

Minutes
Human Services Committee
August 16, 2023, 5:00 p.m., Legislative Chambers
Livestreamed on YouTube
Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Proctor, Gustafson, Chagnon, Rankin

Members Absent: Pavlock, Torres

Others: Lee, Swan, Ihrig, Faulk, Martin, Wilson, Jaroszynski

Complete video of meeting can be viewed on YouTube

Chairman Proctor called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (7/19/23)

MOVED by Legislator Gustafson, SECONDED by Legislator Chagnon

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Mayor, Jim Jaroszynski from the Village of Falconer. Good afternoon everyone and thanks for having me and listening today. As I told the committee before, your meeting here today, I'm just here to reiterate coming last week to the County Legislature meeting and speaking for my residence and asking for some assistance in the transitional housing situation in Falconer at the motel that is located in the Village of Falconer. It's something that since even the meeting last week the residents have just been commenting and calling and talking to me and other residents about the housing situation and as I said at the public safety meeting is just asking for some assistance from Chautauqua County and working with social services if the Village is more than willing to be in on this also and any other parties that need to be in on it to try to get that the Village of Falconer and this motel is not seemed to be the centrally located one that everyone seems to go to. As I stated previously, I'll try to get some numbers and I imagine you can get the same numbers that just really what is being expended at the Budget Inn compared to Legislator Proctor here mentioned that he had spoken with Diane at social services and they used 3 hotels in the Town of Ellicott, the Clarion, the Colony and the Budget Inn. One being in the Village of Falconer, two in the – and I mentioned the Quality Inn down by exit 13 I think was sometimes used. I don't know if it still is. But anyways, out of all of those hotels and motels, it seems like the one in the Village of Falconer is the one that's used the most and for residents to be walking or just you know, being around in the village sometimes, they get approached about monies, this and that and as I explained to the meeting beforehand, it was just the other night, it was just in the local newspaper, about an incident about a local business owner who has taken the time to invest in the Village and try to better improve the Village because we do have, as I said the Legislature meeting, we have things on the move in Falconer. We have investment in the

Village of Falconer by private individuals and we want to keep that going and I'm sure that it will but just need to some help and guidance and assistance from Chautauqua County as to with the transitional housing problem and I do call it a problem in the Village. (*Inaudible*) she was in her place doing some revamping of it and she had a gentlemen that had exposed himself outside to her. Now this gentleman has been arrested by JPD and Ellicott PD on previous incidents and obviously he is in some need of some mental attention and it's his personal business but I just wonder if he's being given the proper avenues and when people are being placed there whether it be alcohol, mental or homelessness are they being given the avenues to better themselves or get out of that situation of that transitional housing? As I stated, I don't think you or I just as citizens don't want somebody staying at a motel whether it be that one or any other one for a month, weeks, months, years and that's why it seems to be. And we all travel as I explained to the public safety. We all travel, we all go to different cities, and you know what a motel room looks like. Are there kitchens in there? Are there proper rooms for a family? Or for even two or three people. No you don't have a kitchenette, you don't have any type of proper stuff for them to be in there over a week is just ridiculous. And like I also said - I'm trying to get my three minutes in. There have been situations and there probably will be here in another month where I see school busses from various districts around Falconer being Frewsburg, Jamestown or Southwestern all picking somebody up in that parking lot. A school bus from Southwestern pulling into that parking lot. There is a family living there that's actually lived there long enough that their children is going to school at Southwestern? Or Frewsburg? Or Jamestown? So again, I'll just close out by I would just like some assistance and I understand from Legislator Proctor that he's reached out and Diane is more than willing to meet with myself and anybody else and I just want to have a conversation about how this is in my terms is being over used at this motel in Falconer. Thank you very much for your time and thank you Legislator Proctor.

Legislator Proctor: Yes, and we'll be in touch on arranging something.

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2023 Budget to Implement the IT Upgrades for Public Health Project within the Chautauqua County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan – *Presented by Dr. Michael Faulk, Chief Medical Officer for Chautauqua County/Interim Public Health Director and Lacey Wilson, Deputy Public Health Director*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2023 Budget to Implement the PPE Replenishment Project within the Chautauqua County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan – *Presented by Dr. Michael Faulk, Chief Medical Officer for Chautauqua County/Interim Public Health Director and Lacey Wilson, Deputy Public Health Director*

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2023 Budget to Implement the Lead Hazard Reduction Project within the Chautauqua County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan – *Presented by Dr. Michael Faulk, Chief Medical Officer for Chautauqua County/Interim Public Health Director and Anna Powell, Childhood Lead Poisoning Program Coordinator/Manages HUD Lead Hazard Controlling Healthy Homes Production Grant Funds*

Unanimously Carried

Other –

Discussion – Childhood Lead Poisoning – *Presented by Anna Powell, Childhood Lead Poisoning Program Coordinator/Manages HUD Lead Hazard Controlling Healthy Homes Production Grant Funds and Lisa Schmidfrerick, Healthy Homes Consultant for Lead Program*

MOVED by Legislator Gustafson, SECONDED by Legislator Rankin to adjourn

Unanimously Carried (6:01 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Olivia Lee, Clerk of the Legislature/Kristi R. Zink, Deputy Clerk