



## FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - FINANCE December 13, 2022, AT 10:30AM

### ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Sauerbrey, Mullen, Monell, Ciotoli, Roberts, Brown, Standinger  
Staff: McFadden, Jerzak, Chandler, Haskell, Freyvogel, DeWind, Parke  
Absent: Weston

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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 budget report, highlighting additional revenue received from the Opioid Settlement. He also mentioned that CVS and Walgreen's reportedly came to a settlement this week which may mean more funds for Tioga County. County Attorney DeWind added that we were waiting on additional guidance from the Attorney Generals Office before deciding how to spend the current revenue.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Village relieves have been completed and are up 41K over last year's return. The Village of Owego was up 49K over 2021, however Treasurer McFadden reviewed Owego's returned taxes and noted that there weren't any large returns that might indicate a demolition.

: School returns have also been completed and are ready to be relieved on to the 2023 Town and County bills. Returned schools taxes are down 255K from 2021, amounting to 3.2 million to be collected and returned to the County's 12 school districts.

: A payment for the 2023 ERS Pension bill was sent today in the amount of \$2,434,643. By paying the pre-payment amount which is due December 15<sup>th</sup> the County saves 17.5K.

: Bonus payments are all set to be distributed this week, totaling just under \$600K with added fringe costs. Treasurer McFadden noted the amount on his agenda had originally included pension cost, which is exempt per NYSLRS.

: FEMA recently reached out to Tioga County to alert them to a 12/31/2022 deadline for any purchases associated with Covid. Originally FEMA was to reimburse 75% of costs but have increased to 100% reimbursement. Chief Accountant Jerzak has offered to file a claim on EMO's behalf to recoup the 36K spent by their department. FEMA requires an inventory and location of everything that was purchased to complete the claim. Treasurer McFadden noted once he receives the inventory from EMO the claim will be completed and filed by the deadline to recoup what we can for the taxpayers.

: Treasurer McFadden reported that sales tax year to date is now at 28M, up 12% from last year. He predicts that in 2022 we will take in over 30M in sales tax revenue.

**PERSONNEL:** None

**RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:55 AM