

REGULAR MEETING
Morning Session
Monday, June 25, 2018
Legislative Chambers

The County Legislature of the County of Steuben convened in Regular Session in the Legislative Chambers in Bath, NY on the 25th day of June, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. and was called to order by the Chairman of the Legislature, Joseph J. Hauryski.

Roll Call and all members present except Legislators Roush and Ryan.

Mrs. Ferratella provided the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Weaver.

Chairman Hauryski asked Stephen Jezewski to come forward. Mr. Jezewski is an employee in the Department of Social Services. He presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pin in recognition of his 10 years of service to Steuben County.

Chairman Hauryski asked Dawn Hawley to come forward. Ms. Hawley is an employee in the Department of Social Services. He presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pin in recognition of her 10 years of service to Steuben County.

Chairman Hauryski asked Scott Devine to come forward. Mr. Devine is an employee in the Department of Motor Vehicles. He presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a clock in recognition of his retirement with 34 years of service to Steuben County.

Chairman Hauryski asked Tammy Woodward to come forward. Ms. Woodward is an employee in the Department of Social Services. He presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pin in recognition of her 10 years of service to Steuben County.

Chairman Hauryski opened the floor to comments by members of the public. There being none, he declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

Motion adopting the minutes of the previous meeting(s) made by Mr. Potter, seconded by Mr. Van Etten and duly carried.

Mr. Donnelly announced the County Tax Sale will be held on Friday, July 13, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Campbell High School. We have 60 properties for sale.

RESOLUTION NO. 108-18

Introduced by S. Van Etten.

Seconded by R. Lattimer.

MATTERS PERTAINING TO COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX SALES, CORRECTIONS OF ASSESSMENTS, PROPERTY TAXES, AND OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS.

Pursuant to Section 2.07 of the Steuben County Charter.

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Steuben County Legislature, in accordance with the applications filed herewith, is hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of this Legislature to execute the necessary documentation for the disposition of applications for correction of real property taxes levied on the parcels contained in Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Steuben County Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to make the proper tax adjustment, and/or refund, with respect to the parcels contained in Schedule "A", as set forth in the approved applications, copies of which shall be forwarded to the taxpayer and collecting authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1166, the Steuben County Commissioner of Finance is further authorized and directed to convey and deliver a County Quitclaim Deed with respect to the parcel contained in Schedule "B" to the grantee listed, upon receipt of the consideration indicated, with the parcel being the same premises acquired by Steuben County through a Judgment of Foreclosure executed by Hon. Marianne Furfure on May 3, 2017 under Index No. 2014-1414CV and be it further

RESOLVED, the said grantee(s) must accept the parcel(s) contained in Schedule "B" "as is" together with the obligation of removing any persons, if any, claiming any interest in the parcel(s) if need be; and be it further

RESOLVED, as the Steuben County Land Bank Corporation desires to purchase certain foreclosed properties from the County of Steuben for the purposes of strengthening and revitalizing the economy of the County and to foster the development of such property and promote economic growth, pursuant to Not-For-Profit Corporation Law §1608(c); and the Steuben County Commissioner of Finance having confirmed that the consideration offered is sufficient to make the County whole; and due to the foregoing it is determined to be in the best interest of the County to convey the property(ies) listed on Schedule "C" to the Steuben County Land Bank Corporation for the consideration offered and as approved by the Steuben County Finance Committee on June 12, 2018, pursuant to Not-For-Profit Corporation Law §1608(c). The said grantee(s) must accept the parcel(s) contained in Schedule "C" "as is" together with the obligation of removing any persons, if any, claiming any interest in the parcel(s) if need be; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution contained in Schedule "A" shall be forwarded to the Director of the Steuben County Real Property Tax Service Agency and the Steuben County Commissioner of Finance, together with the approved applications executed in duplicate by the Chairman of the County Legislature, the Chairman of the Board of Assessors of the appropriate municipality, and the Clerk of the Board of Education of the appropriate School District; and certified copies of this resolution contained in Schedule "B" shall be forwarded to the Steuben County Commissioner of Finance, the Director of the Steuben County Real Property Tax Service Agency, the Chairman of the Board of Assessors of the appropriate municipality, the Clerk of the Board of Education of the appropriate School District, and the grantee(s); and certified copies of this resolution contained in Schedule "C" shall be forwarded to the Steuben County Commissioner of Finance, the Director of the Steuben County Real Property Tax Service Agency, the Chairman of the Board of Assessors of the appropriate municipality, the Clerk of the Board of Education of the appropriate School District, and the grantee(s)

SCHEDULE "A"

Resolution No.	<u>A-1</u>
Name	<u>Harry Pierce</u>
Parcel No.	<u>407.00-01-010.100</u>
Municipality	<u>Town of Lindley</u>
Disposition	<u>2018 Parcel Split</u>

Resolution No.	<u>A-2</u>
Name	<u>Glenn A. and Patricia A. Hill</u>
Parcel No.	<u>369.00-02-071.000</u>
Municipality	<u>Town of Lindley</u>
Disposition	<u>2018 Correction/ Duplicate Assessment</u>

Resolution No.	<u>A-3</u>
Name	<u>Quiet Bay LLC</u>
Parcel No.	<u>299.19-06-050.000</u>
Municipality	<u>City of Corning</u>
Disposition	<u>2017 Court Ordered Refund</u>

Resolution No.	<u>A-4</u>
Name	<u>Quiet Bay LLC</u>
Parcel No.	<u>299.19-06-050.000</u>
Municipality	<u>City of Corning</u>
Disposition	<u>2018 Court Ordered Refund</u>

Resolution No. A-5
Name Quiet Bay LLC
Parcel No. 299.19-06-021.000
Municipality City of Corning
Disposition 2017 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-6
Name Quiet Bay LLC
Parcel No. 299.19-06-021.000
Municipality City of Corning
Disposition 2018 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-7
Name Pine Tree Village LP
Parcel No. 316.10-02-002.210
Municipality Town of Erwin
Disposition 2015 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-8
Name Pine Tree Village LP
Parcel No. 316.10-02-002.210
Municipality Town of Erwin
Disposition 2016 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-9
Name Albert Finch Jr.
Parcel No. 054.07-01-003.000
Municipality Town of Wayland
Disposition 2014 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-10
Name Albert Finch Jr.
Parcel No. 054.07-01-003.000
Municipality Town of Wayland
Disposition 2015 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-11
Name Albert Finch Jr.
Parcel No. 054.07-01-003.000
Municipality Town of Wayland
Disposition 2016 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-12
Name Albert Finch Jr.
Parcel No. 054.07-01-003.000
Municipality Town of Wayland
Disposition 2017 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-13
Name Barbara Finch
Parcel No. 054.07-01-003.000
Municipality Town of Wayland
Disposition 2018 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-14
Name Richard Ranger
Parcel No. 054.07-01-002.000
Municipality Town of Wayland
Disposition 2014 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-15
Name Richard Ranger
Parcel No. 054.07-01-002.000
Municipality Town of Wayland
Disposition 2015 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-16
Name Linwood
Parcel No. 054.07-01-002.000
Municipality Town of Wayland
Disposition 2016 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-17
Name Richard Ranger
Parcel No. 054.07-01-002.000
Municipality Town of Wayland
Disposition 2017 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-18
Name Barbara Finch
Parcel No. 054.07-01-002.000
Municipality Town of Wayland
Disposition 2018 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-19
Name David A. Shults
Parcel No. 054.07-01-014.000
Municipality Town of Wayland
Disposition 2014 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No. A-20
Name David A. Shults
Parcel No. 054.07-01-014.000
Municipality Town of Wayland
Disposition 2015 Court Ordered Refund

Resolution No.	<u>A-21</u>
Name	<u>David A. Shults</u>
Parcel No.	<u>054.07-01-014.000</u>
Municipality	<u>Town of Wayland</u>
Disposition	<u>2016 Court Ordered Refund</u>

Resolution No.	<u>A-22</u>
Name	<u>David A. Shults</u>
Parcel No.	<u>054.07-01-014.000</u>
Municipality	<u>Town of Wayland</u>
Disposition	<u>2017 Court Ordered Refund</u>

Resolution No.	<u>A-23</u>
Name	<u>David A. Shults</u>
Parcel No.	<u>054.07-01-014.000</u>
Municipality	<u>Town of Wayland</u>
Disposition	<u>2018 Court Ordered Refund</u>

SCHEDULE "B"

Resolution No.	<u>B-1</u>
Former Owner	<u>Delio Trustee Shelly</u> <u>Delio Estate Anthony J.</u>
Parcel No.	<u>158.16-01-046.000</u>
Municipality	<u>Village of Bath</u>
Grantee(s)	<u>Shelly J. Delio</u>
Grantee(s) Address	<u>130 W. Steuben Street, Bath, NY 14810</u>
Consideration	<u>\$6,517.37</u>
Disposition	<u>Quitclaim Deed</u>

SCHEDULE "C"

Resolution No.	<u>C-1</u>
Former Owner	<u>Wendy E. Harrison</u>
In Rem Index No.	<u>2014-1414CV, Judgment granted May 3, 2017</u>
Parcel No.	<u>159.05-01-072.100</u>
Municipality	<u>Village of Bath</u>
Grantee(s)	<u>Steuben County Land Bank Corporation</u>
Grantee(s) Address	<u>3 E Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810</u>
Consideration	<u>\$28,798.00</u>

Resolution No.	<u>C-2</u>
Former Owner	<u>Joanne Woodworth</u>
In Rem Index No.	<u>2012-1440CV, Judgment granted May 3, 2017</u>
Parcel No.	<u>166.25-03-059.000</u>
Municipality	<u>City of Hornell</u>
Grantee(s)	<u>Steuben County Land Bank Corporation</u>
Grantee(s) Address	<u>3 E Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810</u>
Consideration	<u>\$8,574.00</u>

Mr. Mullen asked for an explanation of the two properties that are being transferred to the Land Bank and Mr. Wheeler's thoughts on those. Mr. Wheeler replied both of those properties will be rehabs. Mr. Mullen asked are the properties intended to generate profit? Mr. Wheeler replied that is always the goal. We improve the properties and get them back on the tax roll.

Mr. Mullen stated he will be abstaining due to a client relationship.

**Vote: Roll Call – Adopted. Yes – 7959; No – 0; Absent – 1316; Abstained – 597
(Absent – Legislators Roush and Ryan; Abstained – Legislator Mullen)**

RESOLUTION NO. 109-18

Introduced by J. Hauryski.

Seconded by F. Potter.

RECEIVING AND ACCEPTING THE JUNE 25, 2018 COMMUNICATIONS LOG AS PREPARED BY THE STEUBEN COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following communications were received, accepted and filed by the County of Steuben, and referred to the appropriate Standing Committee and/or Department Head for information and/or action, to wit:

May 14, 2018

NYS Office for the Aging – Re: Notification of Grant Award (NGA) for the Community Services for the Elderly (CSE), Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP) and Wellness in Nutrition (WIN) programs for the period of April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. *Referred to: Human Services/Health & Education Committee; and Patricia Baroody, OFA Director.*

May 17, 2018

NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment – Re: Baron Winds Project application deficiencies second notice. *Referred to: A.I.P. Committee and Amy Dlugos, Planning Director.*

May 21, 2018

Pandion – Re: Disclosure of administrative fees paid to Pandion Sourcing & Consulting Regional Corporation and/or Pandion Sourcing National LLC for fiscal year 2017. *Referred to: Alan Reed, County Attorney.*

NYS Department of Transportation – Re: Notification of recently sent vouchers to the State Comptroller that distributes the first quarter SFY 2018-2019 Statewide Mass Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA) payments. *Referred to: Amy Dlugos, Planning Director.*

May 23, 2018

NYS Department of Transportation – Re: Notification of availability of \$100 million in funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ). *Referred to: Amy Dlugos, Planning Director; and Mitch Alger, Deputy County Manager.*

NYS Homes and Community Renewal – Re: Approval of request for release of funds for the NYS Community Development Block Grant Project #1115WS324-17. *Referred to: Amy Dlugos, Planning Director; and Patrick Donnelly, Commissioner of Finance.*

May 29, 2018

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation – Re: Enforcement action against the village of Canisteo for violations of ECL Article 17 and its SPDES permit in connection with its wastewater treatment plant located at 2440 Dunning Road in Canisteo (Case No. R8-20180501-45). *Referred to: Amy Dlugos, Planning Director.*

NYS Agriculture and Markets – Re: Modify the Steuben County Agricultural Districts No. 2, No. 3 and No. 6 by including predominantly viable agricultural land into the districts. *Referred to: A.I.P. Committee; Amy Dlugos, Planning Director; and filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, Brenda Mori.*

NYS Department of Transportation – Re: Notification of being awarded \$20,629 in funding under Governor Cuomo’s Accelerated Transit Capital Program. *Referred to: Amy Dlugos, Planning Director.*

NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment – Re: Ruling amending second ruling on pre-application intervenor funding to allow substitution of counsel for the Canisteo Wind Energy Project. **Referred to: A.I.P. Committee; and Amy Dlugos, Planning Director.**

June 1, 2018

NYS Office for the Aging – Re: Notification of Grant Award and approved application for the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act – Aging and Disability Resource Center (MIPPA/ADRC) for the period of September 30, 2017 through September 29, 2018. **Referred to: A.I.P. Committee and Patty Barody, OFA Director.**

June 4, 2018

Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation – Re: Check in the amount of \$2,582, which represents the April 2018 surcharge revenue for Steuben County. **Referred to: Finance Committee; and Patrick Donnelly, Commissioner of Finance.**

NYS Department of Transportation – Re: Notification of the Accelerated Transit Appropriation funding in the amount of \$5,000. **Referred to: Amy Dlugos, Planning Director; and Patrick Donnelly, Commissioner of Finance.**

The Dax Law Firm, P.C. – Re: Notice of commencement of stipulation consultations on the Canisteo Wind Project. **Referred to: A.I.P. Committee; and Amy Dlugos, Planning Director.**

Corning – Re: Fact sheet on the NYSDEC Project ID#851046 located on Corning Boulevard, in Corning, NY. **Referred to: A.I.P. Committee; and Amy Dlugos, Planning Director.**

NYS Department of Environment of Conservation – Re: Fact sheet on the study area for the NYSDEC Project ID#851046 (operable units 01, 02, 03, and 05) located on Corning Boulevard, in Corning, NY. **Referred to: A.I.P. Committee; and Amy Dlugos, Planning Director.**

June 5, 2018

NYS Office for the Aging – Re: Notification of Grant Award (NGA) for the 2018 federal fiscal year (FFY 2018) Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP). **Referred to: Human Services/Health & Education Committee; and Patricia Barody, OFA Director.**

June 6, 2018

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation – Re: Reclassification notice from class (2) to class (4) for Site Name: Loohns Corning, Site ID#851028 located at 37 East Pulteney Street, in the City of Corning. **Referred to: A.I.P. Committee; and Amy Dlugos, Planning Director.**

June 11, 2018

NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment – Re: Procedural ruling on the request for confidential treatment of stakeholder list and protection from disclosure on the Canisteo Wind Energy Project. **Referred to: A.I.P. Committee; and Amy Dlugos, Planning Director.**

June 14, 2018

NYS Homes and Community Renewal – Re: NYS CDBG Project#1115PR170-16 (Woodlands Community Sewer Project) 6-month completion notice. **Referred to: Amy Dlugos, Planning Director and Patrick Donnelly, Commissioner of Finance.**

Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 110-18

Introduced by R. Lattimer and S. Van Etten.

Seconded by J. Malter.

ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING THE 2017-18 ACCELERATED TRANSIT CAPITAL GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Planning Department is responsible for administration of grants, contracts, and finances related to the countywide bus system; and

WHEREAS, Steuben County has been approved for grant of funds by the New York State Department of Transportation pursuant to State Finance Law Section 89-c under Supplemental Agreement #5 to the Comptroller’s Contract #C003788; and

WHEREAS, the specific funds awarded are as follows for the purchase of bus security cameras:

PIN	Award ID	Project Cost	Federal Share	State Share	Local Share
6821.38.001	ATC-17-STU-00	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0

WHEREAS, Steuben County and the State of New York will be entering into an agreement which authorizes the undertaking of the Projects and payment of state shares.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to modify the Bus Operations Capital Project H5630 5630H1 to reflect additional appropriations and revenue of \$5,000 for Minor Equipment; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Planning Director is hereby authorized to sign any and all agreements with the State of New York, third party subcontractors, and any vendors for the purposes of fulfilling the grant requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, four certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to Amy Dlugos, Planning Director.

Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 111-18

Introduced by G. Swackhamer.

Seconded by C. Ferratella.

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CARBON CREDITS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

WHEREAS, the County of Steuben has a proven commitment to the environment of the County, through waste management and air quality; and

WHEREAS, the County has installed infrastructure at the Bath Landfill and maintains operations and maintenance of the same for air quality control, which infrastructure was voluntarily beyond the requirement for its operating permit, and represents an additional commitment to the environment for control and elimination of greenhouse gases.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County of Steuben will continue to make the investment in, and installation of, equipment in the landfill gas collection system for the Landfill; and be it further

RESOLVED, the direct result of the installation of such equipment will expressly be the reduction of (+/-) 400,000 tons (MT CO₂e) of greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions into the atmosphere between June 1, 2018 – December 31, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Project capacity will be sufficient for the collection and destruction of the GHG produced for this time period with such additional investment in maintenance and upgrades as is necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, it is anticipated that the sale of GHG emission reductions (carbon credits) will provide revenue of \$1,000,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, it is expected that the additional investment will be offset by the proceeds of the sale of the GHG emission reductions (carbon credits) on an ongoing basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Public Works be, and the same hereby is, authorized and directed to sell the above-referenced carbon credits; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Vincent Spagnoletti, Commissioner of Public Works; and Denise Farrell, Environmental Capital LLC, 110 West 40th Street, Suite 1804, New York, NY 10018.

Mr. Mullen commented over the next five years, we could do nothing and keep this money and still would come in better than what we have already discussed.

Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 112-18

Introduced by A. Mullen and B. Schu.

Seconded by H. Lando.

RECLASSIFICATION OF A COURT SECURITY CORPORAL, GRADE XI, POSITION TO A CORRECTION SERGEANT, GRADE XII, POSITION WITHIN THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE.

Pursuant to Section 204 of the County Law of the State of New York.

WHEREAS, the Court Security Corporal position in the Sheriff’s Office assists in the overall command of a force of officers maintaining order and security in and around courtroom areas and is currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, this recited Court Security Corporal position will have the added duties of an increased level of discretion exercised, independence of action and supervisory responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has determined that a Correction Sergeant position more appropriately performs these duties; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer, the Public Safety Committee and Administration Committee have reviewed said position within the Sheriff’s Office that requires a job title change and have approved the recommended change.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, effective with the adoption of this resolution, the following position in the Sheriff’s Office is hereby reclassified as follows:

Court Security Corporal, Grade XI (\$37,404 to \$47,603) to
Correction Sergeant, Grade XII (\$38,569 to \$49,111).

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2018 County Job Classification and Salary Schedule is hereby amended to reflect the above-stated changes, and be it further

RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Finance, Personnel Officer, and the Sheriff.

Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 113-18

Introduced by B. Schu.

Seconded by F. Potter.

APPROVING THE STANDARD WORK DAY AND RETIREMENT REPORTING RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED BY THE NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER.

WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System adopted 2 NYCRR §315.4, a regulation on retirement reporting for elected and appointed officials which became effective August 12, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the regulation requires an expanded record of work activities, a more detailed resolution and specific time frames within which requirements must be completed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County of Steuben hereby establishes the following standard work days for the listed titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on their record of activities:

TITLE	STANDARD WORKDAY (HRS/DAY)	NAME	TIER 1 MEMBER	CURRENT TERM BEGINS/ENDS	ROA Result	ROA Not Submitted
Elected Officials						
Legislature Chairman	6.0	Joseph J. Hauryski		01/01/18-12/31/19	15.34	
Legislator, District 2	6.0	Hilda T. Lando		01/01/18-12/31/21	13.73	
Legislator, District 5	6.0	K. Michael Hanna		01/01/18-12/31/21	5.17	
Legislator, District 12	6.0	Gary B. Roush		01/01/18-12/31/21	6.75	
Legislator, District 13; Vice Chair	6.0	Carol A. Ferratella		01/01/18-12/31/21	13.41	
Appointed Officials						
County Historian	6.0	Emily Simms		09/25/17-12/31/21	14.80	
Assistant District Attorney, PT	6.0	Peter Glanville		02/12/18-12/31/19	5.05	
Assistant Public Defender, PT	6.0	Vivian Strache		01/29/18-12/31/19	17.06	
Assistant Public Defender, PT	6.0	David A. Hoffmann		12/11/17-12/31/19		X
Assistant Conflict Defender, PT	6.0	Casimir Klepacz		12/04/17-12/31/19		X

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, elected and appointed officials who are not members of the State Retirement System are not subject to the provisions of this law; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Finance Commissioner, the Personnel Officer and the New York State Comptroller following 30 days of public posting.

Vote: Roll Call – Adopted. Yes – 7508; No – 1048; Absent – 1316
(No – Legislators Mullen and Weaver; Absent – Legislators Roush and Ryan)

RESOLUTION NO. 114-18

Introduced by R. Lattimer.

Seconded by J. Malter.

PRESENTATION OF NAMES OF PERSONS SELECTED FOR INDUCTION INTO THE STEUBEN COUNTY HALL OF FAME AND CONFIRMATION BY THE STEUBEN COUNTY LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the Steuben County Legislature sponsors a Steuben County Hall of Fame through its Steuben County Hall of Fame Committee for the purpose of honoring those persons who have enhanced the County of Steuben and presenting and opportunity for the public to learn more about these persons; and

WHEREAS, the Steuben County Hall of Fame Committee has solicited nominations from citizens of Steuben County for the induction of three (3) persons into the Hall of Fame, selected this year; and

WHEREAS, nominations were allowed to be made by anyone; there were no limits on the number of nominations; the nominees could be living or dead; male or female; could have been born elsewhere as long as they enhanced the name of Steuben County; may have helped developed the County; may have been Steuben County natives who gained fame elsewhere, or those who should especially be remembered; and

WHEREAS, the Steuben County Hall of Fame Committee is authorized to be comprised of seven (7) persons representative of the people of Steuben County, has reviewed the nominations submitted and has recommended the names of three (3) persons to be inducted into said Hall of Fame this year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Steuben County Legislature does hereby receive, approve, ratify, and confirm the selection and recommendation of the Steuben County Hall of Fame Committee for honoring and inducting into the Steuben County Hall of Fame the following named persons:

1. **Clara Comstock** – Clara Comstock was born July 5, 1879 in Hartsville, NY. She graduated from the Canisteo Academy in 1895 and went to continue her education at the Academy's Teacher Training Course. Her teaching career began in the fall of 1898 in Hartsville at the weekly salary of \$7.00. After moving to New York City in 1911, she began working as an agent for the Children's Aid Society. Her work there would earn her the nickname "The Orphan Train Lady", which stuck with her for the rest of her life. Clara's job was to select adoptable children from New York City and take them by train to destinations further west. She escorted seventy-four groups of children herself between 1911 and 1928. She escorted her last group of orphans in 1928 and then worked as the superintendent of the Children's Aid Society until she retired in 1944 to Collier Street in Hornell. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is credited with founding the Canisteo Valley Genealogical and Historical Society.

2. **Mark R. Alger** – Mark Alger was born and raised in Hornell, graduating from Hornell High School in 1972 and earning a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from SUNY Geneseo in 1976, as well as a Master of Arts in Geography from Western Illinois University. After beginning his career in public service as a Research Assistant, he returned to Steuben County and became the Senior Planning in the Steuben County Planning Department. He served in this position until 1981 when he was appointed Planning Director, a position he held until 1984. In September of that year, he was appointed as the first Steuben County Administrator. In that position, Mr. Alger was responsible for the daily oversight of county operations on behalf of the Steuben County Legislature. Mark also served as Deputy Commissioner for Administration for the New York State Department of Agriculture. In 1999, he returned to Steuben County to serve as the Commissioner of Social Services before again being appointed Steuben County Administrator in 2000. With a change in the form of government resulting from the adoption of the Steuben County Charter, Mr. Alger was named the first County Manager in January of 2014.

3. **Anna Cadogan Etz** – Anna Etz was born in Hornell in October 1864. She graduated from Fredonia Normal School and took advanced training at Alfred University in English and graduated from the University of

Michigan. Her newspaper column “Suffrage Notes and Comments” appeared in 40 newspapers from 1912 to 1917 when women in New York State were given the right to vote. She was active in the New York State Women’s Suffrage Association and was a founder of the Hornell Equality League of Self-Supporting women. She was also widely known as a civic leader. Following the death of her son David, she and her husband donated funds to the Hornell Library for a room that became New York State’s first Children’s Room. Anna and others also founded a Children’s Home and an open park in Hornell. After World War I, she taught Americanization in the Hornell School District for a number of years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Agriculture, Industry and Planning Committee and the County Historian, for and on behalf of the Steuben County Legislature, shall take all necessary steps and ceremony to appropriately enroll and enshrine the names of the inductees into the Steuben County Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Historian and to any other persons as may be directed by the County Historian.

Ms. Lattimer commented she serves on the Hall of Fame Committee and with the new Historian, we took a look at the whole process to see what might be updated and to make the process more simple and edifying for the public. We did not put any restrictions on how many nominations, although we agreed it could be one or as many as three. This year we came up with three nominees and we had a total of 8 nominees. She stated over the course of the past twenty years, we have always held a luncheon. They thought the Legislature should be a more inclusive part of the ceremony surrounding the presentation of the nominees to the Hall of Fame and we decided to do that presentation at the next Legislative session so that the Legislature and the public can be included with a short reception immediately following. In the past we have had a few Legislators who have participated, but thought it was important to include the Legislature since they are confirming the nominees.

Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mrs. Lando, seconded by Mr. Malter and duly carried.