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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 **BRIAN F. MAY, CHAIRMAN**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ryan, Mr. Burtis, Ms. Abbott, Mr. Olson, Mrs. Ervin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Kinne

ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Rowley, Ms. Gunnip, Mr. Bush, Mr. Garland; also see attached

Chair May called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. Chair May stated that Board of Elections would not be presenting at the meeting, but they will be in during budget review.

The minutes of the August meeting had been distributed, and there were no objections to waiving the reading. There were no corrections to the minutes, and the minutes were approved.

The minutes of the July meeting had been distributed, and there were no objections to waiving the reading. There were additions to the minutes proposed by Mr. Ryan. Mrs. Ervin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve the additions to the July minutes. Ayes: 5 Noes: 1 (May); MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. TRANSPORTATION:

- a. **Authorizing the County Executive to Enter into Certain Utility Work Agreements with the New York State Department of Transportation (Sponsored by Ms. Cody)**

A motion was made by Mrs. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Olson, to approve the consent agenda. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

- a. **INFORMATIONAL: 2022 Budget Update**

Chair May reiterated that the Board of Elections would not be presenting.

2. COUNTY LEGISLATURE: Chair Brian May

- a. **Authorizing Cost Free Live Streaming Committee Meetings and Public Hearings Consistent with the Onondaga County Legislature's Longstanding Commitment to Improving Public Access (Sponsored by Mr. Ryan)**

- Resolution from Mr. Ryan calling for live streaming of all meetings of the legislature that was referred from September session to the Ways and Means Committee; leadership gave thought with staff on how to best do this
- No push back or concern with live streaming meetings; concern more on ability to do it right, not create encumbrance on staff, not create a distraction from conducting business

- Money behind new resolution to do it right; will improve quality of video, sound and what public will have access to
- Accomplishes in spirit what Mr. Ryan put up in session; will not create distraction from what needs to happen

Mr. Ryan pulled his resolution. Chair May presented the following resolution with Mr. Ryan as a cosponsor.

b. Authorizing Live Streaming of Legislative Committee Meetings and Public Hearings Consistent with the Onondaga County Legislature’s Longstanding Commitment to Improving Public Access

Ms. Abbott and Mr. Olson requested to be added as cosponsors.

- Whatever the legislature does, do it so it is clear and everyone can hear what is being said
- Visual clarity important; think \$50,000 is good, even if it costs more
- Short period of time between September session and this committee to get quote and information
- Public needs to understand that the chambers is a unique room; cannot drill and do whatever because it is a historic building; lot of restrictions and challenges with infrastructure to get it done correctly
- *Suggestion:*
 - Legislators need to make sure to turn on microphones for voting so people can hear it
- Meetings of the legislature have always been open and available to public; have new technology; no need to rush; will do this appropriately and in satisfactory manner; excellent is the goal
- \$50,000 enough; not going back from here; minutes are recorded and always worked; residents available to come in
- When it’s important, folks get here and do civic responsibility

Mrs. Ervin stated this is a great compromise and requested to be added as a cosponsor.

- Implementation – waiting on a formal quote from a vendor; working off ballpark numbers and will know more when vendor responds

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. Ervin, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman May stated that all Ways and Means budget meetings will be streamed, and all other rules implemented will be applied accordingly. Ways and Means budget review meeting where action is taken will be treated as a full meeting of the Legislature.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk
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ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**
DATE: **SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

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Jessica Allen	Finance
Tenesha Murphy	CE Office
Darcie Lesniak	Leg
Kate Felice	Law
John DeSantis	Leg
Tim Fratreschi	Leg