



AGENDA
WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 5:30PM
Live Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ltLADigZIs>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Hans Pecher, Chair

MEMBERS: Legislators James Basile, Elane Daly, Andy Dennison, Chris Petrus, Robert Shea, and Mark Strong

MINUTES TO APPROVE: March 22, 2023

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

- **David Dempsey (Treasurer) -**
 - Continued registration of new room tax vendors and follow up of late 4th quarter room tax returns and collection of 1st quarter 2023 room tax returns. Working with Attorney's office on a delinquent unregistered
 - Collection of Town/County taxes is ongoing and we are working with 23 Town tax collectors to balance batches daily. Balancing of the 1st installment tax payments has been completed. Additional tax corrections and apportionments are being processed.
 - Continued collection of delinquent County/Town and Auburn School taxes and writing installment agreements as well as receiving and disbursing of bail and receiving court fees and fines.
 - Continued to answer questions for Finance Department as needed as well as signing of vouchers and assisting Finance Department with banking needs.
 - Hired a Real Property Clerk to replace an employee due to a resignation. We welcome Kaylee Quezada to the Treasurer's office.
 - Set dates with various towns for meetings to continue open conversations with town boards to help to develop communications between their Tax collection specialists and our county team. This will ensure future collaboration and good will and a county Team approach. Meetings are planned for all towns this calendar year.
 - Continued administration of estates by Treasurer with County Attorney's office. Filed annual report with NY State for open estates.
 - Reviewing a NY State budget issue with other Counties regarding the foreclosure process.

- **Grace Blowers (Finance) –**
 - The Cayuga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation audit is complete.
 - With the help of IT and Tyler Support, we have been able to successfully close out the year in MUNIS so that we can move forward with our year-end analysis and closing.
 - We are currently working on the Cayuga Health Consortium audit.
 - We have met with the Drescher and Malecki's audit team and they will be on site the week of May 15th to begin the year end audit.
 - Payments have been adjusted if necessary and made to the Schools and Villages for the relieved taxes.

- **Jennifer Indelicato (Real Property) -**
 - Managed extremely high call and email volume due to the Moravia Assessment Update and exemption administration questions.
 - Scheduled and held informal Assessment review meetings in Town of Moravia for 2023 Assessment Update.
 - Completed review and entry of real property exemptions for Moravia and Niles.
 - Administrative work related to the preparation of Tentative Assessment rolls has been ongoing – input of Gas Well production values, Special Franchise values, Telecommunication values, Railroad Ceiling values, and Omitted Tax charges.
 - Collected annual levels of Assessments for all towns from the assessors and applied them to the real property database.
 - Board of Assessment Review (BAR) training notices sent to all BAR members. The training will be on May 3rd from 5:00-7:00pm at the Ward O'Hara Agricultural Museum.
 - Coordinated with the City and County Treasurer's Office to provide delinquent property tax report to New York State Tax & Finance. Report will be used by the State to determine if Basic STAR benefit will be taken away from any homeowners.

- **Diann Ferris (Human Resources/Civil Service) –**

YEAR-TO-DATE COMBINED TRANSACTIONS:

County Departments: 1,115

Total Transactions: 1,786

COUNTY APPLICATIONS:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Male	125	106
Female	212	162
Non-Binary	1	1
No Response	24	17
White	294	228
Minorities	21	15
Hispanic	5	1
No Response	42	42

TOWN/VLG./SCHOOL DIST. APPLICATIONS:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Male	51	22
Female	123	71
Non-Binary	1	1
No Response	91	43
White	146	80
Minorities	14	5
Hispanic	4	0
No Response	102	52

EXAMS GIVEN (JANUARY – MARCH) TOTALED: 26

- We are working with various departments on their recruitment and hiring needs;
- Negotiations with CSEA continue;
- Met with Amy Considine, VP for Workforce Partnerships at Wells College, regarding their Workforce Partnership Institute Programs;
- We are interviewing for the Director of Purchasing;
- We are recruiting for the Grant Manager position and several financial positions;
- Currently working on some employee and Union issues with Counsel;
- We are reviewing and updating policies.

RESOLUTIONS:

WAYS & MEANS:

- 4-23-WM-1 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the County Attorney to enter into an agreement with Speno & Macleod for the provision of county foreclosure legal work for one year
- 4-23-WM-2 To adopt local law no. ___ for the year 2023, a local law providing for an exemption from real property taxes for Cold War Veterans as authorized by Section 458-B of New York Real Property Tax Law
- 4-23-WM-3 Fixing day and notice of public hearing on a local law providing a tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant to N.Y. Real Property Tax Law
- 4-23-WM-4 Authorizing payment of Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus (HWB) to Qualified Employees Pursuant to Social Services Law § 367-w, authorizing budget transfers, and authorizing payment to HWB Qualified employees

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

- 4-23-HH-1 Authorizing the Public Health Director to create and fill a Director of Health Education and Public Information position in the Health Department and vacate a Supervising Public Health Administrator position.
- 4-23-HH-2 Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature and the Public Health Director to create and fill a Women, Infants and Children Competent Professional Authority or Nutritionist position
- 4-23-HH-3 Authorizing the Public Health Director to fill a 100% grant funded Deputy Director of Health Services position in the Health Department
- 4-23-HH-4 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into a contract with the Finger Lakes SPCA of CNY to Provide Rabies Vaccination Clinics
- 4-23-HH-5 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to Accept WIC Award and Contract with the NYS Department of Health
- 4-23-HH-6 Authorizing the Public Health Director and the Chair of the Legislature to enter into contract with NYSACHO

- 4-23-HH-7 Authorizing the Legislature to create and the Commissioner of Social Services to fill Two (2) Principal Account Clerk II positions in the Department of Social Services and to abolish an Assistant Payroll Systems Specialist and a Resource Assistant position
- 4-23-HH-8 Authorizing the Legislature to create six (6) budgeted Human Services Examiner (HELP) positions in the Department of Social Services
- 4-23-HH-9 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a Senior Caseworker Position in the Department of Social Services
- 4-23-HH-10 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill a Social Services Attorney position in the Department of Social Services
- 4-23-HH-11 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services to renew the Contract with Rescue Mission for Homeless Family and Transitional Housing
- 4-23-HH-12 Amending the Mental Health 2023 Budget to adjust State Aid funding for Contract Agencies
- 4-23-HH-13 Authorize the creation and filling of a full time Staff Social Worker position at the Community Mental Health Center
- 4-23-HH-14 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to accept Regional Abatement Dollars from state Opioid Settlements
- 4-23-HH-15 Amending the Mental Health 2023 Budget to adjust and reflect county opioid settlement fund
- 4-23-HH-16 Authorization to fill an Aging Services Specialist position due to a resignation in the Office for the Aging
- 4-23-HH-17 Authorization to fill a Food Service Helper position in the Office for the Aging
- 4-23-HH-18 Authorizing the Office for the Aging Director to purchase two vehicles for the Office for the Aging
- 4-23-HH-19 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and Director of the Youth Bureau to enter into a contract agreement with ABC Cayuga, Inc. using ARPA funds
- 4-23-HH-21 Authorizing the Director of Community Services to accept Regional Abatement Dollars from state Opioid Settlements as a pass through to the City of Auburn
- 4-23-HH-20 Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to Fill a Caseworker Vacancy in the Adult Protective Services Unit
- 4-23-MH-22 Appropriating \$60,000 of ARPA Funds for Homeless Outreach and Advocacy

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

- 4-23-GO-1 Pension Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials
- 4-23-GO-2 Amending the Cayuga County Emergency Closing Policy
- 4-23-GO-3 Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Cayuga Community College Part Time Faculty Association and the Cayuga Community College for the Period September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2024
- 4-23-GO-4 **(Added @ GO)** Amending Resolution 255-10 to remove Section 49 from the Cayuga County Policy Manual

PLANNING: NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

- 4-23-PW-1 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Heavy position in the County Highway Department (PC #3056)

- 4-23-PW-2 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Medium position in the County Highway Department (PC #2409)
- 4-23-PW-3 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Medium position in the County Highway Department (PC#2430)
- 4-23-PW-4 Authorization to fill Motor Equipment Operator Medium position in the County Highway Department (PC #2475)
- 4-23-PW-5 Authorization to fill one (1) Part Time Museum Aide vacancy at the Ward O'Hara Agricultural Museum

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY:

- 4-23-JP-1 Authorizing the District Attorney to fill FT Sr. Assistant District Attorney vacancy in the District Attorney's Office
- 4-23-JP-2 Authorize the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Sheriff of Cayuga County to contract with Offender Watch to provide a digital platform for sex offender management
- 4-23-JP-3 Authorize the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Sheriff of Cayuga County to contract with Rapiscan Systems to purchase, install, and maintain a metal detector and bag scanner at the Cayuga County Office Building

ADJOURNMENT: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

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. _____ April 25, 2023

COA Art 11 Legal

Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the County Attorney to enter into an agreement with Speno & Macleod for the provision of county foreclosure legal work for one year

By: Hans Pecher, Legislator, Chair Ways and Means Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 115-21 and Resolution No 98-22 authorized Cayuga County to enter into an amended agreement with Speno MacLeod, PLLC to provide representation to Cayuga County in all aspects of the Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) Article 11 Proceedings and legal work; and,

WHEREAS, the term of the contract is set to expire on April 30, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that upon the expiration of the one-year agreement contemplated herein a two-year agreement will be contemplated for consulting services related to Article 11 proceedings to further assist the County making transition; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Attorney would like to enter into one-year agreement for the period of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 with the intent that Speno will assist the County Attorneys’ Office with training internal personnel to assume responsibility for Article 11 Foreclosure work; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature and the County Attorney to enter into a contract with Speno MacLeod, PLLC to provide legal representation to Cayuga County for RPTL Article 11 Proceedings for the period of May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024 at a cost of \$ 0,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$ 0,000.00 be transferred from account A13624.54059 (Treasurer’s Professional Services) to A14204.5409 (Professional Services, County Attorney); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Finance Director and the Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to make such journal entries as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ 4/25/23 COA LL ADOPT COLD WAR EXEMPT

TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. __ for the year 2023, A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR COLD WAR VETERANS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 458-b OF NEW YORK REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

BY: Hon. Hans Pecher, Chair, Ways & Means Committee

WHEREAS, Local Law No. __ for the year 2023 was presented to the Cayuga County Legislature on March 28, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to law and after proper notice being duly given, the County Legislature held a public hearing on said Local Law No. __ for 2023 on April 25, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. ___ of 2023, entitled “A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR COLD WAR VETERANS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 458-b OF NEW YORK REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW” as so designated, be and the same is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and informalities in the adoption thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Cayuga County Legislature is directed to publish notice of the adoption of Local Law No. __ of 2023 in the official newspapers of Cayuga County, one time per week, the first publication to be within ten (10) days of its effective date.

LOCAL LAW NO. ____ FOR THE YEAR 2023

**A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR
COLD WAR VETERANS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 458-b OF NEW YORK REAL
PROPERTY TAX LAW**

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Cayuga, as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose:

The purpose of this local law is to provide for a real property tax exemption from Cayuga County real property taxes for Cold War Veterans, pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b.

SECTION 2. Definitions:

(a) “Cold War veteran” means a person, male or female, who served on active duty in the United States armed forces, during the time period from September second, nineteen hundred forty-five to December twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred ninety-one, and (i) was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions, or (ii) has a qualifying condition, as defined in [section three hundred fifty of the executive law](#), and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in [section three hundred fifty of the executive law](#), and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service.

(b) “Armed forces” means the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

(c) “Active duty” means full-time duty in the United States armed forces, other than active duty for training.

(d) “Service connected” means, with respect to disability or death, that such disability was incurred or aggravated, or that the death resulted from a disability incurred or aggravated, in line of duty on active military, naval or air service.

(e) “Qualified owner” means a Cold War veteran, the spouse of a Cold War veteran, or the unremarried surviving spouse of a deceased Cold War veteran. Where property is owned by more than one qualified owner, the exemption to which each is entitled may be combined. Where a veteran is also the unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran, such person may also receive any exemption to which the deceased spouse was entitled.

(f) “Qualified residential real property” means property owned by a qualified owner which is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that in the event that any portion of such property is not used exclusively for residential purposes, but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and only the remaining portion used exclusively for residential purposes shall be subject to the exemption provided by this section. Such property shall be the primary residence of the Cold War veteran or the unremarried surviving spouse of a Cold War veteran, unless the Cold War veteran or unremarried surviving spouse is absent from the property due to medical reasons or institutionalization.

(g) “Latest state equalization rate” means the latest final state equalization rate or special equalization rate established by the commissioner pursuant to article twelve of this chapter. The commissioner shall establish a special equalization rate if it finds that there has been a material change in the level of assessment since the establishment of the latest state equalization rate, but in no event shall such special equalization rate exceed one hundred. In the event that the state

equalization rate exceeds one hundred, then the state equalization rate shall be one hundred for the purposes of this section. Where a special equalization rate is established for purposes of this section, the assessor is directed and authorized to recompute the Cold War veterans exemption on the assessment roll by applying such special equalization rate instead of the latest state equalization rate applied in the previous year and to make the appropriate corrections on the assessment roll, notwithstanding the fact that such assessor may receive the special equalization rate after the completion, verification and filing of such final assessment roll. In the event that the assessor does not have custody of the roll when such recomputation is accomplished, the assessor shall certify such recomputation to the local officers having custody and control of such roll, and such local officers are hereby directed and authorized to enter the recomputed Cold War veterans exemption certified by the assessor on such roll.

(h) "Latest class ratio" means the latest final class ratio established by the commissioner pursuant to title one of article twelve of this chapter for use in a special assessing unit as defined in [section eighteen hundred one](#) of New York State Real Property Tax Law.

SECTION 3. Grant of Exemption:

As authorized by Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b, the County of Cayuga is hereby opting into the Cold War Veterans' partial real property tax exemption to the extent of fifteen (15) percent first 60,000 dollars of assessed value on qualified residential real property.

- A. Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 15% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$9,000 or the product of \$9,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, whichever is less.
- B. In addition to the exemption provided in subparagraph (a) of this section, where the Cold War Veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veterans Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by 50% of the Cold War Veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$30,000, or the product of \$30,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, whichever is less.

SECTION 4. Duration:

As authorized by Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b, the County of Cayuga is hereby opting to remove the 10-year limit on the Cold War Veterans' partial real property tax exemption.

SECTION 5. Limitations:

- A. The exemption from taxation provided by this local law shall be applicable to County of Cayuga ad valorem taxes but shall not be applicable to taxes levied for or relieved for school purposes.
- B. If the Cold War Veteran received the exemption pursuant to Section 458 of the Real Property Tax Law or Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the Cold War Veteran shall not be eligible to receive the exemption under this local law.
- C. Application for the exemption shall be made by the owners, or all of the owners, of the property on a form prescribed by the state subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Real

Property Tax Law Section 458-b. The owner or owners shall file the completed form in the assessor's office on or before the first appropriate taxable status date. The exemption shall continue in full force and effect for all appropriate subsequent tax years and the owner or owners of the property shall not be required to refile each year. Applicants shall be required to refile on or before the appropriate taxable status date if the percentage of disability increases or decreased or may refile if other changes have occurred which affect qualification for an increased or decreased amount of exemption. Any applicant convicted of willfully making any false statement in the application for such exemption shall be subject to penalties prescribed in the Penal Law.

SECTION 6. Severability:

It is the intent of the Legislature that in the event that any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment, decree or order shall not affect, impair, effect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment, decree or order shall have been rendered and that the remainder of this Local Law shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Effective Date:

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

RESOLUTION NO. _____ **4/25/23** COA LL FIX TAX EXEMPT FOR VOL FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE rev2

FIXING DAY AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO N.Y. REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

BY: Hon. Hans Pecher, Chair, Ways & Means Committee

WHEREAS, there has been duly presented and introduced at a meeting of the Cayuga County Legislature held on April 25, 2023, a proposed law entitled:

A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO N.Y. REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

; and,

WHEREAS, a Resolution was duly considered by the Cayuga County Legislature on April 25, 2023, directing that a public hearing be scheduled; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held concerning the proposed local law before the Cayuga County Legislature, Local Law No. _____ for the year 2023, entitled "A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO N.Y. REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW", by said Legislature on **May 23, 2023**, commencing at 5:30 P.M., at a meeting held in Chambers of the Cayuga County Legislature, County Office Building, 160 Genesee Street, Auburn, New York and electronically broadcast live via YouTube at the following address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ku3omXAEX8>, with members of the public directed to call in at 315-294-8051 to comment, to hear all interested parties on said proposed Local Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Cayuga County Legislature is hereby directed to give due legal notice of said public hearing as provided by statute.

COUNTY OF CAYUGA
LOCAL LAW NO. _____ OF THE YEAR 2023

**A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND
AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO N.Y. REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**

BE ENACTED BY the County Legislature of the County of Cayuga, as follows:

SECTION 1 – LEGISLATIVE INTENT: It is the intent of the Cayuga County Legislature to exercise the authority granted to local taxing jurisdictions by N.Y. Real Prop. Tax Law, § 466-a; *Volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers*, which became effective on December 9, 2022. This recent state legislation provides a mechanism by which the county can properly thank and reward those individuals who volunteer their time providing emergency response to the county’s residents at a crucial time. The Cayuga County Legislature is also keenly aware of the need for new membership in many of the fire companies and departments throughout the county and finds that offering a tax incentive will supplement recruitment efforts across the county.

SECTION 2 – EXEMPTION AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to Real Prop. Tax Law § 466-a, Cayuga County will provide for an exemption of ten percent (10%) of up to \$200,000.00 of assessed value of their primary residence from county tax, provided that they are an enrolled members, including a member and spouse, of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service beginning July 1, 2023.

SECTION 3 – ELIGIBILITY

- a. The applicant for such exemption shall be a resident of the city, town, or village served by the incorporated volunteer fire company, or fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service (hereinafter as “Volunteer Responder Organization) of which the applicant is a member;
- b. The property must be the primary residence of the applicant;
- c. 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 full taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this local law; and
- d. The applicant has been certified by the chief executive of the Volunteer Responder Organization as having been an active, enrolled member of the Volunteer Responder Organization for at least two (2) years.

SECTION 4 – LIFETIME EXEMPTION

Any enrolled member of a Volunteer Responder Organization who accrues more than twenty (20) years of active service and is certified pursuant to Section 4(d) of this Local Law shall be granted a lifetime exemption of ten percent (10%) of up to \$200,000.00 of assessed value of their primary residence from county tax, provided that their primary residence remains within the county.

SECTION 5 – FILING OF APPLICATION

Applicants shall file with their local assessor on or before March 1 the following documents to be eligible for the following year’s partial county tax exemption:

- a. Certification of Service specified in Section 3(d);
- b. Form RP-466-a-vol, or other form as prescribed by the New York Commissioner of Taxation and Finance.

SECTION 6 – RESERVED

SECTION 7 – RESERVED

SECTION 8 – SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, effect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

SECTION 9 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing and publication in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ 4.24.23 LEG Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus (HWB) Program 3rd**Authorizing payment of Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus (HWB) to Qualified Employees Pursuant to Social Services Law § 367-w, authorizing budget transfers, and authorizing payment to HWB Qualified employees**

By: Hans Pecher, Chair, Ways and Means Committee

WHEREAS, The State has adopted the Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus program (“HWB”) in the Fiscal Year 2023 New York State Budget, which includes \$1.3 billion of State aid allocated for the payment of recruitment and retention bonuses to certain health care and mental hygiene workers; and

WHEREAS, A key initiative in the Governor's aim is to increase the state's health care workforce by 20 percent over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, One of the primary purposes of HWB is to facilitate an incentive program for the purpose of recruiting, retaining, and rewarding health care and mental hygiene workers meeting specified eligibility requirements; and,

WHEREAS, Cayuga County qualifies as an “employer” as defined under the HWB program; and

WHEREAS, as a qualified employer, Cayuga County is required to identify eligible employees, submit a claim for bonuses for such employees, and pay such bonuses in accordance with SSL § 367-w, subject to full reimbursement by the State; and

WHEREAS, To be eligible for HWB payments, an employee must provide hands-on health care services including certain front-line health care and mental hygiene practitioners, technicians, assistants, support staff and aides; and,

WHEREAS, Furthermore, an employee’s title must fit within certain job titles as defined by the State; and

WHEREAS, The State has established a series of six month “vesting periods” between the dates of October 1, 2021, and March 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Employers are required to pay bonuses to eligible employees based on the number of hours worked by the employees during a vesting period; and,

WHEREAS, Qualified employees who work:

- At least 20 hours but no more than 30 hours per week are eligible for a bonus of \$500.
- At least 30 hours but no more than 35 hours per week are eligible for a bonus of \$1,000.
- At least 35 hours per week are eligible for a bonus of \$1,500

And,

WHEREAS, A Qualified Employee can receive up to a maximum of \$3,000 in total bonus payments over two vesting periods; and,

WHEREAS, the State set a deadline of September 2, 2022 for employers to submit their initial claim including a list of eligible employees who worked at least 20 hours per week during the initial vesting period of October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, thereafter, the County must submit a claim for eligible employees no later than 30 days after the completion of each additional vesting period; and,

WHEREAS, the County submitted on September 2, 2022, the first set of claims for bonus payments for its eligible Qualified Employees that meet the eligibility criteria established under SSL § 367-w to the State; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 355-22 and Resolution No. 436-22 identified Qualified Employees who were eligible for the first and second tranche of HWB payments in the first of a series of six month “vesting periods; and,

WHEREAS, the third six month “vesting period” commenced on October 1, 2022 and ended on March 31, 2023 and the County must pay bonuses to eligible employee no later than 30 days after the bonus amount is paid to the County by the State of New York; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Legislature hereby ratifies and affirms the attached list of qualified employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County authorizes and directs the Finance Director and the Cayuga County Treasurer to make the following adjustments to the 2023 County Budget:

	<u>Increase</u>
A40821 51001 Salaries	\$3,000
A40100 43420 State Aid	\$3,000
A43101 51001 Salaries	\$4,500
A43100 43508 MH Grants	\$4,500

; and,

RESOLVED, That the County Legislature authorizes that the eligible Qualified Employees on the attached list be paid the sums of monies indicated thereon within thirty days of receipt of the bonus payments from the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Cayuga County Finance Director and the Cayuga County Treasurer make the journal and accounting entries required to implement the intent of this Resolution.

Employee List

<u>Employee No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
962059	Nurse-Registered
962066	Dietician/Nutritionist
961064	Dietetic Technician
962132	Social Worker
962068	Social Worker
962272	Intake/Screening

RESOLUTION NO. _____ April 25, 2023

COL Amend 255-10

Amending Resolution 255-10 to remove Section 49 from the Cayuga County Policy Manual

BY: Hon. Christopher Petrus, Chair, Government Operations Committee
Hon. Hans Pecher, Chair, Ways & Means Committee

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Legislature previously amended the Cayuga County policy manual by adopting Resolution 255-10 to include additional policies; and

WHEREAS, Section 49 of the Cayuga County policy manual pertains to spending controls and limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Legislature has determined that Section 49 of the policy manual is outdated, no longer necessary, and has been superseded by the Cayuga County Purchasing Policy; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution 255-10 is hereby amended to repeal Section 49 of the Cayuga County policy manual and to reference the Cayuga County purchasing policy as the appropriate policy governing spending; be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to effectuate this resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.