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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MINUTES – JANUARY 28, 2025 COLLEEN A. GUNNIP, CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. May, Ms. Abbott, Mr. Romeo, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Garland, Ms. Hernandez
ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Burtis, Mr. Bush; also see attached

Chair Gunnip called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m., and the previous meeting's minutes were approved.

1. APPOINTMENT: Brian Donnelly, Deputy County Executive
a. Confirming Appointments by the County Executive to the Onondaga County Public Library Board of Trustees (Maria Mahar, Brianah M. Lane) (Sponsored by Ms. Cody)

- Reappointment of Maria Mahar, Deputy Commissioner in Adult and Long Term Care
- Appointment of Brianah Lane is replacement for Christina Ondrako, whose term has expired
- Ms. Ondrako is a CPA with Grossman St. Amour; her role on the board is providing financial guidance
- Ms. Lane is also with Grossman St. Amour; OCPL Board asked for someone with financial experience

A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. May, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

2. WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION: Shannon Harty, Commissioner
a. Authorizing the Execution of Agreements to Accept Grant Funding From the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation in Connection with the Prospect Hill Green Corridor Project (\$2,000,000) (Sponsored by Ms. Abbott)

***Purpose:** Onondaga County has received a grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC) and its Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) to support the Prospect Hill Green Corridor Project (Project), implementing green infrastructure, including porous paver systems and tree trenches.*

***Summary:** This \$3.05M project involves the installation of green infrastructure including enhanced street tree trenches and porous pavers along Townsend and E. Willow Streets in the City of Syracuse. This CSO abatement project will remove over 2.6 million gallons of stormwater from the combined sewer system annually from the Clinton CSO sewer shed. The GIGP grant requires a minimum local match of 10% of the total eligible project costs. Funding for green infrastructure CSO abatement projects in the Clinton CSO sewer shed, which includes this Project, are authorized under a bond resolution dated April 5, 2011 (Resolution No. 387 – 2011). Water Environment Protection Commissioner Shannon Harty is designated to act as the County's point of contact for implementing and administering this grant.*

The project is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.S(c), consistent with paragraphs 1, 2, and 8 within Resolution No. 144-2014 – which includes 1) maintenance and repair of existing facilities, 2) rehabilitation and replacement in kind and located at the same site, and 3) advancement of green infrastructure for the management of stormwater and reduction of combined sewer overflows (CSOs). As a Type II action it is therefore not subject to further review under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

***Fiscal Impact:** This will have no impact on the budget – net \$0.*

- Fund green corridor project within city in sewer service areas
- Scope includes (i.e.) tree planting, porous pavers, street improvements
- On par with previous projects; also received grants for Butternut Street project (2019) and Salina Street project
- No budget impact; project fully funded and authorized under previous ACJ project account for CSO abatement

A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. May, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

3. FINANCE: Don Jordan, Real Property Tax Director

a. Approving and Directing the Correction of Certain Errors on Tax Bills

- Correcting town and county tax bills with errors over \$2,500
- 2 types of corrections:
 - Sewer unit corrections; 25 total outstanding throughout county
 - Village of Skaneateles water corrections – town made an error assessing water units for parcels and asked county to correct
- One correction was an apartment – units are assessed based on number of apartments
 - WEP looks at assessors inventory to determine how many apartments were in there
 - Assessor updated inventory, but CO (certificate of occupancy) was not issued; apartments were not done yet
- Other based on water usage

A motion was made by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk
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ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**
DATE: **JANUARY 28, 2025**

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
Donald Weber	Prop Tax
Paul Welch	citizen
Isabelle Harris	CE
Cyndee Johnson	CE
Maureen D'Amico	CE
SHANNON HARRIS	WEP
Ryan Ockenden	LAW
Bew Yaus	LAW
Melissa Colombo	fin-ops
Steve Morgan	CFO
Brian Donnelly	CE
Darcie Lesniak	Leg
John DeSantis	Leg
Jim Beebe	Leg