TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Treasurer

Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building 56 Main Street Owego, NY 13827



FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - FINANCE July 11th, 2023 AT 10:30AM

ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Sauerbrey, Ciotoli, Roberts, Monell, Brown, Mullen, Flesher, Standinger Staff: McFadden, DeWind, Haskell, Chandler, Schurter, C. Freyvogel, Parke, Holcomb, Riddle Absent: Weston

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the June 13th, 2023 Finance Committee were read and a motion to approve by Legislator Mullen, seconded by Legislator Brown and unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL: Treasurer McFadden reviewed the YTD Office budget report for fiscal year 2023, highlighting the budgeted 90K gain from tax sale will not be receive this year as all tax sale proceeds will be held in trust until more direction is received from the state. The \$40,000 payment from the Tobacco settlement was received and interest income from invested funds continues to increase.

OLD BUSINESS: The list of 2021 tax foreclosure properties was presented. Pictures will be taken on 7/12 as they continue to prepare for the auction. Treasurer McFadden shared that there are no large parcel going to auction this year, and the Land Bank is purchasing 4 properties, a tax loss of 47K, and considering 2 more properties, which would bring the total loss to 59K.

NEW BUSINESS: The MMIS weekly share increase was discussed. Tioga County's weekly payment was increased by \$14,611 for July-Dec 2023, and will increase again by \$14,772 per week during Jan-Dec 2024.

:ATC Maintenance contract was presented, this is for the County's tax collection software. The savings to pre-pay did not outweigh the interest the Treasurer could make on the retained funds, so he is planning to budget for this expense on a yearly basis in the Treasurer's Office contracted service line.

:A discussion on surplus tax sale fund commenced, there are very few answers currently available. The County will need to wait until the State has more guidance.

:Finance Chair Ciotoli requested Treasurer McFadden's office perform a grant analysis to ensure all grant expenses are being offset by grant revenue, and not impacting local share.

PERSONNEL:

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: None EXECUTIVE SESSION: None ADJOURNMENT: 10:55 AM