

*Third Special Meeting*  
October 24, 2024

The Third Special Meeting of 2024 was held on October 24, 2024 and was called to order by the Chair at 10:10 a.m. Legislators Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey were present with Legislator Standinger being absent.

Chair Sauerbrey asked for a moment of prayer. "Lord, God, we thank you for this opportunity to serve the public and do what is right. We ask you to guide us in our decisions and protect us all during this election time and just pray that everything goes well."

Chair Sauerbrey led all Legislators and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 7 people in attendance.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO:	FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION
RESOLUTION NO. 372-24	<i>ACCEPT AUCTION BIDS FOR COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR TAXES, AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF DEEDS</i>

WHEREAS: Properties acquired by Tioga County for nonpayment of taxes in the Towns of Barton, Candor, Newark Valley, Owego, Richford, Spencer, and Tioga were offered for sale at Public Auction conducted Monday, October 21, 2024, by the County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS: It is the intent of the Legislature to return the properties to the Tax Rolls as soon as possible; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following bids, being the highest made at said Auction for the several different properties offered, be and hereby are accepted and the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature authorized to sign and record, on receipt of the amount bid and recording costs, Quit Claim Deeds conveying the various parcels to the successful bidders and to their assigns:

<u>Prior Owner-Tax Map#</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Bid</u>
<u>Village of Waverly:</u>		
<u>166.19-3-6; Woodruff Leroy C &amp; Jane</u>	Griffin D. Jacobson	\$26,000
<u>166.16-2-19; Moore Donald</u>	Steven Chaffee	\$20,000
<u>Town of Barton</u>		
<u>123.00-2-9; Acorn David L</u>	Currier Brett A. & Brenda L.	\$23,500
<u>157.07-1-17; GS Irrev. Trust</u>	Amber R. Pischel	\$ 1,500
<u>157.07-1-18; GS Irrev. Trust</u>	Amber R. Pischel	\$ 3,000
<u>111.00-1-14.30; Weisfelt Susan</u>	Betty R. Campbell	\$44,000
<u>Town of Candor</u>		
<u>60.00-1-17.20; Detar Nina A</u>	David J. Osovski	\$18,000
<u>7.03-1-30.30; Marlowe Victoria</u>	David V. Brich	\$36,000
<u>49.00-1-64; Sartori Joseph &amp; Judy</u>	Kenneth L. Bensing Jr.	\$66,000
<u>61.00-1-58; Sartori Joseph &amp; Judy</u>	Quick LaVerne A.	\$10,500
<u>Village of Newark Valley</u>		
<u>64.19-2-11, Worden Margaret</u>	Craft Rusty L.	\$27,000
<u>Town of Newark Valley</u>		
<u>64.00-2-11.20; Forestier Emanuel</u>	Short Eric D & Erin E.	\$70,000
<u>53.00-1-53; Rosenberger Mary E</u>	Wehner Bryce E.	\$ 500
<u>53.00-1-54; Rosenberger Mary E</u>	Wehner Bryce E.	\$18,000
<u>Village of Owego</u>		
<u>128.08-3-12; Forestier Emanuel</u>	Martin Jared J.	\$ 150
<u>129.05-3-19; Milster Phyllis</u>	Tombs Megan R.	\$ 200
<u>128.08-3-92; Mule Richard P</u>	Sadiq Mohammad	\$ 41,000
<u>Town of Owego</u>		
<u>153.05-1-12.112; Debra M Heenan</u>	Dowdle Ryan C	\$ 500
<u>129.00-3-44; Owego Holdings 2021 LLC</u>	Chainlink Properties LLC	\$ 9,500
<u>142.18-1-37; Mclain/Spicer, Rita</u>	Tioga Learning Properties	\$ 51,000
<u>143.13-1-20; Walsh Realty LLC</u>	Tow Broome LLC	\$ 500
<u>Town of Richford</u>		
<u>11.18-1-39; Werner Joseph J</u>	Jasmine Blaskiewicz	\$ 3,750

Town of Spencer

<u>59.00-1-50; Caslin Gary</u>	Jasmine Blaskiewicz	\$ 8,250
<u>80.00-1-28; GS Irrev.Trust</u>	Manwarren Brock	\$ 5,250
<u>92.00-1-5; GS Irrev. Trust</u>	Manwarren Brock	\$ 26,000
<u>69.-02-29.3; Karpel Joseph</u>	Pitici Ioan M.	\$ 75
<u>46.00-1-16; West William C</u>	Brock Colleen	\$ 550

Town of Tioga

<u>159.00-3-25; Holt/Wiggins Penny</u>	FS Lopke Contracting Inc	\$ 5,000
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## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Standinger

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Ciotoli moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 373-24 *AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED IN VARIOUS TOWNS TO THE PRIOR OWNERS.*

WHEREAS: Properties acquired by Tioga County for nonpayment of taxes in The Village of Waverly, Town of Candor, Town of Owego, and Town of Tioga may owe 2022, 2023, and 2024 taxes and are past the last date of redemption; and

WHEREAS: The County has been approached by the former owners, who have made an offer to purchase their property "as is", thereby placing the properties back on the tax rolls; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be and hereby is authorized to sign and record on receipt of the unpaid taxes and recording costs, a Quit Claim Deed conveying the following properties transferred to Tioga County, located in Various Towns to the Prior Owners or Assigns.

Village of Waverly

166.14-2-3; Gowan Peter

166.16-2-3; Trent Rachel

Village of Candor

61.13-1-17.20; Herman Frank H

Town of Candor

40.00-1-3.20; Gehres Jeff

60.00-1-52.20; Herman Frank H

Town of Owego

153.06-1-1; Swawola Douglas

Town of Tioga

148.08-1-2; Collins Sean P

## ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Standinger

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 374-24      *REQUEST & TRANSFER OF CONTINGENCY FUNDS, APPROPRIATION OF UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE, & MODIFICATION OF 2024 ASSIGNED COUNSEL BUDGET*

WHEREAS: The Assigned Counsel program has experienced a significant increase in the caseload of court matters in 2024 along with the effect of the NYS Assigned Counsel rate increase; and

WHEREAS: Contingency funds will need to be transferred from the contingency account to the Assigned Counsel account, and modification of the 2024

Assigned Counsel budget to accommodate the increase in court caseloads for 2024; and

WHEREAS: Unrestricted general fund balance will need to be appropriated to cover the anticipated budgetary shortfall for 2024; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes a transfer from the contingency account, and an appropriation of unrestricted general fund balance, as follows:

FROM:	A1990 540715	Contingency Transfer	\$ 50,000.00
FROM:	A 390900	Fund Balance	\$100,000.00
TO:	A1172 540030	Assigned Counsel	\$150,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Standinger

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Legislator Monell moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Brown.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. -24                    *AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR  
PUBLIC HEALTH*

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 311-24 authorized the creation of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; and

WHEREAS: The Public Health Director has identified a candidate who is qualified and willing to accept the appointment for said title; and

WHEREAS: Based on Patrick Dewing's 8+ years of relevant experience and skillset the Public Health Director, in coordination with the Personnel Officer, has determined that Patrick Dewing's salary shall start above the minimum base amount; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Mr. Dewing is provisionally appointed to the title of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements, at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$57,924, effective November 4, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits Policy, Mr. Dewing shall be eligible for any authorized 2025 Management Confidential salary increase effective May 4, 2025, following a successful six-month evaluation.

Director of Public Health Vroman spoke. "I would like to request an Executive Session for further discussion."

Legislator Mullen made a motion to move into Executive Session, seconded by Legislator Brown at 10:15 a.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment of an individual. Motion carried. County Attorney DeWind, Legislative Clerk Haskell, County Administrator Bailey, and Public Health Director Vroman remained in attendance. Executive session adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Legislator Monell made a motion to have the resolution withdrawn, seconded by Legislator Mullen and carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO WITHDRAW RESOLUTION

Yes – Legislators Sauerbrey, Brown, Ciotoli, Flesher, Monell, Mullen, and Roberts.

No – None.

Absent – Legislator Standinger

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.