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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MINUTES – JUNE 22, 2021 TIM BURTIS, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. May, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Ervin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. McBride, Mr. Williams

ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Knapp, Ms. Kuhn, Dr. Kelly; also see attached

Chairman Burtis called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. *A motion was made by Mr. May, seconded by Mrs. Ervin to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the previous committee meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

1. FIRE ADVISORY BOARD:

a. Confirming Appointment to the Onondaga County Fire Advisory Board (Thomas Perkins)

Mr. May:

- Known him a long time in public safety world; great guy; phenomenal resume

Mr. May requested to be added as a cosponsor.

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

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Martin Skahen, Director

a. Authorizing the Onondaga County Executive to File the 2021 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs (\$3,269,823) (Sponsored by Mr. Holmquist)

2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

5/14/2021

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT	2019	2020	2021	2019 to 2020 change	
County	\$2,005,254	\$2,069,909	\$2,058,720		
Clay	\$263,852	\$281,398	\$275,338		
Total Grant	\$2,269,106	\$2,351,307	\$2,334,058	-\$17,249	-0.8%
Reprogrammed Balances	0	0	0		
Program Income	100,000	100,000	100,000		
Total Available	\$2,369,106	\$2,451,307	\$2,434,058		

Capital Projects	\$845,650	\$1,081,135	\$1,013,954
Housing Rehabilitation	350,000	350,000	350,000
Housing Rehab (Prog Income)	0		
Commercial Rehabilitation	109,636	150,000	150,000
Rehab Delivery	450,000	244,911	298,292
Administration	453,820	470,261	466,812
Housing Counseling	5,000	5,000	5,000
Fair Housing	55,000	50,000	50,000
Homeownership (Prog Income)	100,000	100,000	100,000
Contingency	0	0	0
Total	\$2,369,106	\$2,451,307	\$2,434,058

CDBG FLOAT LOAN
Home Ownership Activities

HOME GRANT	\$607,529	\$650,366	\$659,207	\$8,841	1.5%
Housing Rehabilitation	455,646	487,774	494,405		
Lead ->2014; 2015->Shape-Up	0	0	0		
Home Ownership Subsidies	0	0	0		
Non-Profit Housing Activities	91,130	97,555	98,881		
Administration	60,753	65,037	65,921		
Total	\$607,529	\$650,366	\$659,207		
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT	\$166,038	\$176,197	\$176,558	\$361	0.2%
Administration	12,453	13,214	13,242		
Projects	\$153,585	\$162,983	\$163,316		
Total	\$166,038	\$176,197	\$176,558		
Total Grant Application	\$3,142,673	\$3,277,870	\$3,269,823		
3 grants:	\$3,042,673	\$3,177,870	\$3,169,823	-\$8,047	-0.3%

2021 Community Development
Capital Projects

No.	Municipality/Agency	Project	CDBG Funding	Match	Project Total
1	Town-Cicero	Gateway Community Park Improvements Ph II	\$ 50,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 62,500
2	Town-Clay	Pending	\$ 197,804	\$ -	\$ 197,804
3	Town-Geddes	Lakeland Park Accessibility Improvements	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 75,000
4	Town-LaFayette	Stafford Park Seior Center	\$ 150,000	\$ 756,000	\$ 906,000
5	Town-Onondaga	Santaro Park Updates	\$ 50,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 62,500
6	Town-Salina	Burnham Park Improvements (1st)	\$ 50,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 160,000
8	Town-Salina	Schaffer Park Improvements (3rd)	\$ 50,000	\$ 86,500	\$ 136,500
10	Vilage-Baldwysville	South Shore East Trail Enhancements	\$ 50,000	\$ 20,600	\$ 70,600
11	Village-Camillus	Sidewalk Reconstruction (Priority #1)	\$ 50,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 63,000
13	Village-East Syracuse	Bagg Street Playground Improvements	\$ 50,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 65,000
14	Village-Fayetteville	Senior Center 3 Season Room Project	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000
15	Village-Liverpool	Vine Street Streetscape Improvements	\$ 50,000	\$ 26,328	\$ 76,328
16	Village-Minoa	Sidewalk Replacement Program Phase V	\$ 38,000	\$ -	\$ 38,000
17	Village-North Syracuse	Community Center Rehab	\$ 50,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 62,500
20	Village-Solvay	Boyd Park Improvements Ph II	\$ 50,000	\$ 27,900	\$ 77,900
25	CCE	Community Forests	\$ 28,150	\$ 7,725	\$ 35,875
	Municipality Total:		\$ 1,013,954	\$ 1,125,553	\$ 2,139,507
	Fair Housing				
1	ARISE, Inc	ARISE Housing Referral & Advocacy Program	\$ 5,000	\$ 39,700	\$ 44,700
2	CNY Fair Housing, Inc	Fair Housing Education & Enforcement	\$ 50,000	\$ 111,000	\$ 161,000
	Fair Housing Total:		\$ 55,000	\$ 150,700	\$ 205,700

- Budget remained flat with one change
- Town of Clay gets their own allocation due to size and population
- At last presentation, Legislator Rowley said Clay was getting \$284,398; only awarded 2 projects for \$50,000 each
- Arrangement that town of Clay would let county implement program (Clay would not have to do paperwork); county would guarantee a \$50,000 project in North Syracuse and one in Clay; pot of money grew, so not best arrangement
- Discussed with Supervisor Ulatowski, Legislator Rowley and Steering Committee – going forward Clay will get 90% of their allocation and county receives 10% of Clay's allocation for administrative costs to run their program
- Disproportionate awarding of funds was not intentional; when brought up, it clearly was not the right way to do it
- Will still have consortium agreement with Clay; money is sent to county then goes to town; county will do administrative work and town of Clay applies for their project
- Total grant is \$2.3 mil; up a little in Home and Emergency Solutions; down in Community Development Block Grant
- Reviewing applications – everyone one that applied for a project, received a project; except Van Buren
- Van Buren proposed project before; Steering Committee felt the town could do it themselves; involves clearing out drainage ditch in Village Green; 75% highway department can do; \$20,000 is difference, and town could rent equipment or get someone to do the deeper areas that cannot get to
- Last year, Van Buren received \$120,000 for paving project in Seneca Knolls
- North Syracuse doing rehab of basement in Community Center and expanding conference room; Clay proposing 3 projects being reviewed currently to ensure they are eligible (2 are, 1 gray area)

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

3. **PERSONNEL:** Carl Hummel, Commissioner

a. **Adopting a Retroactive Earnings Adjustment for Management and Confidential Employees for the 2020 Payroll Cycle**

- 1% off schedule wage adjustment for Management and Confidential (MC) employees; excluding elected officials
- 2020 calendar year; non-compounding; on earnings for employees from pay period 1 to 26 in 2020
- MC schedule last adjusted in 2021 (1%); gap of 3 or 4 years prior to that; rolls with contracts
- In 2020, settled contract with CSEA which included 0% in 2020; beginning of year, outlook got better, went back to CSEA and negotiated 1% nonscheduled; also settled other contracts; trying to equalize it for everyone
- CSEA got 1% for 2020 couple months ago; trades and engineers will get theirs Friday
- One time off schedule (bonus); does not affect elected officials
- Worth just under \$250,000; affective for those on payroll when resolution passes (run roster that day); will fluctuate; may reduce the number; top level is \$250,000; consists of a little over 300 MC employees
- This is only for those currently employed; anyone that took retirement incentive, or left, would not be getting a check
- With regards to those who retired, this would cause recalculation of final average salary, which could affect pension; typically do not apply wage adjustment to folks who have left, union or not

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

4. **COUNTY LEGISLATURE:**

a. **Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution**

Chairman Burtis:

- Legislator Cody Kelly; customary; Jan 2020 – Dec 2021

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

b. A Local Law Adopting a Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program (Sponsored by Mr. May)

Mr. May:

- Pilot program proposed and developed by NYS DEC; passed by NYS Legislature; Onondaga County can opt in
- Allows 12 - 13 year old youths to participate in deer hunting season; NY 1 of 2 states in country that do not allow this
- Pilot very well done; strict emphasis on education, safety, mentorship, guidance, and oversight
- Short leash on kids learning to hunt
- Received overwhelming support by sportsman; well done with important principles; wholly support local law

Chairman Burtis:

- Receive lots of emails, phone calls, etc. from people who want a lot of things in sportsman world; i.e. fishing or hunting
- Outdoor sports in this nature are declining; state concerned and want to bring up next generation hunters and fishers
- Unbelievable amount of resources; DEC trying to be more flexible and progressive than previously; keep outdoor sports alive; keep people engaged and interested
- Agree with Leader May that it is a good pilot program; would love to see how it shapes up, and how much engagement NY gets out of it

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

c. Calling for a Public Hearing to be Held on the Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Bargaining Unit Represented by the Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Association ("DSBA") of Onondaga County, Inc. for the Calendar Year 2019

Mr. Hummel:

- 3 year bargaining process with DSBA - unsuccessful at reaching contract; expired in 2018
- Oct 30th, 2018 entered negotiations; number of sessions held and unsuccessful through 2018 – 2019
- In 2019, parties declared impasse and entered mediation; 3 sessions with mediator unsuccessful
- Parties filed for fact finding in 2020; March 2020 fact finder designated, but things slowed down in 2020
- Held 2 more negotiations with DSBA to reach agreement; unsuccessful
- Fact finding hearing on Dec 9th, 2020; fact finder report came back Feb 2nd, 2021; both parties rejected report
- Did agree to use fact finder report as basis on negotiations on a successor agreement; held 2 more negotiating sessions
- Reached tentative agreement on settlement on April 14th, 2021; membership voted down 187 to 12
- No obligation to move forward, but asked to sit down again; couple more negotiating sessions
- Reached 2nd tentative agreement post fact finding on May 26th, 2021; membership voted down 154 to 41
- At end of line with DSBA; letter from County Executive after fact finding recommending legislative imposition is still in effect; only avenue forward for 2019; will meet with DSBA again to start negotiations for 2020

Mr. May asked Mr. Hummel to explain the Legislature's obligation within this process. Mr. Hummel:

- Entire negotiating process covered by the Taylor Law with things described; had to have substantial number of negotiations and exhausted all issues on the table before mediation
- If unable to resolve through negotiations, mediation, and fact finding, then the Legislature has authority to impose a collective bargaining agreement for 1 year
- Only terms the Legislature can change is wages; cannot decrease, only hold steady or increase

Mr. May said Mr. Hummel used the word authority not obligation, and Mr. Hummel said correct. Mr. May stated that it is now the Legislature's turn to fix the one part of this that can be addressed at this stage from a thus unsuccessful process. Mr. Hummel agreed. Mr. May commented that it is important for the Legislature to understand its role in the process.

Mr. Hummel responded to Mr. Ryan that the letter from the Executive to the Legislature has not been modified. The Legislature is not acting upon anything that happened during negotiations; it is based on the recommendation from the County Executive. The Legislature can use its authority to impose a one year contract changing wages

only; if chosen to do so. Mr. Hummel said the current wage schedule is based on their existing contract (2018 wages), and he can send that over. If the Legislature imposes a 0% change, then the wages stay the same as 2018. If the Legislature imposes 1%, then they will increase the wage rate and create a new document. The rest of the contract would remain the same.

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

A motion was made by Mr. May, seconded by Mrs. Ervin, to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk
Onondaga County Legislature

ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: WAYS & MEANS

DATE: JUNE 22, 2021

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
Isabelle Hornig	CE
Hvette Velasco	Law
Ryan Ockenden	Law
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Carl Hummel	Personnel
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Tim Frateschi	Leg
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