



AGENDA
CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 6:00PM
Live Link: <https://youtu.be/GMwsss4ALYM>

CALL TO ORDER: Hon. Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Chair

ROLL CALL: Sheila Smith, Clerk of the Legislature

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOMENT OF PRAYER:

DEATHS: Our sincere condolences to the families and friends of:

- Robert J. "Bob" Bradtke Sr., husband of Cayuga County employee Lorrie Bradtke
- Sarajane Vitale, Aunt of Legislator Ben Vitale
- Sherwood Boehlert, former Congressman for Upstate NY
- Peter Murinka, former County employee in the County Clerk's Office

PUBLIC HEARING: None

PROCLAMATIONS:

- United Way Day in Cayuga County – Friday, September 24, 2021

PRESENTATION:

- American Rescue Plan – Lynn Marinelli & Aileen McNabb-Coleman

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

MINUTES TO APPROVE: August 24, 2021

APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS:

Records Advisory Committee:

Thomas Bunn, 160 Genesee St., 5th Floor, Auburn, NY 13021 term 9-25-21 to 12-31-21

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1.) Letter from Assembly member Anna Kelles & Senator Pamela Helming to Governor Hochul in regard to Bell Station. – Attached

CCC REPORT: Dr. Durant

COMMITTEE REPORTS & INDIVIDUAL LEGISLATORS' REPORTS: None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Aileen McNabb-Coleman

**CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
RESOLUTIONS 9-28-21**

WAYS & MEANS:

- 9-21-WM-1 **(Modified @ Ways)** Appointing Mary Beth Leeson as the Director of Cayuga County Finance Department
- 9-21-WM-2 Resolution authorizing the cancellation of penalty and interest of \$276.29 on Tax Map Number 123.04-1-2.1 in the Town of Owasco
- 9-21-WM-3 Authorize contract with RDS Services, LLC to review drug subsidy claims for potential under claimed amounts
- 9-21-WM-4 Adopting resolution for an update to Cayuga County Investment Policy, Section Number 18 in the Policy Manual
- 9-21-WM-5 Authorize the increase of the Treasurer's Office Budget using Real Property Tax Administration (RPTA) grant funds
- 9-21-WM-6 Authorizing and approving a settlement agreement to an action relating to the opioid crisis
- 9-21-WM-7 **(Added @ Ways)** Appointing Jennifer Indelicato as the Director of the Cayuga County Real Property Services Department

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

- 9-21-HH-1 Authorization to accept additional funding from the NYS Office for Aging (NYSOFA) for Expanding Access to COVID-19 Vaccines via the Aging Network (COVID-19 ADRC VACCINE ACCESS)
- 9-21-HH-2 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill a PT Lactation Peer Counselor Position in the Health Department's WIC Program
- 9-21-HH-3 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into contract and accept funding for the COVID Vaccine Response from New York State Department of Health
- 9-21-HH-4 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill one Public Health Sanitarian position due to a resignation.
- 9-21-HH-5 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill a Nutritionist position due to a resignation.
- 9-21-HH-6 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into a service agreement with MEDENT to provide electronic medical record software and services to the Cayuga County Health Department
- 9-21-HH-7 Authorizing the Public Health Director to carry out a budget modification in the WIC program budget.
- 9-21-HH-8 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to Enter into a Contract with Cayuga County Mental Health for Reports and Assessments on the Placement of a Child in a Qualified Residential Treatment Program
- 9-21-HH-9 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with Community Action Programs Cayuga/Seneca (CAP) to perform any outreach activities for the State Mandated HEAP Program (100% Federally Funded).
- 9-21-HH-10 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to enter into 5-year agreements with colleges or universities for social work interns and/or medical students
- 9-21-HH-11 Authorize the filling of a full time Supervising Social Worker (CMH) position at the Community Mental Health Center and abolishing one full time senior Staff Social Worker position due to a retirement
- 9-21-HH-12 Fixing Day and Notice of Public Hearing on a Local Law repealing Local Law No. 5 of 2014 and establishing the positions of Commissioner of Social Services and Director of Community Services
- 9-21-HH-13 Create and fill fifteen (15) Vaccination Clinic Support Specialist Positions in the Public Health Department.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS: None

PLANNING:

- 9-21-PL-1 Designating the Cayuga County Convention and Visitors Bureau (“CCCVB”) as the Cayuga County Tourism Promotion Agency (“CCTPA”) for New York State Grant Funding for the 2022 State Program Year and designating the Program Project Director.
- 9-21-PL-2 Authorizing the Chairperson of the Cayuga County Legislature to sign the WIOA Local Plan 2021-2025 for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- 9-21-PL-3 Opposing the auction of the Bell Station Property on the Lansing Cayuga Lake Shoreline and requesting that NYSEG negotiate with the Finger Lakes Land Trust for the sale of the Bell Station Property to protect this important resource.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- 9-21-PW-1 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Heavy position #02481 in the Highway Department
- 9-21-PW-2 Authorization to increase revenue and expense accounts to purchase equipment

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY:

- 9-21-JP-1 Authorizing the District Attorney to accept a grant from NY State Office of Victim Services to continue the “Victim/Witness Program” which is necessary to comply with legal requirements
- 9-21-JP-2 Authorize the Sheriff to fill three (3) vacant Sheriff Custody Officer Positions in the Custody Division of the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office
- 9-21-JP-3 Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Cayuga County Sheriff to enter into a memorandum of understanding for use of the Cayuga County Sheriff’s weapons range by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
- 9-21-JP-4 Resolution to establish salaries for Cayuga County Custody (Jail) Nursing Staff within the Cayuga County Jail.
- 9-21-JP-5 Resolution authorizing Sgt Matthew Sloan to adopt K-9 Aron from the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Unit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: re: Contract negotiations

And any other business that may come before the Board

ADJOURNMENT: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:00PM

If you have a disability and need accommodations, please call the Clerk of the Legislature’s office at 253-1308 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting to advise what accommodations will be necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ 9/28/21 Leg Appoint Finance Director Set Salary

Appointing Mary Beth Leeson as the Director of Cayuga County Finance Department

BY: Mr. Keith Batman, Chairperson, Ways & Means Committee

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 4 for the Year 2021, establishes the Office of the Cayuga County Finance Director, and;

WHEREAS, Resolution 240-21 authorizes the Create and Fill of the Finance Director position, and;

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee recommends that Mary Beth Leeson be appointed as the Finance Director, and;

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission has previously approved Mary Beth Leeson's qualifications for holding the position of Finance Director; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mary Beth Leeson be appointed as the Finance Director, for a 3-year term effective 10/1/2021 thru 9/30/2024 and be it further

RESOLVED, that the position of Finance Director is set Grade 8 of the Cayuga County Compensation Plan, Part III, Non-bargaining Employees, and the starting annual salary for this position shall be set at \$101,500 with annual increases of 1.5% commencing on each anniversary through the term of this appointment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Compensation Plan be amended accordingly and that the foregoing shall be accomplished in accordance with Civil Service rules and procedures.

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Treasurer make all the necessary journal and accounting entries to accomplish the foregoing.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

9/28/21

LEG Appoint Dir Real Property

Appointing Jennifer Indelicato as the Director of the Cayuga County Real Property Services Department

By: Keith Batman, Chair, Ways and Means Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 1530 provides that the County Real Property Tax Services Agency shall be headed by a Director of Real Property Tax Services, who shall have a six (6) year term and shall be appointed by the county legislative body, and

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in this office due to a resignation effective September 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the former incumbent's term of office commenced on October 1, 2019 and continued through on September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Officers Law §38, a public officer appointed to fill a term vacancy serves for the balance of the former incumbent's term; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has conducted a search for a new Director of Real Property Services, and has chosen to offer the position to Jennifer Indelicato; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance has determined that Jennifer Indelicato meets the qualification standards for County Director as set forth in section 20 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) 8188- 4.3 of the rules for real property tax administration; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Legislature hereby appoints Jennifer Indelicato to the position of Director of Real Property Services at Grade 6 of the Cayuga County Compensation Plan, Part III, Non-bargaining Employees with a starting annual salary of \$ 76,078, with annual increases of 1.5% commencing on each anniversary through the term of this appointment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of the appointment, as prescribed in Real Property Tax Law §1530 and Public Officer's Law §38, shall commence on October 1, 2021 and continue through September 30, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Compensation Plan be amended accordingly and that the foregoing shall be accomplished in accordance with Civil Service rules and procedures.

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Treasurer make all the necessary journal and accounting entries to accomplish the foregoing.



THE LEGISLATURE
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

September 7, 2021

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

We are writing to ask for your urgent help preserving an undeveloped stretch of Cayuga Lake. Bell Station is a remarkable, 470-acre property featuring 3,400 feet of pristine shoreline on the east side of Cayuga Lake. The property was originally acquired by New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) for a power plant that was never built. Bell Station features wooded hillsides, cascading waterfalls, extensive fields currently leased for agriculture, and several tributaries to the lake. According to the Cayuga Birding Club, “rare and threatened plant communities, including a large and flourishing population of a NYS threatened plant called Butterfly Leaf and a NYS rare plant called Pale Pea” thrive on this property and need our protection. “The population of Butterfly Leaf is the only such population in Tompkins County and is one of the largest of this threatened species in the State. Additionally, the mature Maple-Basswood forest provides necessary habitat for warblers, vireos, orioles, and other birds that have been declining in NYS due to habitat loss.”

The Bell Station project is recognized as a priority in New York State’s Open Space Plan and is designated as “future public access conservation land” in the 2018 Town of Lansing Comprehensive Plan. It is the largest privately owned parcel of shoreline remaining in the Finger Lakes.

Acquisition of the site for conservation will greatly enhance public access to the east side of Cayuga Lake, which is 90% privately owned. Permanent conservation of the property will also prevent additional residential development on the steep hillsides above the lake, development that would likely contribute significantly to increased erosion and to the lake’s harmful algal blooms (HABs). Given that Cayuga Lake already has the highest prevalence of HABs outbreaks in the Finger Lakes, allowing for further increased risk is unwise both for our ecology and for the agritourism industry that is a bedrock of our local economy.

Fields on the eastern portion of the site could provide an opportunity for solar energy development that has bipartisan support both in the Town of Lansing and in the Tompkins County legislature. This large scale solar project would add significantly to the State’s efforts to reach our CLCPA goals. It is a rare confluence to have both a site perfect for a large solar installation and local community support and it would be a loss for the community and State not to capitalize on this opportunity.

For all these reasons, the Finger Lakes Land Trust has been pursuing the conservation of the Bell Station property for a number of years. Interest in this conservation project is shared by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) such that the NYSDEC has designated the Land Trust as its agent to pursue acquisition of this land.

The Finger Lakes Land Trust proposes to work together with the NYSDEC, the Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, and other key stakeholders to acquire the land and create a public wildlife management area on the lakeshore portion of the property, while exploring the feasibility of utilizing the easternmost portion of the property for solar energy production. The wildlife management area would be owned and managed by the NYSDEC and open to the public for a variety of recreational uses including hiking, cross country skiing, wildlife watching, hunting, and fishing.

The Finger Lakes Land Trust has expressed its interest to NYSEG in negotiating a sale of the land that would achieve

these public benefits while providing the company with fair market value compensation. Unfortunately, NYSEG has recently announced its intention to sell the land through a sealed bid, public auction.

While the Land Trust is able to participate in this auction, it makes a positive conservation outcome much less certain. To date our offices have received thousands of signatures from local constituents urging us to stop the auction and support the open negotiations between the Land Trust and NYSEG.

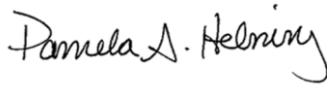
In order to preserve this rare stretch of undeveloped land for the enjoyment of New Yorkers and the preservation of our natural resources, we urge you to request that NYSEG cancel its auction and instead enter into transparent negotiations with the Land Trust, as agent for the NYSDEC. This will offer an opportunity for NYSEG and the State to ensure the future of this unique stretch of Cayuga Lake shoreline.

Thank you for considering this important request.

Most Sincerely,



Anna Kelles, Ph.D.
New York State Assemblymember
125th District



Pamela Helming
New York State Senator
54th District