,000
A.17.3645.000.74800.11	Vehicle Maintenance	11,893
A.17.3645.000.74400.09	Payments to Other Agencies	26,719
A 17 3645 000 78200 00	FICA	3.279

Homeland Security

\$132 476

7,719

A.17.3645.000.78100.00 Moved by Bradt, seconded by Virtuoso.

A 17 3645 000 44305 02

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent - Andres, Lance and Steed

### Resolution No. CSS-002-17

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees

Dated: January 17, 2017

### NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FORENSIC LABORATORY COVERDELL GRANT

Retirement

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office received a renewal grant from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Forensic Laboratory in the amount of \$24,112 for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, and

WHEREAS, this grant funds a part-time clerical position and training expenses, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue such a position to answer the phones, input data and other clerical duties that would relieve the chemists from the interruptions of such duty, and

WHEREAS, the position is budgeted in the 2017 budget so no modification needs to be made for the position, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the part-time clerical position continue to be co-terminus with the grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that prior to the execution of the grant, the County Attorney will review the grant for approval to legal form, language and compliance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the grant.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Virtuoso.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent - Andres, Lance and Steed

### Resolution No. CSS-003-17

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees

Dated: January 17, 2017

### NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - ACCEPT PSAP GRANT

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has received an award from the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$174,498 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to improve interoperable communications through operational efficiency and effectiveness by consolidating public safety answering points and promoting cross-jurisdictional standard operating procedures, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has included these funds in their budget to offset the cost of the County E-911 center, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that prior to execution of the grant, the County Attorney will review the grant for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute this grant.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Virtuoso.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent - Andres, Lance and Steed

### Resolution No. CW-001-17

From: Committee of the Whole

Dated: January 17, 2017

# RATIFICATION OF THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND

### THE NIAGARA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT #1 AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL #264

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara and the Niagara County Sewer District #1, and Teamsters Local #264 have reached a tentative agreement for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, said tentative agreement was ratified by Teamsters Local #264 on January 6, 2017, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in fund balance, as well as in 2017 budgeted appropriations to carry out the fiscal obligations in the tentative agreement with a detailed resolution to follow, and

WHEREAS, prior to the final execution of the agreement, the County Attorney will review the Final agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the tentative Agreement be, and hereby is, ratified by the Niagara County Legislature effective January 17, 2017, ("the Agreement"), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager, following execution of the final agreement, is then authorized to direct the Departments of Human Resources, Risk Management, Budget Office, and the Treasurer's Office to implement and administer the provisions of the Agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute said Final Agreement on behalf of the County of Niagara, subject to the approval of the County Attorney. Chairman McNall declared Rule 28 is in effect for this resolution and turned the floor over to Legislator Nemi. Moved by Syracuse, seconded by Grozio Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Andres, Lance and Steed

### Resolution No. IL-001-17

From: Legislators Anthony J. Nemi, Wm. Keith McNall, William J. Collins and Michael A. Hill

Dated: January 17, 2017

# RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AN-JO BASEBALL CLUB OF LOCKPORT THROUGH THE USE OF CASINO FUNDING

WHEREAS, An-Jo Baseball Club of Lockport is over a 60 year old non-profit baseball organization located in Lockport, and

WHEREAS, An-Jo league has always been to provide and administer a quality baseball program to children of all ages and abilities in Eastern Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the An-Jo Baseball Club of Lockport desires to refurbish the baseball fields with new diamond dirt, diamond clay and surface, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the as follows:

An-Jo Baseball Club of Lockport

Field Refurbishment

\$6,000.00

\$6,000.00

\$6,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the Niagara County Economic Development 2017 budget:

### INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.28.8020.812 40599.01

Appropriated Fund Balance - Committed Funds

### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A.28.8020.812 74400.15

Seneca Niagara Community Development Fund

Referred to the Economic Development Committee

### Resolution No. IL-002-17

From: Legislators Clyde L. Burmaster and Rebecca J. Wydysh

Dated: January 17, 2017

# RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMPLETE REMOVAL OF MATERIALS TEMPORARILY BURIED AT THE LAKE ONTARIO ORDINANCE WORKS (L.O.O.W.), MODEL CITY, N.Y.

WHEREAS, in the late 1940's the United States Government operated a site for the production of Trinitrotoluene (T.N.T.) for war purposes at the Model City site on Balmer Road in the Towns of Porter and Lewiston, N.Y., and

WHEREAS, in ensuing years these lands were also used for production of other toxic and radioactive materials, which were subsequently consolidated and buried there for future disposition, and

WHEREAS, this Legislature along with the citizens of Niagara County have on many occasions enacted resolutions requesting complete removal of these radioactive and dangerous materials away from the area to remove the threat of serious health conditions which could present themselves in the event of leakage or exposure, and

WHEREAS, the mere existence of this burial ground is detrimental to the health, economic vitality and desirability for business and residential improvements as well as reducing property values in this beautiful rural environment adjoining a great water resource, the Niagara River and Lake Ontario, and

WHEREAS, the issue of disposition is long overdue, and the Niagara County government and populace are unanimous in agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers best recommendation to pursue Alternative 4, Excavation and Off Site Removal to address the area of concern (AOC) of the Occidental Chemical Corporation Property, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, on behalf of the citizens of Niagara County, this Legislature sincerely requests that the actions described in the above Whereas be carried out at the earliest and safest time available, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Cities, Towns, Villages, State Senators and Assemblymen, as well as Congressman Chris Collins

Moved by Burmaster, seconded by Wydysh

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Andres, Lance and Steed

Moved by Burmaster, second by Hill to rescind the previous vote

Moved by Burmaster, seconded by Hill, to implement the portion of Rule 15 that pertains to voting on a resolution as opposed to referring it to committee.

Carried.

Moved by Burmaster, seconded by Hill Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Andres, Lance and Steed

### Resolution No. IL-003-17

From: Legislator Michael A. Hill

Dated: January 17, 2017

# RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF ROYALTON BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION THROUGH THE USE OF CASINO FUNDING

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Town of Royalton will be celebrating its two hundredth birthday with year round festivities, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Royalton would like to enhance the events scheduled to make this celebration that much more special for the residents and visitors, some of these events include entertainment for the children at the Community day, community picnic and the breakfast to be held for First Responders and Veterans, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Royalton Bicentennial celebrations will act as a significant draw for residents, and visitors, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County would like to support the efforts of the Town of Royalton Bicentennial Committee to attract residents and visitors through a contribution of \$5,000.00 total to assist with the cost, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Town of Royalton Bicentennial as follows:

Royalton Historical Society Bicentennial Committee

\$5,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the Niagara County Economic Development 2017 budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.28.8020.812 40599.01

Appropriated Fund Balance - Committed Funds

\$5,000.00

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.28.8020.812 74400.15

Seneca Niagara Community Development Fund

\$5,000.00

Referred to the Economic Development Committee.

Resolution No. IL-004-17

From: Legislator Michael A. Hill

Dated: January 17, 2017

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WOLCOTTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY THROUGH THE USE OF CASINO FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Wolcottsville Volunteer Fire Company was established in 1947 to serve their community and residents, and

WHEREAS, the Wolcottsville Volunteer Fire Department will be giving away smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at the Annual Community Day event and throughout the year to help residents in the community protect their homes from fire, save lives and prevent injuries, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County would like to support the efforts of the Wolcottsville Volunteer Fire Company through a contribution of \$1,000.00 total to assist with the cost, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Wolcottsville Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Wolcottsville Volunteer Fire Company

Smoke and CO2 Detectors

\$1,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the Niagara County Economic Development 2017 budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.28.8020.812 40599.01

Appropriated Fund Balance - Committed Funds

\$1,000.00

INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.28.8020.812 74400.15

Seneca Niagara Community Development Fund

\$1,000.00

Referred to the Economic Development Committee.

Resolution No. IL-005-17

From: Legislator Michael A. Hill

Dated: January 17, 2017

# RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH THROUGH THE USE OF CASINO FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Trinity Lutheran Church of Wolcottville is a historic church within the town of Royalton, and

WHEREAS, the Trinity Church is in need of many repairs and remodeling done to this historic building, and

WHEREAS, Trinity Church would like to complete the carpet in the upstairs of the church as well as some much needed repairs for their organ, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Trinity Lutheran Church as follows:

Trinity Lutheran Church

\$1,500.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the Niagara County Economic Development 2017 budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.28.8020.812 40599.01

Appropriated Fund Balance - Committed Funds

\$1,500.00

INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.28.8020.812 74400.15

Seneca Niagara Community Development Fund

\$1,500.00

Referred to the Economic Development Committee.

Resolution No. IL-006-17

From: Legislator Michael A. Hill

Dated: January 17, 2017

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF HARTLAND SPLASH PAD AND PAVILION THROUGH THE USE OF CASINO FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Town of Hartland has plans for a splash pad and pavilion for its town park, and

WHEREAS, the project shall include a concrete splash pad with aquatic spray features and a pavilion next to the existing playground, this will provide a shaded picnic and seating area for visitors, and

WHEREAS, the plan is designed for young and old and will be utilized by the town summer recreation program, park events and the day to day public use of the facilities, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Town of Hartland Splash pad and Pavilion as follows:

Town of Hartland

Splash Pad and Pavilion

\$10,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the Niagara County Economic Development 2017 budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.28.8020.812 40599.01

Appropriated Fund Balance - Committed Funds

INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.28.8020.812 74400.15

Seneca Niagara Community Development Fund

\$10,000.00

\$10,000.00

Referred to the Economic Development Committee.

Resolution No. IL-007-17

From: Legislator Michael A. Hill

Dated: January 17, 2017

# RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HISTORIC LOCKPORT MILL RACE, INC. THROUGH THE USE OF CASINO FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Historic Lockport Mill Race, Inc. is a volunteer-driven organization that is focusing on renovating the old Lockport Gas & Electric ("LG&E") building and surrounding Mill Race area in the Lockport Heritage District, and

WHEREAS, a structural engineering study is required in order to reach their project goals, and

WHEREAS, the goals are to place a pavilion for public use on the top of the LG&E building, install ropes course inside the LG&E building and re-establish the Mill Race footprint as a part of the southern Erie Canal walking path, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County would like to support the efforts of the Historic Lockport Mill Race, Inc. through a contribution of \$10,000.00 total to assist with the cost, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Historic Lockport Mill Race, Inc. as follows:

Historic Lockport Mill Race, Inc.

Structural Engineering Study

\$10,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the Niagara County Economic Development 2017 budget:

### INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.28.8020.812 40599.01

Appropriated Fund Balance - Committed Funds

\$10,000.00

### INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.28.8020.812 74400.15

Seneca Niagara Community Development Fund

\$10,000.00

Referred to the Economic Development Committee.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Syracuse to enter into Executive Session for discussion on the Ratification of the Tentative Agreement between the County of Niagara and the Niagara County Sewer District #1and Teamsters Local #264

Moved by Zona, seconded by Syracuse to adjourn Executive Session. Carried.

# Resolution No. CW-001-17 was read at this time. (Appears in numerical order)

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

Appt.

**Expires** 

### AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD:

**FARMING SECTOR** 

Thomas Staples (Replaces Ben Atwater)

01/17/17

12/31/19

7366 West Somerset Rd., Appleton 14008

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

Kevin McCabe	01/17/17
5917 Collins Drive, Lockport 14094	
Michael Martin, Executive Director	01/17/17
Native American Services of Erie & Niagara County	
1005 Grant Street Buffalo, 14207	
Kevin Roth	01/17/17
5658 Wendy Circle, Lockport 14094	
Michael P. Capizzi	01/17/17
539 Main Street Apt. 2, Niagara Falls 14301	
Thomas Jaccarino, Director of Eligibility for DSS	01/17/17
Moved by Collins, seconded by Nemi	
Carried.	

Moved by Syracuse, seconded by Burmaster that the Board adjourn.

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned at 8:45 p.m., subject to the call of the Clerk.

No citizens spoke at this time on the General Welfare of the County.

May Jo Tamburlin, Clerk