



THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Session No. 4  
FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Timothy J. Meyers  
*Chair*

John J. Gilmour  
*Majority Leader*

John J. Mills  
*Minority Leader*

Olivia M. Owens  
*Clerk of the Legislature*

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION: Mr. Greene

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Todaro

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GREENE	Honoring Jennifer Berndt as the 2025 Clarence Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year
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Erie County Legislature

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SUBJECT

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MAJORITY CAUCUS

Celebrating and Recognizing National Hospitality Workers  
Appreciation Day

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

*Celebrating and Recognizing  
National Hospitality Workers Appreciation Day*

**WHEREAS**, *National Hospitality Workers Appreciation Day* on February 23<sup>rd</sup> appreciates the hard workers of the service industry who strive tirelessly to bring the best in comfort and luxury; and

**WHEREAS**, the hospitality industry is broad and includes hotels, restaurants, bars, theme parks, tourism, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, from hotel staff to restaurant workers, hospitality employees are a critical part of our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 15 million Americans work in the hospitality industry in the United States, and 42% of them state that a lack of recognition is one of their largest barriers to moving forward in their careers; and

**WHEREAS**, as one of the largest industries in the world, employing millions across the globe, take a moment to cultivate a thriving culture within this service industry; and

**WHEREAS**, on National Hospitality Workers Appreciation Day we express our gratitude to the talented and dedicated hospitality workers, and unions, trade associations, and other organizations collaborate to make the industry better for its labor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature expresses our sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Erie County's hospitality professionals and all those individuals working in hotels, restaurants, casinos and theme parks across the nation as we honor their tenacity and devoting of service; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature hereby applauds and recognizes the collaboration and efforts of all hospitality, as we pause to honor and celebrate *National Hospitality Workers Appreciation Day* .

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**Hon. Timothy J. Meyers**  
*Chair of the Legislature*  
*Erie County Legislator, 7th District*

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*Majority Leader*  
*Erie County Legislator, 9th District*

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*Erie County Legislator, 1st District*

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*Erie County Legislator, 2nd District*

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*Erie County Legislator, 3rd District*

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*Erie County Legislator, 4th District*

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**Hon. Jeanne M. Vinal**  
*Erie County Legislator, 5th District*

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**Olivia M. Owens**  
*Clerk of the Erie County Legislature*



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MAJORITY CAUCUS

Recognizing National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

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**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, NY, MARCH 1–31, 2025**

*Recognizing National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month*

**WHEREAS**, in March we recognize *National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month* to share knowledge about how to decrease the number of people diagnosed with cancer each year and spread the word and act to live better, healthier, and happier lives; and

**WHEREAS**, colon cancer is one of the top five common cancers in America; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting one's health is important, but many people face hurdles in accessing life-saving resources to prevent, detect, and treat colorectal cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, most colorectal cancers start as a growth – called a polyp – on the inner lining of the colon or rectum; and

**WHEREAS**, understanding your family history can help guide your discussion with your physician of when you need to start cancer screening and whether to consider genetic counseling; and

**WHEREAS**, this disease disproportionately impacts communities of color—and is particularly fatal among Black Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to lifestyle factors, regular colorectal cancer screening is one of the best ways for preventing colorectal cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, similar to so many diseases, the best defense against colorectal cancer is early detection; and

**WHEREAS**, all people deserve to lead long, happy, and healthy lives, and nobody should be robbed of that promise due to the devastating impacts of colorectal cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, this month is our chance to improve public understanding of colorectal cancer risk, inform people about screen recommendations, and set our sights on broadening prevention strategies, improving treatments and finding a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, *National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month* is a chance to bring greater attention to this terrible disease and to offer what families living through it need most: hope.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body hereby proclaims March 2025 *National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month* encourage all residents to understand the importance of sharing colon cancer awareness information and to talk to your doctor about colon cancer risk factors.

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*Erie County Legislator, 7<sup>th</sup> District*

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MAJORITY CAUCUS

Honoring and Recognizing National Leadership Day

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

*Honoring and Recognizing National Leadership Day*

**WHEREAS**, *National Leadership Day*, celebrated on February 20th, highlights the importance of strong leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, National Leadership Day reminds us that there is a leader within all of us; and

**WHEREAS**, on this day, organizations across America organize leadership workshops to get more and more people into leadership roles; and

**WHEREAS**, we know that any organization is only as good as its leaders, which means having empathetic and just leaders at the top who led by example in creating an environment in which everyone is inspired to be at his or her best; and

**WHEREAS**, being a leader requires certain skills and knowledge, but these qualities don't have to come naturally; and

**WHEREAS**, ultimately, leading by example is one of the most effective strategies of inspiring others and encouraging loyalty; and

**WHEREAS**, *National Leadership Day* is for everyone who cares about others and is not afraid to help everyone live up to their best potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Leadership is an important quality that can be beneficial in a variety of situations from the workplace to everyday life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that with the utmost respect and admiration, the Erie County Legislature hereby recognizes *National Leadership Day* and applauds leaders on a local and nationwide level for their outstanding accomplishments, hard work and offer our deepest appreciation for their devoted work and wish them the best in all their future endeavors.

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Celebrating the Official Grand Opening of "Our Mommie Village"

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

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*Celebrating The Official Grand Opening of Our Mommie Village*

**WHEREAS**, *Our Mommie Village*, located at 1315 Jefferson Avenue in Buffalo, New York will passionately provide services throughout the City of Buffalo; and

**WHEREAS**, Our Mommie Village will serve as a hub of resources and services that aid in healthy recovery and a smooth transition into motherhood; and

**WHEREAS**, knowing how important having a positive mindset and healthy feeling is to our community and the lack of representation we have influential services within the urban area, this 501(c)3 non-profit has decided that this would be a great business idea that would change the dynamic of personal care in downtown Buffalo; and

**WHEREAS**, Shyana Broughton, founder of Our Mommie Village has worked with children and families for over fifteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, what began through experiencing her own children's births, Shyana has built a strong community of mothers and families, filling a void in the prenatal and postpartum care systems in Buffalo, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, with the essential need of organizations like Our Mommie Village, we can break the cycle of injustice and ensure that every mother is treated with the dignity and respect she deserves; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Legislature recognize and extend our congratulations and sincere praise to *Our Mommie Village* on their opening in Buffalo on today, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body extends our appreciation to *Our Mommie Village* for the tremendous contributions and the impact they will provide in the City of Buffalo as they build their clientele throughout Erie County for many years to come.

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**Hon. Lawrence J. Dupre**  
Erie County Legislator, 1<sup>st</sup> District



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Acknowledging AMF Local 533 During Black History Month  
(Labor)

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

*Acknowledging AMF Local 533  
Honoring Dawoud Sabu Adeyola, Leslie Davis and Stanley Day and  
Recognizing Colored Musicians Club during Black History Month*

**WHEREAS**, during African American History Month, we celebrate the vast contributions of African Americans to our Nation's history and identity throughout the month of February; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Black History Month theme, "African Americans and Labor," is a powerful reflection on the pivotal role that the hard work of African Americans has played in shaping our country's history; and

**WHEREAS**, this theme underscores the diverse and significant ways in which labor—whether voluntary or involuntary, skilled or unskilled—has been at the core of the Black American experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the remarkable story of *Buffalo's African American AFM (American Federation of Musicians) Local 533* is one of perseverance, visionary leadership and long-range strategic planning in a period of U.S. history marked by racial intolerance and legalized discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 3, 1917, the first wave of Buffalo's African American musicians joined the ranks of the labor union movement, when they received their AFM Certificate of Affiliation to form a Musicians Union; and

**WHEREAS**, 18 years later, Local 533 found a permanent home at 145 Broadway and incorporated The Colored Musicians Club, the only remaining African American musicians club in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout its storied history, Local 533 offered free music lessons to the public on an informal basis, created an Emergency Fund for members in financial distress (1919), death benefits for the families of members (1926), elected a woman President (1928), and formed a Credit Union for its members so they could buy cars and homes, and truly live the American dream (1940); and

**WHEREAS**, Local 533's high standards of professionalism had other significant impacts on American music; and

**WHEREAS**, Local 533 became nationally known to all of America's most popular musicians, like Duke Ellington and Count Basie; and

**WHEREAS**, Local 533's significant national impact on the labor movement began when the AFM National Office recognized the excellence of its management and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of Local 533 and The Colored Musicians Club runs deep in Western New York, and we will forever remember the rich history and individuals who paved the way for so many Black and Brown individuals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body hereby highlight and honor the legacy of AMF Black Local 533, recognizing the last 3 surviving Local 533 members, Dawoud, Leslie and Stanley and encourage all residents to learn and understand Black American history and culture.

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**Hon. Lawrence J. Dupre**  
*Erie County Legislator, 1<sup>st</sup> District*

Erie County Legislature

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Acknowledging Roger I. Blackwell - Black History Month  
Honoree

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**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

***Acknowledging Roger I. Blackwell***  
***Black History Month Honoree***

**WHEREAS**, during African American History Month, we celebrate the vast contributions of African Americans to our Nation's history and identity throughout the month of February; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

**WHEREAS**, *Roger I. Blackwell* was born in Boston, Massachusetts less than a year after Black Tuesday ushered in the Great Depression; and

**WHEREAS**, following his service in the United States Army and some time working for Polaroid in Massachusetts, Blackwell found himself in Buffalo visiting an army buddy; and

**WHEREAS**, Blackwell's political career in Western New York began with The Young Men's Democratic Club, a community organization of young black men with a mission to make political changes in local government through civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, given his early experiences in politics, this was a natural progression in his story; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Blackwell eventually secured a seat on the Erie County Board of Supervisors where he served from 1966 until it was replaced by the Erie County Legislature in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Blackwell was elected to Erie County Legislature in 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, four qualities fundamental to Blackwell's success as a leader: resourcefulness, compassion, selflessness, and humility; and

**WHEREAS**, Blackwell's political career in Western New York began with The Young Men's Democratic Club, a community organization of young black men with a mission to make political changes in local government through civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Blackwell became the first African American Majority Leader (1982) and then the first African American Chairman (1988), resigning in 1993 to serve as Commissioner of the Erie County Board of Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as legislature chairman, Roger Blackwell sought to prevent impending transportation cutbacks; and

**WHEREAS**, Blackwell and other state and county officials worked to come up with a plan to solve this transportation problem; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the persistent work led by Mr. Blackwell, The Erie County Legislature was able to pass legislation to help fund the NFTA, thus avoiding layoffs and closures – ensuring access to transportation for city residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Blackwell also fought to keep Erie County Senior Services when faced with efforts to roll it into the Social Services Program; and

**WHEREAS**, even in his so-called retirement, Roger Blackwell has remained active; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Blackwell made Western New York his home over sixty years ago and has made it his life's work to uplift and defend his community at every turn.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body hereby highlight and honor the legacy ***Roger I. Blackwell***, recognizing his hard work, dedication and strongly encourage all residents to learn and understand Black American history and culture.

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**Hon. Lawrence J. Dupre**  
*Erie County Legislator, 1<sup>st</sup> District*

Erie County Legislature

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Acknowledging Jeffery Richardson Sr. - Black History Month  
Honoree

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**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**

**BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

***Acknowledging Jeffrey Richardson Sr.***  
***Black History Month Honoree***

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**WHEREAS**, during African American History Month, we celebrate the vast contributions of African Americans to our Nation's history and identity throughout the month of February; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Black History Month theme, "African Americans and Labor," is a powerful reflection on the pivotal role that the hard work of African Americans has played in shaping our country's history. This theme underscores the diverse and significant ways in which labor—whether voluntary or involuntary, skilled or unskilled—has been at the core of the Black American experience; and

**WHEREAS**, this theme underscores the diverse and significant ways in which labor—whether voluntary or involuntary, skilled or unskilled—has been at the core of the Black American experience; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his illustrious career, ***Jeffrey Richardson Sr.*** harnessed his ambition, desire, and vision to help transform the lives of many; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Richardson's career in Western New York began with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Metro System in 1988 as a bus and train operator; and

**WHEREAS**, after several years on the job, Jeffrey decided to become involved with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1342; and

**WHEREAS**, before becoming President, Mr. Richardson served as Union Steward, Recording Secretary and two terms as Vice President; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Richardson also served as Delegate to the last four Amalgamated Transit Union National Conventions by serving on the National Credentials and Balloting Committees; and



**WHEREAS**, due to his hard work and dedication of service, Jeffery Richardson Sr. became the first African American President/Business Agent of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1342 in Buffalo New York, representing approximately 1600 bus and train operators, mechanics, clerical employees and retirees; and

**WHEREAS**, during his first year as President/Business Agent, he secured Local 1342's first labor contract in eight years, including a four-year pact with a 17.25% wage increase; and

**WHEREAS**, he currently Chairs the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1342 – Niagara Frontier Transit Metro Pension Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeff faithfully serves as a member of the Edison Street Community Church under the leadership of Pastor Ted Howard Jr; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeff Sr. and his wife Alfrieda Richardson have been married for 25 years and are proud parents of 5 children and 10 grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, in his spare time, he runs a referee association and a promotion business and enjoys bowling as a hobby; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Richardson's significant advocacy on the labor movement deserves the utmost praise and recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of *Jeffrey Richardson Sr.* runs deep in Western New York, and we will forever remember his leadership that has paved the way for so many individuals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby acknowledge and extend our congratulations and sincere appreciation to *Jeffrey Richardson Sr.* and recognizes his exceptional dedication and loyalty to our community; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body hereby honor *Mr. Richardson* and strongly encourage all residents to learn and understand Black American history and culture.

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**Hon. Lawrence J. Dupre**  
*Erie County Legislator, 1<sup>st</sup> District*

Erie County Legislature  
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DUPRE & KOOSHOIAN

In Remembrance of Edward "Macho" Colon

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25PROC. 4-8

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**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025**

*In Remembrance of Edward "Macho" Colón*

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on February 6, 2025, removed from our midst *Edward "Macho" Colón*, in whose death we have lost a loving husband, father, grandfather, valued and respected coach, prominent leader in the City of Buffalo Westside Community, and whose family has lost a kind and devoted member; and

**WHEREAS**, *Edward Colon*, also known by many as "*Macho*", was born on September 2, 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his life on Earth, Macho harnessed his ambition, desire, and vision to help transform the lives of many in our community through many key roles; and

**WHEREAS**, Macho proudly created and cultivated a better environment towards our youth throughout the City of Buffalo as president of the West Side Little League Football and Cheer and a longtime champion of LaSalle Park; and

**WHEREAS**, under his guidance, the football organization expanded from one team to five teams and three cheerleading groups; and

**WHEREAS**, although many knew "Macho" as an exceptional coach and mentor, his partnership with the Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy (RWPC) was invaluable, and his love for this park and the children who played there was unwavering; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his coaching prowess on the football field, Macho was also the proud owner of Sandwichon by Macho, a restaurant in the heart of downtown Buffalo that not only served fresh food that packed incredible flavor ,but also became a friendly and welcoming space that brought joy to many downtown employees and residents throughout Erie County; and

**WHEREAS**, Macho has always tried to make a positive impact throughout the community in his charitable and community endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, the life and legacy of Edward Colon will continue to resonate through his loved ones including Earth through his wife of 33 years, Catherine Rivera; his four children, Monica Roman, Elliott Roman, Kayla Colon and Rhace Colon; grandchildren, Nico, Flor, Leilani, Vaeda, Aria, Catalia, Lazarus, Sean, Saint and Echoe; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to the life of ***Edward "Macho" Colón*** in whose lifelong dedication to family, friends, and community are an inspiration to be admired, emulated and honored.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby mourn the passing of ***Edward "Macho" Colón*** and pause in its deliberations to recognize his praiseworthy life, his love of family, his love to help and serve others and for his commitment and devotion to the betterment of our community; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature expresses its sympathy and condolences to the Colon family, the Roman family, his Westside Football family and to his many friends, knowing full well that he has served the world lovingly in his time on Earth.

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**Hon. Lawrence J. Dupre**  
*Erie County Legislator, 1<sup>st</sup> District*

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**Hon. Michael H. Kooshoian**  
*Erie County Legislator, 3<sup>rd</sup> District*

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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DUPRE & VINAL

Celebrating and Recognizing TOASTED during National  
Toast Day

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**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

***Celebrating and Recognizing TOASTED during National Toast Day***

**WHEREAS**, *National Toast Day* is celebrated on the last Thursday in February and this year, it takes place on February 27; and

**WHEREAS**, this day pays homage to a food that is often ignored, but has an important role to play when it comes to breakfast, brunch, or even snacking purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the word 'toast' originates from the Latin word 'tostum', meaning, 'to burn or scorch', as toasting bread over fire became popular in the Roman Empire; and

**WHEREAS**, the key purpose of *TOASTED* by The Buffalo Beauty Foodie is to provide the community of Buffalo (Larkintown) and Clarence Center, a healthy and delicious breakfast/lunch; and

**WHEREAS**, *TOASTED* offers their customers a completely vegetarian menu, as well as providing gluten-free and nut-free options; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff at *TOASTED* have consistently prepared for this journey as a restaurant from their experiences of working, tireless hours of preparation, and constant networking to ensure the success of *TOASTED*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby recognize and extend our appreciation to *TOASTED during National Toast Day*.

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**Hon. Lawrence J. Dupre**  
*Erie County Legislator, 1<sup>st</sup> District*

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**Hon. Jeanne M. Vinal**  
*Erie County Legislator, 5<sup>th</sup> District*

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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DUPRE

Recognizing Maureen's Buffalo Wholesale Flower Market -  
Acknowledging National Floral Design Day

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

*Recognizing Maureen's Buffalo Wholesale Flower Market  
Acknowledging National Floral Design Day*

**WHEREAS**, *National Floral Design Day* on February 28th recognizes the art and history of floral design; and

**WHEREAS**, floral design shops such as *Maureen's* can express many emotions, including love, friendship, hope, and sympathy through a variety of floral designs; and

**WHEREAS**, *Maureen's*, located at 439 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, New York, have not only been there for Erie County, in the heart of downtown Buffalo, but also available to provide beautiful and meaningful floral arrangements for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions.

**WHEREAS**, floral design utilizes natural media as a unique art form that includes aspects including line, color, balance, structure and much more to create visual pleasure; and

**WHEREAS**, *National Floral Design Day* is the perfect time to display that innovative and original side when it comes to making the world more beautiful with floral creations; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff at *Maureen's* have consistently prepared for this journey as a floral shop from their experiences of working, tireless hours of preparation, and constant networking to ensure their success.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby recognizes and extends our appreciation to *Maureen's Buffalo Wholesale Flower Market* during *National Floral Design Day*.

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**Hon. Lawrence J. Dupre**  
*Erie County Legislator, 1<sup>st</sup> District*



**Erie County Legislature**  
**Meeting Date: 02/27/2025**

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**SUBJECT**

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ST. JEAN TARD

Honoring Ellen Harris-Harvey as Erie County Citizen of the  
Month - February 2025

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**Attachments**

25PROC. 4-11

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

*Honoring Ellen Harris – Harvey as Erie County Citizen of the Month  
February 2025*

**WHEREAS**, Ms. *Ellen Harris – Harvey* has established herself as a dedicated community leader, advocate, and changemaker with a deep commitment to social, economic, and environmental justice; and

**WHEREAS**, from a very early age, Ellen understood the importance of hard work, the love of God and the love of humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, she currently serves as a Part-Time External Engagement Coordinator at the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, where she facilitates community engagement, addresses concerns from city residents and parkgoers, and provides administrative support to the executive and operations teams.; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Harris-Harvey has also been at the forefront of grassroots leadership, serving as President of the Trinidad Neighborhood Association Block Club for over six years; and

**WHEREAS**, she is actively involved in several urban renewal and environmental projects, including the Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper CAG Group, where she helps drive community engagement for the Scajaquada Creek Restoration Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen serves as an Executive Board Member and Membership Chairperson for the local NAACP, advocating for civil rights and community development; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, she is a member of the Jefferson Avenue Urban Land Institute Organizing Committee, led by the Buffalo Branch NAACP; and

**WHEREAS**, her leadership extends to assist in faith-based and social initiatives as an Associate Minister and Ordained Evangelist at Mount Calvary Holy Church of America and the Founder of Spiritual Connections Outreach Ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, through this ministry, she has provided spiritual support, health and human services assistance, and community outreach, including hosting a one-hour radio show on WUFO 96.5 FM for four years; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond her professional and advocacy work, Ms. Harris-Harvey finds her greatest joy in family; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen is a devoted and proud mother of her son Ronald, her daughter (Michelle), three grandchildren, and is excitedly awaiting the arrival of her fourth grandchild; and

**WHEREAS**, she takes immense pride in her children's professional achievements and continues to be a guiding force in her family and community; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her career, Ms. Harris-Harvey has remained a steadfast advocate for progress, collaboration, and empowerment; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ellen believes in the transformative power of community engagement and continues to dedicate her time, skills, and energy to initiatives that uplift and strengthen those around her; and

**WHEREAS**, her unprecedented journey thus far is nothing short of extraordinary and it is with great admiration that this Honorable Body acknowledges and thanks, ***Ms. Ellen Harris – Harvey***, for her leadership, solidifying her impact and her genuine character through her work and service to the community in building a better society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby honor, ***Ellen Harris – Harvey*** as the Erie County Legislature's Citizen of the Month for February 2025 for her exceptional dedication and noble service through her work in community development, environmental advocacy, or spiritual outreach and will remain committed to making a lasting impact in Buffalo and beyond.

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**Hon. Taisha St. Jean Tard**  
*Erie County Legislator, 2<sup>nd</sup> District*

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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ST. JEAN TARD

Honoring Angela Blue during Black History Month

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**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

*Honoring Angela Blue during Black History Month*

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Black History Month theme, "African Americans and Labor," is a powerful reflection on the pivotal role that the hard work of African Americans has played in shaping our country's history. This theme underscores the diverse and significant ways in which labor—whether voluntary or involuntary, skilled or unskilled—has been at the core of the Black American experience; and

**WHEREAS**, this theme underscores the diverse and significant ways in which labor—whether voluntary or involuntary, skilled or unskilled—has been at the core of the Black American experience; and

**WHEREAS**, **Angela Blue**, a native of Buffalo, New York, has created an exceptional legacy for herself through the labor movement since 2001 when she was voted in as the recording secretary for Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency, CSEA Local 815, during her 12-year employment with the City of Buffalo; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, Angela began working for the CSEA, AFCSME Local 1000, Region 6 Office; and

**WHEREAS**, she was temporarily assigned to organize an Erie County coalition of labor, community, and religious leaders, along with legislative and judicial officials to establish a strategic plan to advocate for the restoration of the county budget and suspended services; and

**WHEREAS**, it was also in 2005 when Angela joined the Buffalo Chapter of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU); and

**WHEREAS**, a few years later, Angela began working for the New York State AFL-CIO as a Community Outreach Specialist. In that capacity, she works with various labor and community-based organizations, along with area faith leaders and churches to collaborate towards building a joint movement in the fight against social, economic, civil, and human right injustices; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 2010, she was elected president of the CBTU Buffalo Chapter for a three-year term in which she mentored other young labor unionist for leadership roles within the organization and the labor movement at whole; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2017, Angela has been exclusively assigned to the Western Region of the state and works with the WNY Area Labor Federation (WNY ALF) to generate and coordinate labor and community programming along with labor's political season programming; and

**WHEREAS**, Angela has been very instrumental in building a diverse labor movement in the Western New York area; and

**WHEREAS**, besides working in the community and standing for workers' rights, Angela has been married for 40 years to her husband, Reverend Mark E. Blue and from her marriage, became the proud mother of two spectacular men, Robert E. Blue of Buffalo and Joseph Blue of Newark, Delaware; and a

**WHEREAS**, Angela also gained a wonderful daughter-in law, Kanasha Lauren Neipha Blue, who along with Robert, has joined in the fight for the civil rights of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2018, Angela was blessed with her first grandchild, Robyn Elizabeth Blue, the apple of her eye.

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, Robert E. Blue, Jr., blessed the family being their first-born grandson, the "Real Lion King."; and

**WHEREAS**, it is with Angela's tenacity and ability to organize that she can bring people from all walks of life to stand together in solidarity; and

**WHEREAS**, her influence working with labor unions runs deep and we will forever appreciate and praise individuals such as Angela, a woman who paved the way for so many through her work on local, state, and national campaigns as well as legislative issues that has allowed the labor message to be spread throughout our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby honor *Angela Blue* for her exceptional dedication and noble service to improved labor unions, along with her tireless efforts to improve lives in the City of Buffalo and throughout Erie County.

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**Hon. Taisha St. Jean Tard**  
*Erie County Legislator, 2<sup>nd</sup> District*

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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Happy 100th Birthday Mary Alyce Burns

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**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025**

*Happy 100th Birthday Mary Alyce Burns*

**WHEREAS**, *Mary Alyce Burns* bestowed discipline, emphasized education, and hard work to her loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, born in Buffalo, New York, *Mary Alyce* was raised on Richmond Avenue and attended St. Mary's Seminary Elementary School and Lafayette High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary earned her bachelor's in history with high honors from D'Youville College; and

**WHEREAS**, after college, Mary Alyce worked briefly at the Social Security office in the city of Buffalo and later for a law office in Indiana as a court stenographer; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 27, 1947, Mary Alyce married the late Edward B. Burns at Holy Angels Church in Buffalo; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary has been blessed to become an amazing mother of five children; Alice, John, Joanne, Lois, and Mary Ann, in the Town of Tonawanda; loving grandmother of 10, great grandmother of 17 and great-great grandmother of one; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary became well known in her community as a supporter on several Women's Organizations boards including the Customs and Immigration Wives Club, New York State Federation of Women's Clubs, Honorarians and Pro-To; and

**WHEREAS**, she was twice honored with the position of Board President for the Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs and St. John the Baptist's Neumann Guild; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Alyce was a devoted parishioner at St. John the Baptist in the Town of Tonawanda where she served for several years on the Church Council and as a Eucharist Minister; and

**WHEREAS**, she also spent many years as a volunteer for Channel Four's Call 4 Action; and



**WHEREAS**, those who knew Mary Alyce became aware that she had many long friendships including her childhood best friend, the late Majorie, dearest friends who she kept close to her heart before their passing many years ago, Jean and Sally and “The Girls”, a group of eight women who met at D’Youville and met monthly for dinner or lunch; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to her community and church involvement, Mary Alyce enjoyed many hobbies such as attending festivals and square dancing; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Alyce loved playing games such as Scrabble and Rumikub with various groups at her senior apartment complex; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Alyce was an avid reader who passed down her love of reading to her family and started a Book Club at her senior apartment complex; and

**WHEREAS**, today, we honor *Mary Alyce Burns*, a woman who has graced us and all of those around her; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body celebrates *Mary Alyce Burns* who is idolized by many for the person she is and for sharing her gifts with the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby honor *Mary Alyce Burns* on this occasion in celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and sincerely appreciates her love for life and devotion to the Town of Tonawanda and Erie County; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature wishes *Mary Alyce Burns* a very blessed 100<sup>th</sup> birthday as well as health, love, happiness in all her years to come.

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**Hon. John A. Bargnesi Jr.**  
*Erie County Legislator, 4<sup>th</sup> District*

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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VINAL

Honoring and Celebrating the Ribbon-Cutting of Its My  
Birthday

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025

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*Honoring and Celebrating the Ribbon-Cutting of Its My Birthday*

**WHEREAS**, *Its My Birthday* is located at 3190 Niagara Falls Blvd (Suite 19), Amherst, New York, 14228; and

**WHEREAS**, this family-owned business understands that birthdays are significant milestones, and that's why their mission of service goes above and beyond to make birthday parties extraordinary; and

**WHEREAS**, with aspirations of becoming an exceptional business in Western New York, *Its My Birthday* will follow their vision of setting the standard for exceptional business; and

**WHEREAS**, their state-of-the-art technology and dazzling lights create a pulsating atmosphere where you can dance the night away; and

**WHEREAS**, this family-owned business has prepared themselves for this journey as business owners from their personal experiences, tireless hours of preparation, and constant networking to ensure the success of *Its My Birthday* success in the Town of Amherst and throughout Western New York; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby recognizes and extends our congratulations and best wishes to *Its My Birthday* and its staff as they host the official ribbon-cutting and grand opening in Amherst today, February 27, 2025; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body extends our appreciation to *Its My Birthday* for the tremendous contributions and the impact they will have on the Town of Amherst as they build their clientele throughout Erie County for many years to come.

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**Hon. Jeanne M. Vinal**  
*Erie County Legislator, 5<sup>th</sup> District*

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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GREENE

Honoring Jennifer Berndt as the 2025 Clarence Chamber of  
Commerce Educator of the Year

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25PROC. 4-15

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y. FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**Honoring and Jennifer Berndt as the 2025  
Clarence Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year**

**WHEREAS**, the Clarence Chamber of Commerce recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate a deep commitment to their students and community, and in 2025, *Jennifer Berndt* will be named *Educator of the Year*; and

**WHEREAS**, *Jennifer Berndt* is a proud Clarence High School alumna who has dedicated 31 years to teaching at her alma mater, shaping the minds and futures of countless students; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her career, *Mrs. Berndt* has taught a variety of math courses, including General Math, Algebra Regents, Geometry Regents, Non-Regents, and Honors Algebra 2, ensuring that students of all levels receive the support and instruction they need to succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, *Jennifer* and her husband Tim, also a graduate of Clarence High School, chose to raise their family in the same community, where their daughters, Mikayla and Morgan, also graduated from Clarence Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond the classroom, *Mrs. Berndt* has served for more than 25 years as a co-advisor for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), guiding students to make positive choices and fostering meaningful change in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer is known for her ability to build lasting connections with students, providing not only academic instruction but also encouragement and support that extends beyond the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, *Jennifer Berndt's* unwavering dedication to education and the Clarence Central School District continues to inspire students and colleagues alike, leaving a lasting impact on all who have the privilege of learning from her.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and commend *Jennifer Berndt* for her exceptional contributions to education and for being named the *2025 Clarence Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year*.

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**CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE**  
*Erie County Legislator, District 6*

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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GREENE

Honoring Scott Medole as Clarence Chamber of Commerce  
2025 Volunteer of the Year

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y. FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Honoring Scott Medole as Clarence Chamber of Commerce  
2025 Volunteer of the Year**

**WHEREAS**, the Clarence Chamber of Commerce recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication to community service, and in 2025, **Scott Medole** has been named *Volunteer of the Year*; and

**WHEREAS**, **Scott Medole** has been a proud resident of Clarence, New York, since 1976, graduating from Clarence High School in 1980 and earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from SUNY Fredonia in 1984; and

**WHEREAS**, following his graduation, **Scott Medole** answered a higher calling by serving in the United States Air Force as an emergency room medic, receiving an honorable discharge in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, upon returning to Clarence, **Scott Medole** joined his family's insurance business, working alongside his parents, Norman and Nancy Emerling, and building a professional career rooted in service to others; and

**WHEREAS**, **Scott Medole** has been a dedicated member of the Harris Hill Volunteer Fire Company for 40 years, serving as a second-generation firefighter and co-chaplain, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, **Scott Medole** also contributes to numerous community organizations, including as an active member of the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, a past original member of the Eastern Hills Sunrise Rotary Club, and a supporter of local credit unions, including North Towns and Niagara's Choice; and

**WHEREAS**, **Scott Mendole** has been a strong advocate for community engagement, frequently promoting local businesses on Facebook and volunteering as a ride medic for local bicycle groups, including Discover Main Street, Clarence New York, which hosts rides from the Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market during the summer; and

**WHEREAS, *Scott Medole***'s dedication to faith and service is evident in his role as a hospitality minister at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, where he provides support and comfort to others; and

**WHEREAS, *Scott Mendole*** also enjoys an active lifestyle, participating in biking, pickleball, skiing, hiking the Adirondack High Peaks, golfing, fishing, hunting, and playing euchre, all while cherishing time spent with his children, Amanda, a school guidance counselor, and Austin, a woodcutter and chef at Morluski's; and

**WHEREAS, *Scott Medole***'s lifelong commitment to service, leadership, and community engagement exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism, making him a truly deserving recipient of the ***Clarence Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year Award***.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and commend ***Scott Medole*** for his outstanding contributions to Clarence and for being named the ***2025 Clarence Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year***.

The seal of Erie County, New York, is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a landscape scene including a river, a bridge, and a town. A large American flag is superimposed over the shield. The words "ERIE COUNTY" are at the top, "STATE OF NEW YORK" are at the bottom, and "SEAL" is on the left. The year "1792" is on the right.

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**CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE**  
*Erie County Legislator, District 6*



**Erie County Legislature**  
**Meeting Date: 02/27/2025**

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**SUBJECT**

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GREENE	Recognizing Sto Lat Strong for Their Efforts to Raise Awareness of Colon Cancer During Colorectal Awareness Month
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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y. FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**Recognizing Sto Lat Strong for Their Efforts to Raise Awareness of  
Colon Cancer During Colorectal Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor businesses in Erie County that give back to the communities they serve and enhance the quality of life for residents through their dedicated service; and

**WHEREAS**, *Colorectal Awareness Month* is observed annually in March as a time to raise awareness about colorectal cancer, promote early detection, and support research and treatment effort; and

**WHEREAS**, *Sto Lat Strong* is a dedicated community organization committed to raising awareness and providing support for individuals and families affected by cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the group has made significant efforts to educate the public about cancer, including organizing events like the *Blue Happy Hour*, taking place March 4, 2025, at Sto Lat Bar in Clarence, New York, and is aimed at raising awareness for colon cancer and encouraging early detection; and

**WHEREAS**, *Sto Lat Strong* demonstrates unwavering compassion through its fundraising initiatives and community support, positively impacting cancer research and treatment programs; and

**WHEREAS**, through their advocacy and outreach, *Sto Lat Strong* has helped spark meaningful conversations about cancer prevention, treatment, and survivorship, inspiring many to take proactive steps in their health journeys; and

**WHEREAS**, the group's commitment to raising awareness empowers those affected by cancer and fosters a sense of unity and support within the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and thank *Sto Lat Strong* for their tireless work in raising cancer awareness through initiatives like the *Blue Happy Hour*, and for their continued dedication to making a meaningful difference in the fight against cancer.

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**CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE**  
*Erie County Legislator, District 6*

**Erie County Legislature**  
**Meeting Date: 02/27/2025**

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**SUBJECT**

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GREENE	Honoring Stephen Szortyka and Prominent Coffee as the Clarence Chamber of Commerce 2025 People's Choice Award Recipient
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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y. FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**Honoring Stephen Szortyka and Prominent Coffee as the Clarence Chamber of Commerce 2025 People's Choice Award Recipient**

WHEREAS, the *Clarence Chamber of Commerce* annually recognizes businesses that make a significant impact on the community, and in 2025, *Prominent Coffee*, owned by **Stephen Szortyka**, has been chosen as the *People's Choice Award* winner; and

WHEREAS, *Prominent Coffee*, which opened just one and a half years ago, has quickly become a beloved gathering place in Clarence, offering more than just exceptional coffee but also a welcoming space where connections flourish; and

WHEREAS, *Stephen Szortyka* brings over 21 years of experience designing and building world-class haunted attractions, using his creative expertise to craft unforgettable experiences that captivate and inspire; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his success in the haunted attraction industry, *Stephen Szortyka* launched a thriving marketing agency eight years ago, helping brands stand out with innovative strategies and bold ideas; and

WHEREAS, *Stephen Szortyka* is deeply committed to community service, serving on the boards of Hope Rises and Sophia the Fierce and actively supporting initiatives such as Sweet Buffalo and Be A Blessing Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, *Stephen Szortyka's* passion for fostering connection and giving back has made a lasting impact on Clarence, reinforcing the role of local businesses as the heart of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and commend *Stephen Szortyka* and *Prominent Coffee* for their dedication to the community and for being named the *2025 Clarence Chamber of Commerce People's Choice Award Winner*.

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CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE  
Erie County Legislator, District 6

**Erie County Legislature**  
**Meeting Date: 02/27/2025**

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**SUBJECT**

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GREENE

Honoring Linda Zakrzewski as Clarence Chamber of  
Commerce's Lifetime Achiever of the Year

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y. FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**Honoring Linda Zakrzewski as Clarence Chamber of Commerce's  
Lifetime Achiever of the Year**

**WHEREAS**, the *Clarence Chamber of Commerce* annually recognizes individuals whose dedication and service have made a lasting impact on the community, and in 2025, **Linda Zakrzewski** will be honored as the *Lifetime Achiever of the Year*; and

**WHEREAS**, **Linda Zakrzewski** dedicated 36 years to public education, ensuring her students not only developed essential life skills but also a sense of pride and community involvement, founding a Junior National Honor Society program and the first Girl Scout troop at Buffalo Public School 81; and

**WHEREAS**, upon moving to Clarence in 2002, **Linda Zakrzewski** quickly immersed herself in volunteer service, teaching religious education for 16 years, participating in countless church events, and, more recently, assisting with Meals on Wheels; and

**WHEREAS**, **Linda Zakrzewski's** passion for scouting led her to become a Girl Scout leader for her daughters' troops and an active member of her son's Boy Scout troop, eventually taking on leadership roles including Service Unit Leader of the Clarence Girl Scouts, Service Unit Campout Director, and a mentor for multiple troops in need of leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, Linda established a Girl Scout Day Camp at Camp Windy Meadows, a volunteer-run initiative offering affordable, girl-driven, and girl-led camp experiences that instill leadership and empower the next generation of Girl Scouts; and

**WHEREAS**, **Linda Zakrzewski** is widely recognized for her enthusiasm, generosity, and unwavering commitment to serving others, always ready to lend a hand with a smile and a plan to get things done.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and commend **Linda Zakrzewski** for her extraordinary contributions to the Clarence community and for being named the *2025 Clarence Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achiever of the Year*.

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**CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE**  
*Erie County Legislator, District 6*

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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GREENE

Honoring Morluski's Restaurant as the Clarence Chamber of  
Commerce 2025 Small Business of the Year

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y. FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**Honoring Morluski's Restaurant as the  
Clarence Chamber of Commerce 2025 Small Business of the Year**

**WHEREAS**, the Clarence Chamber of Commerce annually recognizes businesses that demonstrate outstanding dedication, innovation, and service to the community, and in 2025, the Chamber is honoring *Morluski's Restaurant* as *Small Business of the Year*; and

**WHEREAS**, *Morluski's Restaurant* was founded in 2017 by Jeannine and Domenic, a husband-and-wife team who took a leap of faith to enter the restaurant industry after 25 years in child care, bringing their Polish and Italian heritage together to create a unique and beloved dining experience; and

**WHEREAS**, after achieving success in Attica, the opportunity arose in 2020 to restore the historic 150-year-old red-brick Church of Christ in Clarence Hollow, where, despite the challenges of the pandemic, *Morluski's* persevered and opened its doors, bringing a new vibrancy to Main Street with its authentic church interior, stained glass windows, cozy fireplace, outdoor patio, and signature flamingo décor; and

**WHEREAS**, *Morluski's Restaurant* has become a family affair, with Jeannine and Domenic leading the way and their sons, Brandon and Randy, crafting homemade pasta and pierogi alongside them in the kitchen, upholding the traditions that make their cuisine truly special; and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant's dedication to quality and community has earned them prestigious accolades, including the Polish American Business Owner of the Year Award from the General Pulaski Association in 2021, as well as the Silver Spoon Award at the Taste of Clarence for three consecutive years (2021, 2022, 2023); and

**WHEREAS**, beyond its exceptional cuisine and warm atmosphere, *Morluski's Restaurant* has become a pillar of the community, bringing people together through food, culture, and hospitality, while continuously supporting the growth and vibrancy of the town of Clarence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and commend *Morluski's Restaurant* for being named *Clarence Chamber of Commerce 2025 Small Business of the Year*, and extend sincere appreciation for their dedication, resilience, and contributions to the community.

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**CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE**  
Erie County Legislator, District 6



Erie County Legislature

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SUBJECT

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GREENE

Honoring Ron Walkowiak as Clarence Chamber of Commerce  
2025 Citizen of the Year

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y. FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**Honoring Ron Walkowiak as Clarence Chamber of Commerce 2025 Citizen of the Year**

**WHEREAS**, the *Clarence Chamber of Commerce* annually recognizes outstanding individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and service to the community, and in 2025, the Chamber has rightfully selected *Ron Walkowiak* as *Citizen of the Year*; and

**WHEREAS**, *Ron Walkowiak*, a Buffalo native and graduate of Kensington High School, has built a remarkable career rooted in forestry, horticulture, and environmental stewardship, beginning with his service in the U.S. Army and later joining the Buffalo Forestry Department, where he led efforts to remove diseased elm trees and manage the street tree replacement program; and

**WHEREAS**, after transitioning to the private sector as a sales manager for a wholesale nursery and later founding his own successful wholesale nursery brokerage firm, *Ron Walkowiak* became a leader in the industry, serving as President of the Western New York State Nurserymen Association and earning the prestigious Man of the Year honor for his contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, upon moving to Clarence, *Ron Walkowiak* continued his dedication to community service, maintaining a home office for over 33 years and retiring in 2020 while actively engaging in civic organizations that enhance the town's natural beauty and environmental sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, *Ron Walkowiak* has generously volunteered his time and expertise to the Clarence Hollow Board, Clarence Farmers Market, Arboretum Advisory Committee, Clarence Conservation Advisory Council, and Landscape & Tree Review Committee, working alongside fellow residents to preserve and enhance Clarence's landscapes, green spaces, and overall quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, his lifelong dedication to conservation, urban forestry, and community development has left a lasting impact, enriching Clarence and strengthening its reputation as a vibrant and welcoming place to live, work, and raise a family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize *Ron Walkowiak* for being named *Clarence Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year* and extend our sincere appreciation for his decades of service, leadership, and commitment to making Clarence a better place for all.

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CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE  
Erie County Legislator, District 6

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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GREENE

Honoring Cortese Construction Service Corporation as  
Clarence Chamber of Commerce 2025 Large Business of the  
Year

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y. FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**Honoring Cortese Construction Service Corporation as  
Clarence Chamber of Commerce 2025 Large Business of the Year**

**WHEREAS**, the *Clarence Chamber of Commerce* annually recognizes businesses that exemplify excellence, innovation, and commitment to the community, and in 2025, the Chamber has honored *Cortese Construction Service Corporation as Large Business of the Year*; and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1951 by brothers Frank and Nick Cortese, *Cortese Construction Service Corporation* began as a small concrete operation and has since grown into a premier, full-service remodeling company serving Western New York, offering kitchen and bathroom renovations, home additions, sunrooms, backyard living spaces, and even a cooking school; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 70 years, *Cortese Construction* has remained steadfast in its commitment to quality craftsmanship, innovative design, and exceptional customer service, ensuring that each project enhances not only homes but also the lives of the families within them; and

**WHEREAS**, now under the leadership of Domenic Cortese and the third generation, Philip, Nicholas, and Michelle Cortese, the company continues to build upon its reputation for excellence, delivering high-quality, timeless results that reflect both tradition and forward-thinking vision; and

**WHEREAS**, this dedication to superior service has earned numerous accolades, including awards for Best Kitchen and Bathroom Design from Better Homes and Gardens, the Buffalo News Top Workplace Award for three consecutive years, and now the 2025 Clarence Chamber Award for Best Large Business; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond its business success, Cortese Construction is deeply committed to community involvement, supporting local youth sports, education, and civic initiatives to ensure that Clarence remains a thriving and vibrant place to live and work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize *Cortese Construction Service Corporation* for being named *Clarence Chamber of Commerce Large Business of the Year* and extend our sincere appreciation for their outstanding contributions to both the industry and the community.

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**CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE**  
Erie County Legislator, District 6

Erie County Legislature

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SUBJECT

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GREENE

Honoring BankOnBuffalo as the Clarence Chamber of  
Commerce 2025 Flora Leamer Community Involvement  
Award Winner

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y. FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**Honoring BankOnBuffalo as the Clarence Chamber of Commerce  
2025 Flora Leamer Community Involvement Award Winner**

WHEREAS, the Clarence Chamber of Commerce annually honors businesses and organizations that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the community, and in 2025, **BankOnBuffalo** is being recognized with the prestigious **Flora Leamer Community Involvement Award**; and

WHEREAS, **BankOnBuffalo** has consistently demonstrated exceptional community engagement, going above and beyond to support local initiatives, businesses, and individuals in need, striving to make a lasting positive impact in the Clarence area; and

WHEREAS, **BankOnBuffalo** is an active partner in numerous community efforts, providing financial support, resources, and leadership to local organizations, nonprofits, and events, helping to foster growth, unity, and prosperity in the Clarence community; and

WHEREAS, through its dedication to corporate responsibility, **BankOnBuffalo** has consistently upheld the values of community service, partnership, and civic engagement, ensuring that the needs of residents are met and the community continues to thrive; and

WHEREAS, **BankOnBuffalo**'s commitment to serving others and its strong, positive presence in the Clarence area make it a role model for corporate citizenship, embodying the spirit of volunteerism and generosity that the **Flora Leamer Community Involvement Award** seeks to honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to commend and congratulate **BankOnBuffalo** for being named the recipient of the **2025 Clarence Chamber of Commerce Flora Leamer Community Involvement Award** and for its ongoing efforts to contribute to the well-being of our community.

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CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE  
Erie County Legislator, District 6

Erie County Legislature

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GREENE

Honoring Go To Girls, Inc. as the Clarence Chamber of  
Commerce 2025 Organization of the Year

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**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y. FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Honoring Go To Girls, Inc. as the Clarence Chamber of  
Commerce 2025 Organization of the Year**

**WHEREAS**, the Clarence Chamber of Commerce annually recognizes organizations that demonstrate outstanding service, dedication, and positive impact in the community, and in 2025, the Chamber has honored *Go To Girls, Inc.* as *Organization of the Year*; and

**WHEREAS**, founded during the pandemic by a group of mothers in Clarence, *Go To Girls, Inc. (GTG)* emerged from a simple text group among ten moms supporting each other into a nonprofit dedicated to ensuring no family in Clarence faces hardship alone; and

**WHEREAS**, with a mission rooted in kindness, *GTG* provides essential support through its strategic partnerships within the school district and local organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization launched Bundles of Love, a program providing new boots, snow pants, coats, hats, gloves, and blankets to children in Clarence, ensuring that every child has proper winter gear regardless of financial circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, Bundles of Love has provided 249 winter gear bundles, each valued between \$75 to \$100, to children from birth through high school, with referrals handled confidentially through school counselors and the Family Support Center; and

**WHEREAS**, *GTG's* Birthday Bags initiative donates 30 party kits each quarter to the Clarence Community Pantry, ensuring that families in need can celebrate their child's special day with cake ingredients, party supplies, a gift card, and a balloon bouquet voucher from Forever Fun; and

**WHEREAS**, *Go To Girls* also recognizes graduating Clarence High School seniors who exemplify kindness in the community by awarding a cash gift with no educational requirement, reinforcing the value of generosity in all paths of life; and

**WHEREAS**, strong partnerships, particularly with the Clarence Family Support Center, have allowed *GTG* to expand its reach and impact while grassroots fundraising and community recognition continue to support its mission; and



The seal of the State of New York is a large, circular emblem in the background. It features a central shield with a landscape scene: a green field with a white building, a blue river with a bridge, and a blue sky with white clouds. A large American flag is superimposed over the shield. The shield is surrounded by a wreath. The words "STATE OF NEW YORK" are written around the bottom of the seal, and "ERIE COUNTY" is written at the top.

**WHEREAS**, the dedication and compassion of *Go To Girls, Inc.* have made a profound difference in the lives of local families, and their recognition as *Clarence Chamber of Commerce Organization of the Year* is a testament to their invaluable contributions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and commend *Go To Girls, Inc.* on being named *Clarence Chamber of Commerce 2025 Organization of the Year* and extend our sincere gratitude for their unwavering commitment to spreading kindness and support throughout our community.

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**CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE**  
*Erie County Legislator, District 6*

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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TODARO

Recognizing Transit Animal Hospital for National Love Your  
Pet Day

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025, A.D.

*I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall in the City of Buffalo on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Recognizing Transit Animal Hospital for  
National Love Your Pet Day**

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor institutions in Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their mission and purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **National Love Your Pet Day** was founded in 2006 by animal behaviorist Colleen Paige to highlight the important role animals play in our lives and award them a day to be celebrated; and

**WHEREAS**, pet ownership is known to improve mental well-being, as well as provide therapeutic qualities and companionship, reduce stress, and foster a sense of purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **Transit Animal Hospital** provides crucial and life-saving services to the Depew community, abiding by the philosophy that one's pet is an important member of the family; and

**WHEREAS**, **Transit Animal Hospital** is committed to providing the highest quality pet care with all staff possessing the highest possible degree in their field, in order for your pets to live long and happy lives; and

**WHEREAS**, while **National Love Your Pet Day** gives us a chance to appreciate our pets, we take this opportunity to celebrate the businesses and people, such as **Transit Animal Hospital**, that keep our pets healthy and happy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize **Transit Animal Hospital** for **National Love Your Pet Day** and express gratitude for its work to improve the quality of life in the community.

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**HON. FRANK J. TODARO**  
Erie County Legislator, District 8

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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TODARO

Recognizing Alden Animal Hospital for National Love Your  
Pet Day

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# STATE OF NEW YORK LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025, A.D.

*I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall in the City of Buffalo on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

## **Recognizing Alden Animal Hospital for National Love Your Pet Day**

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor institutions in Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their mission and purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **National Love Your Pet Day** was founded in 2006 by animal behaviorist Colleen Paige to highlight the important role animals play in our lives and award them a day to be celebrated; and

**WHEREAS**, pet ownership is known to improve mental well-being, as well as provide therapeutic qualities and companionship, reduce stress, and foster a sense of purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **Alden Animal Hospital** provides crucial and life-saving services to the Alden community, offering a comprehensive array of services, including boarding, training, grooming, and veterinary services; and

**WHEREAS**, **Alden Animal Hospital** is committed to providing the highest quality care for your pets to live long and happy lives, proudly serving their customers and their animals for over two decades, exemplifying reliability and quality service; and

**WHEREAS**, while **National Love Your Pet Day** gives us a chance to appreciate our pets, we take this opportunity to celebrate the businesses and people, such as **Alden Animal Hospital**, that keep our pets healthy and well-groomed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize **Alden Animal Hospital** for **National Love Your Pet Day** and express gratitude for its work to improve the quality of life in the community.

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**HON. FRANK J. TODARO**  
Erie County Legislator, District 8

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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TODARO

Recognizing Alliance Animal Hospital for National Love Your  
Pet Day

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# STATE OF NEW YORK LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025, A.D.

*I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall in the City of Buffalo on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

## **Recognizing Alliance Animal Hospital for National Love Your Pet Day**

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor institutions in Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their mission and purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **National Love Your Pet Day** was founded in 2006 by animal behaviorist Colleen Paige to highlight the important role animals play in our lives and award them a day to be celebrated; and

**WHEREAS**, pet ownership is known to improve mental well-being, as well as provide therapeutic qualities and companionship, reduce stress, and foster a sense of purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **Alliance Animal Hospital** provides crucial and life-saving services to the Lancaster community, going above and beyond to foster a relationship with their customers and create a unique experience suited to each animal's needs and condition; and

**WHEREAS**, **Alliance Animal Hospital** goes out of its way to treat each animal with respect, compassion, and personalized care believing that preventive medicine and wellness should be the foundation of care for all of their patients; and

**WHEREAS**, while **National Love Your Pet Day** gives us a chance to appreciate our pets, we take this opportunity to celebrate the businesses and people, such as **Alliance Animal Hospital**, that keep our pets healthy and happy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize **Alliance Animal Hospital** for **National Love Your Pet Day** and express gratitude for its work to improve the quality of life in the community.

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**HON. FRANK J. TODARO**

Erie County Legislator, District 8

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SUBJECT

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TODARO

Recognizing County Cuts Dog Grooming for National Love  
Your Pet Day

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# STATE OF NEW YORK

## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025, A.D.

*I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall in the City of Buffalo on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

### **Recognizing County Cuts Dog Grooming for National Love Your Pet Day**

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor institutions in Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their mission and purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **National Love Your Pet Day** was founded in 2006 by animal behaviorist Colleen Paige to highlight the important role animals play in our lives and award them a day to be celebrated; and

**WHEREAS**, pet ownership is known to improve mental well-being, as well as provide therapeutic qualities and companionship, reduce stress, and foster a sense of purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **Country Cuts Dog Grooming** provides quality services to the Lancaster community, going above and beyond to foster a relationship with customers and create a unique experience tailored to each animal's needs; and

**WHEREAS**, **Country Cuts Dog Grooming** is new to the community but creates an environment where animals and owners feel familiar and comfortable; and

**WHEREAS**, while **National Love Your Pet Day** gives us a chance to appreciate our pets, we take this opportunity to celebrate the businesses and people, such as **Country Cuts Dog Grooming**, that keep our pets happy and well-groomed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize **Country Cuts Dog Grooming for National Love Your Pet Day** and express gratitude for its work to improve the quality of life in the community.

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**HON. FRANK J. TODARO**  
Erie County Legislator, District 8

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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TODARO Recognizing Fetch n'Catch for National Love Your Pet Day

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# STATE OF NEW YORK LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025, A.D.

*I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall in the City of Buffalo on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

## **Recognizing Fetch n'Catch for National Love Your Pet Day**

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor institutions in Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their mission and purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **National Love Your Pet Day** was founded in 2006 by animal behaviorist Colleen Paige to highlight the important role animals play in our lives and award them a day to be celebrated; and

**WHEREAS**, pet ownership is known to improve mental well-being, as well as provide therapeutic qualities and companionship, reduce stress, and foster a sense of purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **Fetch n'Catch** provides quality services to the Bowmansville community, offering daycare, boarding, training, and grooming services at their impressive indoor facility; and

**WHEREAS**, **Fetch n'Catch** has passionately served their clientele and their pets, caring for even the most energetic of our canine companions, employing over 50 canine professionals dedicated to fostering a culture of positivity, accountability and continuous improvement; and

**WHEREAS**, while **National Love Your Pet Day** gives us a chance to appreciate our pets, we take this opportunity to celebrate the businesses and people, such as **Fetch n'Catch** that keep man's best friend happy, healthy, and well-behaved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize **Fetch n'Catch** for **National Love Your Pet Day** and express gratitude for its work to improve the quality of life in the community.

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**HON. FRANK J. TODARO**  
Erie County Legislator, District 8

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TODARO

Recognizing Furry Friends Holistic Pet Spa for National Love  
Your Pet Day

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# STATE OF NEW YORK

## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025, A.D.

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### **Recognizing Furry Friends Holistic Pet Spa for National Love Your Pet Day**

**WHEREAS,** The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor institutions in Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their mission and purpose; and

**WHEREAS,** National Love Your Pet Day was founded in 2006 by animal behaviorist Colleen Paige to highlight the important role animals play in our lives and award them a day to be celebrated; and

**WHEREAS,** pet ownership is known to improve mental well-being, as well as provide therapeutic qualities and companionship, reduce stress, and foster a sense of purpose; and

**WHEREAS,** Furry Friends Holistic Pet Spa provides quality services to the Lancaster community and creates an environment where customers feel comfortable leaving their pets, and where pets feel safe and happy; and

**WHEREAS,** Furry Friends Holistic Pet Spa has passionately served their clientele and their pets, grooming even the dirtiest coats for over a decade; and

**WHEREAS,** while National Love Your Pet Day gives us a chance to appreciate our pets, we take this opportunity to celebrate the businesses and people, such as Furry Friends Holistic Pet Spa, that keep our pets happy, healthy, and well-groomed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize Furry Friends Holistic Pet Spa for National Love Your Pet Day and express gratitude for its work to improve the quality of life in the community.

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**HON. FRANK J. TODARO**

Erie County Legislator, District 8

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TODARO

Recognizing Mutt Cuts for National Love Your Pet Day

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025, A.D.

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**Recognizing Mutt Cuts for  
National Love Your Pet Day**

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor institutions in Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their mission and purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **National Love Your Pet Day** was founded in 2006 by animal behaviorist Colleen Paige to highlight the important role animals play in our lives and award them a day to be celebrated; and

**WHEREAS**, pet ownership is known to improve mental well-being, as well as provide therapeutic qualities and companionship, reduce stress, and foster a sense of purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mutt Cuts** provides quality services to the Marilla community, going above and beyond to foster a relationship with both pets and their owners; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to working to ensure the health, happiness, and well-being of every pet in their care, **Mutt Cuts** prides itself on being community-oriented, engaging with the community, and participating in local events and fundraisers for animal shelters and rescues; and

**WHEREAS**, while **National Love Your Pet Day** gives us a chance to appreciate our pets, we take this opportunity to celebrate the businesses and people, such as **Mutt Cuts**, that keep our pets healthy and well-groomed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize **Mutt Cuts for National Love Your Pet Day** and express gratitude for its work to improve the quality of life in the community.

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HON. FRANK J. TODARO  
Erie County Legislator, District 8

Erie County Legislature

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TODARO

Recognizing Suburban South Veterinary Hospital for National  
Love Your Pet Day

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025, A.D.

*I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall in the City of Buffalo on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2025, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Recognizing Suburban South Veterinary  
Hospital for National Love Your Pet Day**

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor institutions in Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their mission and purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **National Love Your Pet Day** was founded in 2006 by animal behaviorist Colleen Paige to highlight the important role animals play in our lives and award them a day to be celebrated; and

**WHEREAS**, pet ownership is known to improve mental well-being, as well as provide therapeutic qualities and companionship, reduce stress, and foster a sense of purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, **Suburban South Veterinary Hospital** provides crucial and life-saving services to the Cheektowaga community with a dedicated team of veterinarians, vet techs, and always-pleasant secretaries; and

**WHEREAS**, **Suburban South Veterinary Hospital** is committed to providing the highest quality pet care and ensuring modern equipment, state-of-the-art procedures, and a personal touch; and

**WHEREAS**, while **National Love Your Pet Day** gives us a chance to appreciate our pets, we take this opportunity to celebrate the businesses and people, such as **Suburban South Veterinary Hospital**, that keep our pets healthy and happy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize **Suburban South Veterinary Hospital** for **National Love Your Pet Day** and express gratitude for its work to improve the quality of life in the community.

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**HON. FRANK J. TODARO**  
Erie County Legislator, District 8

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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TODARO

Celebrating the Depew Community Center Grand Opening

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25PROC. 4-33

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Celebrating the Depew Community Center Grand Opening**

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to recognize organizations and their members, who invest in our communities and provide essential services to the residents they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Depew Community Center** came to fruition through the hard work, dedication, and teamwork of the **Depew Community Action Team** and the volunteer community they have inspired; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Depew Community Action Team** was founded in 2018 after a group of civic leaders, residents, local business owners, and faith leaders began to discuss how they could harness their resources and energy to address the expressed needs of the residents of Depew; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Depew Community Center** transformed 570 Gould Avenue from an abandoned dilapidated building into a beautifully renovated community center stocked with laundry facilities, a community kitchen, and more coming in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Depew Community Center** dedicated its kitchen to one of its most enthusiastic and committed members, Audrey Hamernik, a driving force within the **Depew Community Action Team** who sadly passed away prior to the opening of the Community Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Depew Community Center** looks to fill a void in their community, replacing a vacant lot with a hub of engagement where members of the community can share ideas and work together to enrich the lives of one another further.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to celebrate the grand opening of the **Depew Community Center** and wish all the best to those who continue to serve the community of Depew through the center.

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HON. FRANK J. TODARO  
Erie County Legislator, District 8

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SUBJECT

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LORIGO

Recognizing Hen-Hawk Acres During National Agriculture Week

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Recognizing Hen-Hawk Acres During  
National Agriculture Week**

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor businesses in Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, **National Agriculture Week** is celebrated annually in March, acknowledging the importance of the agricultural industry and the role it plays in today's economy while celebrating the significant contributions of local farms to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, **Hen-Hawk Acres** of Chaffee, New York, is a small family-owned 140-acre farm that sells dairy products, meats, spices, and several other groceries while also partnering with fellow farms, businesses, and artisans; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States has a rich agricultural history, which led President Abraham Lincoln to form the United States Department of Agriculture in 1862, and was affectionately dubbed the "People's Department"; and

**WHEREAS**, **National Agriculture Week** began during the 1970s alongside the formation of the Agricultural Council of America, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting farmers and agricultural advancements throughout the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Farms are critical to the economy of Upstate New York, especially in Erie County where **Hen-Hawk Acres** and dozens of similar farms operate and provide fresh products to local markets and communities across the region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize **Hen-Hawk Acres** of Chaffee, New York, during **National Agriculture Week** and to acknowledge their immense contribution to our community and economy.

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LINDSAY R. LORIGO  
Erie County Legislator, District 10

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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LORIGO

Recognizing Early Bird Childcare Centers, Inc. on National  
Preschoolers Day

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Recognizing Early Bird Childcare Centers, Inc.  
on National Preschoolers Day**

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and organizations in Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, **National Preschoolers Day** has been celebrated annually on the second Friday of March to highlight the significance of educating children at an extremely formative time of their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, **Early Bird Childcare Centers** of Springville, New York, has been serving children from 6 weeks old to school age since 1975, providing a place for young students to discover, play, and develop cognitive skills as they learn about the world around them; and

**WHEREAS**, preschool educators play a crucial role in children's education, helping them learn the foundational skills that will be used throughout the rest of their lives, such as reading, writing, and basic arithmetic; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965, "Head Start" was the first publicly funded preschool program in the United States, to aid children from lower-income families to enroll in school; and

**WHEREAS**, **National Preschoolers Day** is an opportunity to celebrate preschool-aged children's joy, energy, and potential while recognizing the importance of quality early education programs like those delivered by **Early Bird Childcare Centers, Inc.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor **Early Bird Childcare Centers** of Springville, New York, on **National Preschoolers Day** and recognize the vital role of early childhood education in shaping the future of our community's children.

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LINDSAY R. LORIGO  
Erie County Legislator, District 10

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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LORIGO

Proclaiming March 2025 as "National Music In Our Schools  
Month"

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Proclaiming March 2025 as  
“National Music In Our Schools Month”**

**WHEREAS**, in March, we recognize “**National Music In Our Schools Month**” to celebrate music education in schools and communities across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, since its designation in 1985 by the National Association for Music Education, “**National Music In Our Schools Month**” has served as an opportunity to raise awareness for the importance of music education in school curricula; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of “**National Music In Our Schools Month**” is to encourage schools and communities to support music education and recognize the efforts and achievements of music educators; and

**WHEREAS**, musical education is critical to students’ emotional development through the expression and playing of music, as well as offering a unique avenue for awareness about the historical significance of music from worldwide cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, the students and faculty of Western New York schools spend countless hours developing, rehearsing, and performing musicals that showcase their respective talents and offer a wondrous spectacle for those who attend; and

**WHEREAS**, “**National Music In Our Schools Month**” is an opportunity to bring attention to the vast benefits of implementing music education in our schools, offering a wealth of creative possibilities to students from a young age.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to proclaim March 2025 as “**National Music In Our Schools Month**” and wish the best of luck to all musical performers and crew as they take the stage.

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LINDSAY R. LORIGO  
*Erie County Legislator, District 10*

**Erie County Legislature**  
**Meeting Date: 02/27/2025**

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**SUBJECT**

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MILLS

Honoring Laing Funeral Home Inc. for 75 Years of Service to  
the Community

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**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025, A.D.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Honoring Laing Funeral Home Inc.  
for 75 Years of Service to the Community**

**WHEREAS,** The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor businesses in Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their dedicated service; and

**WHEREAS, Laing Funeral Home Inc.,** located at 2724 W. Church Street in Eden, New York, has been a pillar of support for families in Eden and surrounding communities, offering professionalism, compassion, and dignity in their time of need for seventy-five years; and

**WHEREAS,** under the care of founder David C. Laing, then William H. Laing, and now Gabriel G. Johnson, **Laing Funeral Home** has remained steadfast in its mission to provide thoughtful and sensitive support, helping individuals plan funeral services that reflect the lives and wishes of their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS, Laing Funeral Home** has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to family service, ensuring that each family receives the personal care and attention they deserve during some of life's most difficult moments; and

**WHEREAS,** through decades of dedicated service, **Laing Funeral Home** has earned the trust and respect of the community, not only as a funeral service provider but as a compassionate neighbor, offering comfort and guidance with heartfelt sincerity; and

**WHEREAS,** for seventy-five years, **Laing Funeral Home** has upheld a promise of service, and this service remains steadfast and unchanging, ensuring that every family they serve is met with care, dignity, and respect.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize **Laing Funeral Home Inc.** for its seventy-five years of dedicated service, its unwavering commitment to the community, and the profound impact it has had on countless families throughout the years.

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**JOHN J. MILLS, MINORITY LEADER**  
Erie County Legislator – 11<sup>th</sup> District

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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MILLS

Honoring West Herr Automotive Group for 75 Years of  
Excellence

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 27, 2025, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**Honoring West Herr Automotive Group  
for 75 Years of Excellence**

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor businesses in Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their dedicated service; and

**WHEREAS**, Harold West and Joseph Herr, Jr. started their company in 1950 under a tent in Hamburg, New York, with a mission to serve the community with high-quality Ford vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, since its humble beginning, **West Herr Automotive Group** has demonstrated **75 years of excellence** while remaining committed to Western New York and growing into one of the most admired businesses across the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Brad Hafner joined as a salesman in 1959 and, through dedication and leadership, became a Partner in 1970, sole Owner in 1975, and Chairman in 1997, setting the foundation for future expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, the company continued to flourish under the leadership of Scott Bieler, who began his career at **West Herr** in 1975, quickly rising through the ranks to become a Partner in 1983, President in 1997, and majority Owner and CEO in 2000, driving **West Herr** to unprecedented growth and success; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1981, John Wabick and Bill Loecher joined the company as salesmen, later becoming Vice Presidents in 1988 and Partners in 2000, further solidifying the leadership that has guided **West Herr's** expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, today, **West Herr Automotive Group** operates at more than 50 locations across Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse, representing 22 different car franchises and employing over 3,000 people, making it the largest automotive dealer in New York State; and

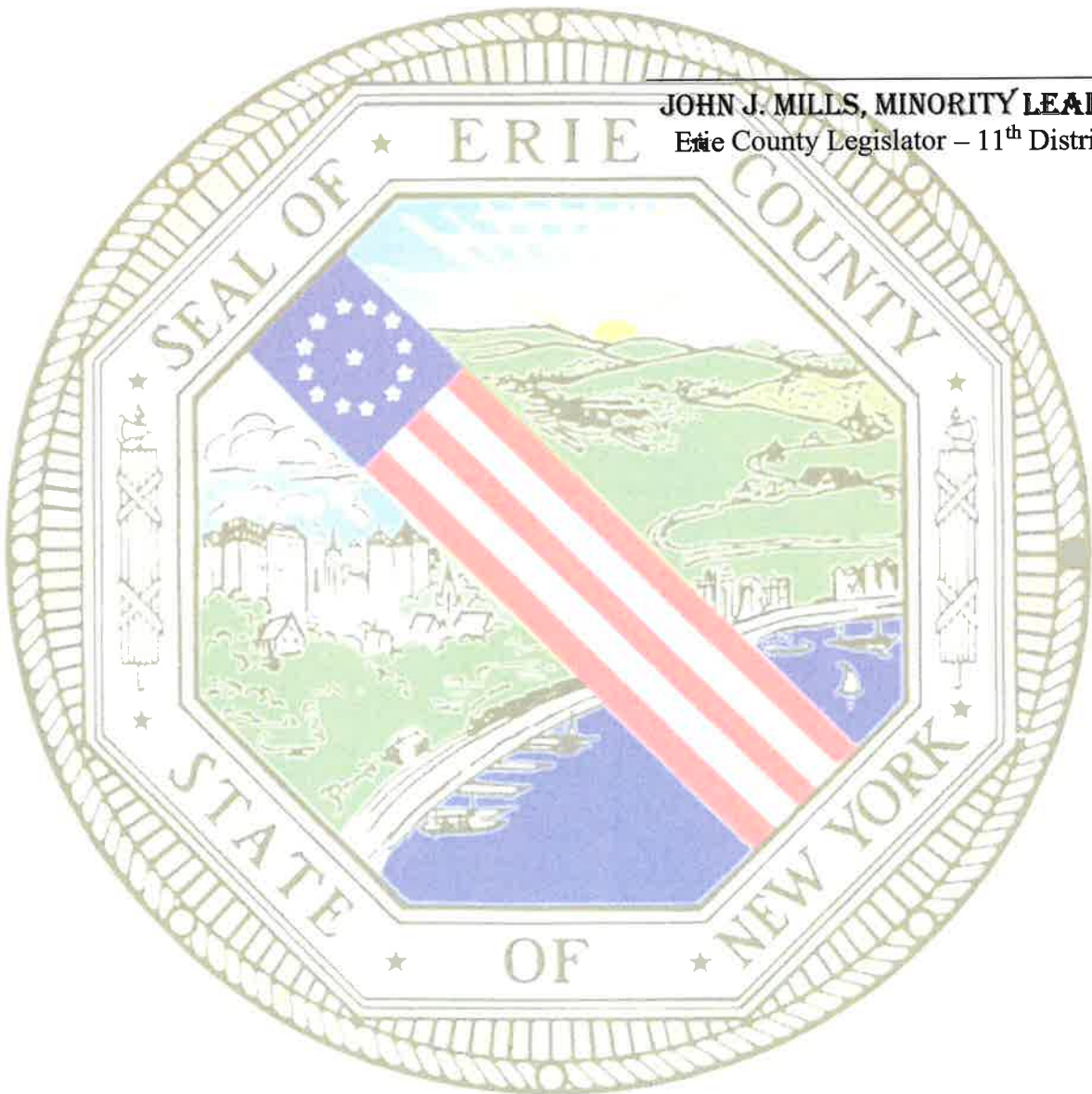
**WHEREAS**, **West Herr** has consistently ranked among the top dealerships nationwide in sales volume, servicing over 475,000 vehicles annually and selling or leasing more than 50,000 new and used vehicles while earning numerous accolades, including being named Buffalo Business First's 'Best Places to Work in Buffalo' every year since 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, West Herr's legacy has been built upon a foundation of customer satisfaction, community involvement, and a steadfast commitment to Western New York, with all owners and partners living locally and actively managing daily operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize **West Herr Automotive Group** on the occasion of its **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, celebrating its rich history, remarkable achievements, and continued dedication to excellence and service in our community.

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**JOHN J. MILLS, MINORITY LEADER**  
Erie County Legislator – 11<sup>th</sup> District



Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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MILLS

Honoring Donald C. Fox Sr. for 65 Years of Service to the  
Langford-New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 2025 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27th day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Honoring Donald C. Fox Sr. for 65 Years of Service  
to the Langford-New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company**

**WHEREAS,** The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals in Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** firefighters dedicate their lives to the protection of life and property, and through commitment and sacrifice, they volunteer countless hours over many years and take extraordinary risks, not to benefit themselves but selflessly working to ensure that their communities are as safe as possible; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald C. Fox Sr. will be honored at the **Langford-New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company** installation dinner on February 22, 2025, where he will receive his sixty-five years of service award; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald C. Fox Sr. began his career with the **Langford-New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company** in 1960 and, throughout the last sixty-five years, has earned a reputation for always being ready, willing, and able to go above and beyond the call of duty; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald C. Fox Sr. has served on many committees and held different positions throughout the years, including but not limited to the position of Vice President from 1974-1975; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald C. Fox Sr. has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the **Langford-New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company** for sixty-five years and remains a respected and well-known figure within the community, recognized for his dedication and willingness to assist whenever needed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize **Donald C. Fox Sr.** and thank him for his sixty-five years of service to the **Langford-New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company** and the community.

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**MINORITY LEADER JOHN J. MILLS**  
Erie County Legislator – 11<sup>th</sup> District

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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MILLS

Honoring Ronald M. Geiger for 65 Years of Service to the  
Langford-New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company

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25PROC. 4-40

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**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 2025 A.D.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Honoring Ronald M. Geiger for 65 Years of Service  
to the Langford-New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company**

**WHEREAS,** The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals in Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** firefighters dedicate their lives to the protection of life and property, and through commitment and sacrifice, they volunteer countless hours over many years and take extraordinary risks, not to benefit themselves but selflessly working to ensure that their communities are as safe as possible; and

**WHEREAS,** Ronald M. Geiger will be honored at the **Langford-New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company** installation dinner on February 22, 2025, where he will receive his sixty-five years of service award; and

**WHEREAS,** Ronald M. Geiger began his career with the **Langford-New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company** in 1960 and, throughout the last sixty-five years, has earned a reputation for always being ready, willing, and able to go above and beyond the call of duty; and

**WHEREAS,** Ronald M. Geiger has served on many committees and held different positions throughout the years, including but not limited to the position of Vice President from 1990-1992, Assistant Chief from 1984-1988 and currently serving as Fire Police; and

**WHEREAS,** Ronald M. Geiger has not only demonstrated unwavering commitment to the **Langford-New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company** for sixty-five years but also proudly served his country as a veteran of the National Guard from 1958 to 1964; and

**WHEREAS** Ronald M. Geiger continues to serve as Fire Police and remains a respected and well-known figure within the community, recognized for his dedication and willingness to assist whenever needed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize **Ronald M. Geiger** and thank him for sixty-five years of service to the **Langford-New Oregon Volunteer Fire Company** and the community.

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**MINORITY LEADER JOHN J. MILLS**  
Erie County Legislator – 11<sup>th</sup> District

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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LL INTRO. 2-1 (2024)	LORIGO	The Tax Dollar Disclosure Act
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LL INTRO. 2-1 (2024)

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LOCAL LAW TO BE ENACTED BY  
THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
IN THE  
COUNTY OF ERIE  
LOCAL LAW INTRO. – NO. 2-1 - 2024  
LOCAL LAW – NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2024

**A LOCAL LAW requiring transparent, searchable databases for expenditures accessible and available to the public.**

**SECTION 1. Title**

This law shall be entitled and known as “The Tax Dollar Disclosure Act.”

**SECTION 2. Legislative Intent**

The Erie County Legislature recognizes that taxpayers should have easy access to details on how the county is spending their tax dollars and what performance results are achieved for those expenditures. It is the intent of the Legislature, therefore, to direct the Erie County Comptroller to create and maintain a searchable budget database website detailing where, for what purpose, and what results are achieved for all taxpayer investments in county government.

**SECTION 3. Definitions**

**AGENCY**

A county department, division, office, bureau, board, commission, committee, or unit. This includes individual county agencies and programs, as well as those programs and activities that cross agency lines. “County agency” includes all elective offices in Erie County government.

**AUDIT OR REPORT**

Shall include any audit or report issued by the state, county, legislature, legislative committee, comptroller or executive body relating to the entity or recipient of funds or the budget program/activity or agency.

**COMPTROLLER**

The Erie County Comptroller.

**ENTITY/AND OR RECIPIENTS**

A. a corporation,

B. an association,

- C. a union,
- D. a limited liability company,
- E. a limited liability partnership,
- F. any other legal business entity including non-profits,
- G. grantees,
- H. contractors, and
- I. a county, city, or other local government entity.
- J. “Entity/and or recipients” does not include an individual recipient of public assistance.

#### **FUNDING SOURCE**

The account from which the expenditure is appropriated, inclusive of all budgeted accounts.

#### **FUNDING ACTION OR EXPENDITURE**

Shall include details on the type of spending (grant, contract, appropriations, etc.). This includes tax exemptions or credits. Where possible, a hyperlink to the actual expenditure document (in a format that is, at a minimum, as searchable as a searchable PDF format) shall be provided.

#### **LEGISLATURE**

The Erie County Legislature.

#### **SEARCHABLE BUDGET DATABASE WEBSITE**

A website that allows the public, at no cost, to:

- A. Search and aggregate information for the following:
  - 1. the name and principal location or residence of the entity/and or recipients of funds,
  - 2. the amount of funds expended,
  - 3. the funding or expending agency,
  - 4. the funding source of the revenue expended,
  - 5. the budget program/activity of the expenditure,



6. a descriptive purpose for the funding action or expenditure,
7. the expected performance outcome for the funding action or expenditure,
8. the past performance outcomes achieved for the funding action or expenditure,
9. any audit or report relating to the entity or recipient of funds or the budget program/activity or agency,
10. and any other relevant information specified by the Comptroller.

B. Programmatically search and access all data in a serialized machine-readable format (such as XML) via a web-services application programming interface.

#### **SECTION 4. Searchable Budget Database Website Created**

By October 1, 2024, the Comptroller shall develop and make publicly available a single, searchable budget database website including the required data for the most recent county budget. The website shall be given a unique and simplified website address. Each county agency that maintains a generally accessible Internet site or for which a generally accessible Internet site is maintained shall include a link on the front page of the agency's Internet site to the budget database website.

#### **SECTION 5. Updates**

The Comptroller shall provide guidance to agency heads to ensure compliance with this section. The searchable budget database website shall be updated as new data becomes available, if feasible, but no later than 30 days upon receipt of data from the agency.

The Comptroller shall ensure that all data added to the searchable budget database website remains accessible to the public for a minimum of six years.

#### **SECTION 6. Compliance with the Act**

The Comptroller shall not be considered in compliance with this act if the data required for the searchable budget database website is not available in a searchable and aggregate manner and/or the public is redirected to other government websites, unless each of those sites has information from all agencies and each category of information required can be searched electronically by field in a single search.

#### **SECTION 7. Severability**

If any part or provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in

its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this chapter or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The County of Erie hereby declares that it would have passed this chapter or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

## **SECTION 8. Repealer**

All ordinances, local laws, and parts thereof inconsistent with this chapter are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall not affect or impair any act done or right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or penalty, charge, liability, forfeiture, or punishment incurred or owing prior to the time such repeal takes effect, but the same may be enjoyed, asserted, collected, enforced, prosecuted, or inflicted as fully and to the same extent as if such repeal had not been effected. All actions and proceedings, civil or criminal, commenced under or by virtue of any provision of any County of Erie local law, ordinance or resolution so repealed, and pending immediately prior to the taking effect of such repeal, may be prosecuted and defended to final effect in the same manner as they might if such provisions were not so repealed.

## **SECTION 9. Effective Date**

This Local Law shall take effect on October 1, 2024.

**Sponsor:** Legislator Lorigo

**Co-Sponsors:**

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SUBJECT

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LL INTRO. 3-1 (2024)	LORIGO	The Meetings Transparency Act
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LL INTRO. 3-1 (2024)

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LOCAL LAW TO BE ENACTED BY  
THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
IN THE  
COUNTY OF ERIE  
LOCAL LAW INTRO. – NO. 3-1 - 2024  
LOCAL LAW – NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2024

**A LOCAL LAW requiring meetings of Erie County Boards and Advisory Committees to provide access to information to the public.**

**SECTION 1. Title**

This law shall be entitled and known as “The Meetings Transparency Act.”

**SECTION 2. Legislative Intent**

The Erie County Legislature recognizes that taxpayers should have easy access to details discussed and acted upon at public meetings. The Erie County Legislature prepares an agenda which it posts prior to session, streams and has available for replay video of the meeting and posts the minutes of meeting for review. Readily available technology should be used to increase access to similar discussions and actions of commissions and boards.

**SECTION 3. Definitions**

**BOARD**

Any government board, commission, council, committee, advisory committee, panel or similar group that is created pursuant to the Erie County Charter, Code or Local Law.

**SECTION 4. Meeting Minutes**

Boards shall keep written minutes summarizing all official actions, discussions, public comments, and votes taken at each meeting.

Draft minutes shall be made available to the public within 10 business days after each meeting.

Minutes shall be officially approved at the board's next public meeting and a final version posted publicly online within 5 business days after approval. The minutes also must be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature to be included in the official record.

## **SECTION 5. Notice and Agendas**

Boards shall give public notice at least 7 calendar days prior to any regular meeting by prominently posting the date, time, location, and agenda on the general Erie County website, as well as the website of the Erie County Legislature.

For special or emergency meetings, notice should be provided as soon as is practicable.

Meeting agendas shall include a list of topics to be discussed, a list of invited speakers, and indicate if any votes or official actions are anticipated.

## **SECTION 6. Broadcast and Recording of Meetings**

To the extent feasible, boards should also provide a live stream of meetings for public viewing. Erie County is required to make appropriate accommodation for each board to make this possible. If a live stream is not possible, meetings should at minimum be video recorded and the recording should be posted on the general Erie County website.

## **SECTION 7. Public Access to Records**

Boards shall maintain information to be posted on Erie County's website providing access to board member information, past meeting minutes, agendas, recordings, reports, resolutions, and other official documents.

Upon public request, boards shall provide copies or electronic access to such records in a timely manner as allowable by public records laws.

## **SECTION 8. Public Comment**

Boards should provide reasonable opportunities for public comment at each meeting.

Any restrictions on public comment shall be viewpoint-neutral and clearly stated in the board's policies.

## **SECTION 9. Compliance**

Originating governmental bodies shall establish procedures to monitor and ensure compliance with this law.

#### **SECTION 10. Severability**

If any part or provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this chapter or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The County of Erie hereby declares that it would have passed this chapter or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

#### **SECTION 11. Effective Date**

This Local Law shall take effect on September 1, 2024.

**Sponsor:** Legislator Lorigo

**Co-Sponsors:**



Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

SUBJECT		
LL INTRO. 5-2 (2024)	BARGNESI	Amending the Erie County Charter in Relation to Term Lengths and Term Limits
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LL INTRO. 5-2 (2024)		

COUNTY OF ERIE

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LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 5-2-2024

LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_-2024

A Local Law amending Local Law 1-1959, constituting the Erie County Charter, as amended, in relation to the amending of Section 202.2 for the purpose of setting the terms of legislative office to four (4) years and limiting the number of terms for that can be held to three (3) four-year terms for all elected officials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT**

The intent of this legislation is to amend the terms of office for the Erie County of Legislature to a term of four (4) years and to limit the number of terms for all elected officials that can be served to three (3) four-year terms.

**Section 2. CHANGING THE TERM OF LEGISLATIVE OFFICE AND LIMITING THE NUMBER OF TERMS FOR ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Erie County Local Law number one of nineteen hundred fifty-nine, as amended, constituting the Erie County Charter, is hereby amended as follows:

Article 2, Section 202.2. Election and terms of office. County legislators shall first be elected at the general election in the year nineteen hundred sixty-seven and shall assume office on January first, nineteen hundred sixty-eight. All elected County legislators shall hold their respective offices for a term of two years; provided, that legislators elected in the year two thousand twenty-six and in subsequent years shall hold their offices for four years. No person shall be eligible to be elected to or serve as County legislator if that person had previously held such office for three or more four-year terms. For the purpose of establishing the term limit, term of office shall be calculated beginning the first day of his or her first full term of office after the effective date hereof.

Article 3, Section 301. The County Executive; election; term; qualifications. The executive branch of County government shall be administered by the County Executive who shall be elected from the County at large. His or her term of office shall begin with the first day of January next following his or her election and shall be for four years, except that the term of the County Executive elected in nineteen hundred sixty shall be for three years. No person shall be eligible to be elected to or serve as County Executive if that person had previously held such office for three or more four-year terms. For the purpose of establishing the term limit, term of office shall be calculated beginning the first day of his or her first full term of office after the effective date hereof. At the time of his or her election and throughout his or her term of office he or she shall be a qualified elector of the County. He or she shall devote his or her whole time to the duties of his or

her office and shall hold no other public office, except as provided in section three hundred seven hereof.

Article 18, Section 1801. Election; Comptroller's Act repealed. There shall be a County Comptroller who shall be elected from the County at large. His or her term of office shall begin with the first day of January next following his or her election and shall be for four years. No person shall be eligible to be elected to or serve as County Comptroller if that person had previously held such office for three or more four-year terms. For the purpose of establishing the term limit, term of office shall be calculated beginning the first day of his or her first full term of office after the effective date hereof. At the time of his or her election and throughout his or her term of office he or she shall be a qualified elector of the County. He or she shall devote his or her whole time to the duties of his or her office and shall hold no other public office. The Erie County Comptroller's Act, being chapter four hundred twenty three of the laws of nineteen hundred thirty-nine as amended, is hereby repealed, as of January first, nineteen hundred sixty-one.

Article 19, Section 1901. Election. There shall be a County Clerk who shall be elected from the County at large. His or her term of office shall begin with the first day of January next following his or her election, and shall be for four years except as otherwise provided in this Charter. No person shall be eligible to be elected to or serve as County Clerk if that person had previously held such office for three or more four-year terms. For the purpose of establishing the term limit, term of office shall be calculated beginning the first day of his or her first full term of office after the effective date hereof. At the time of his or her election and throughout his or her term of office he or she shall be a qualified elector of the County. He or she shall devote his or her whole time to the duties of his or her office and shall hold no other public office.

Article 20, Section 2001. Election. There shall be a District Attorney who shall be elected from the County at large. His or her term of office shall begin with the first day of January next following his or her election, and shall be for four years except as otherwise provided in this Charter. No person shall be eligible to be elected to or serve as District Attorney if that person had previously held such office for three or more four-year terms. For the purpose of establishing the term limit, term of office shall be calculated beginning the first day of his or her first full term of office after the effective date hereof. At the time of his or her election and throughout his or her term of office he or she shall be a qualified elector of the County. He or she shall devote his or her whole time to the duties of his or her office and shall hold no other public office.

Article 21, Section 2101. Election. There shall be a Sheriff who shall be elected from the County at large. His or her term of office shall begin with the first day of January next following his or her election and shall be for four years except as otherwise provided in this Charter. No person shall be eligible to be elected to or serve as Sheriff if that person had previously held such office for three or more four-year terms. For the purpose of establishing the term limit, term of office shall be calculated beginning the first day of his or her first full term of office after the effective date hereof. At the time of his or her election and throughout his or her term of office he or she shall be a qualified elector of

the County. He or she shall devote his or her whole time to the duties of his or her office and shall hold no other public office.

### **Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Local Law shall take effect the first day of the first fiscal year after receiving an affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the County of Erie in a manner consistent with the provisions of New York State Municipal Home Rule Law Article 3 and upon its subsequent filing with the New York Secretary of State.

### **Section 4. SEVERABILITY**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof, to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional such order of judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

### **Sponsor:**

John J. Bargnesi

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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LL INTRO. 7-1  
(2024)

KOOSHOIAN

The STUNT Law

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LL INTRO. 7-1

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COUNTY OF ERIE

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 7-1 -2024

LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_-2024

A Local Law, named the “STUNT Law”, requiring Erie County to expand penalties for speed contests, stunt behavior, and other reckless driving behaviors that endanger Erie County residents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Title.**

This Local Law shall be known as the “STUNT Law: Safeguarding Traffic, Unlawful Racing, and Noise Transgressions.”

**Section 2. Legislative Purpose and Intent.**

This Legislature recognizes that speeding has been a significant factor in numerous motor vehicle fatalities over the past decades, with motor vehicle accidents being one of the leading causes of death for individuals aged 1 to 54.

The Legislature acknowledges the rise in popularity of illegal vehicle sideshows, demonstrations, and contests; often shared on social media, which pose a great risk to participants and spectators, leading to severe physical injuries and even death.

Moreover, illegal vehicle sideshows, contests, street racing, and related stunt behavior not only endanger lives and property but also create excessive noise during night hours, causing disturbances for residents in neighboring areas.

The current penalties for these illegal activities are insufficient in deterring individuals from participating in them.

Therefore, the purpose of this Local Law is to protect Erie County residents by expanding and strengthening laws and penalties related to unlawful speed contests, sideshows, and related stunt behavior.

**Section 3. Definitions.**

As used in this Local Law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

“Burnout” – To spin a vehicle’s wheel(s) while keeping the vehicle stationary, causing the tires to heat up and emit smoke.



“Drifting” – The intentional oversteering of a vehicle with loss of traction while maintaining control, resulting in a controlled skid or power slide through a turn.

“Doughnut” – A maneuver performed by rotating the rear or front of a vehicle around the opposite set of wheels, creating a circular skid mark pattern on the road surface.

“Revving” – To rapidly increase the engine speed while a vehicle is stationary or in neutral, producing loud noise and/or causing the vehicle to jerk or lurch.

“Sideshow” – An event in which vehicles gather and engage in reckless behavior, such as performing stunts, burnouts, doughnuts/wheelies, drifting, and/or other dangerous maneuvers.

“Street Racing” – The act of racing or competing with one or more vehicles on a public highway, street, or road, whether prearranged or spontaneous.

“Stunt Behavior” – Performing any maneuver with a vehicle that is not part of normal driving or exceeds the safe limits of the vehicle; including but not limited to stunts, revving, burnout, drifting, doughnuts, acrobatic maneuvers, jumps, and other similar actions.

“Wheelie” -- Raising a vehicle to the degree that one or more wheels lose contact with the ground.

#### **Section 4. Prohibitions.**

(A) No person shall knowingly participate in, engage in, organize, facilitate, coordinate, plan, aid, or abet any street race, sideshow, contest, exhibition, or stunt behavior involving vehicles upon any public highway, street, sidewalk, public parking lot or area, or any other public property within Erie County.

(B) No person shall knowingly obstruct or attempt to obstruct any public highway, street, or road with a motor vehicle, or any other object used as a blockade for the purpose of permitting any such race, sideshow, contest, exhibition, or stunt behavior.

#### **Section 5. Enforcement and Penalties for Offenses.**

(A) Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be guilty of a violation, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500 for a first offense, and a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding 15 days, or both, for each subsequent offense.

(B) Any person who causes physical injury to another person or damage to real or personal property while violating any provision of this article shall be liable for the payment of restitution, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

#### **Section 6. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, subdivision, or other part of this local law or its application shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of the local law which shall remain in full force and effect except as limited by such order or judgment.

#### **Section 7. SEQRA Compliance.**

This County Legislature determines that this local law constitutes a “Type II action” pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and that no further action under SEQRA is required.

#### **Section 8. Effective Date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately following its filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Sponsor:  
Michael Kooshoian

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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LL INTRO. 3-2  
(2025)

LORIGO & GILMOUR

The Meetings Transparency Act

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Attachments

LL INTRO. 3-2 (2025)

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LOCAL LAW TO BE ENACTED BY  
THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
IN THE COUNTY OF ERIE  
LOCAL LAW INTRO.- NO. 3-2 - 2025  
LOCAL LAW- NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2025

A LOCAL LAW requiring meetings of the Erie County Boards and Advisory Committees to provide access to information to the public.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. Title**

This law shall be entitled and known as “The Meetings Transparency Act”

**SECTION 2. Legislative Intent**

The Erie County Legislature recognizes that taxpayers should have easy access to details discussed and acted upon at public meetings. The Erie County Legislature prepares an agenda, which it posts before legislative sessions, records videos of meetings available for replay, and posts the minutes of meetings for review. Boards should use available technology to increase access to similar discussions and actions of commissions and boards empaneled by the County.

**SECTION 3. Definitions**

**BOARD**

Any government board, commission, council, committee, advisory committee, panel, or similar group created pursuant to the Erie County Charter, Code, or Local Law.

**SECTION 4. Meeting Minutes**

Boards shall keep written minutes summarizing all official actions, discussions, public comments, and votes at each meeting.

Draft minutes shall be made available to the public within 10 business days after each meeting.

The minutes shall be officially approved at the board’s next public meeting, and a final version shall be posted publicly online within five business days after approval. The minutes must also be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature to be included in the official record.

**SECTION 5. Notice and Agendas**

Boards shall give public notice at least seven calendar days before any regular meeting by prominently posting the date, time, location, and agenda on the general Erie County website and the website of the Erie County Legislature.

For special or emergency meetings, notice should be provided as soon as is practicable.

Meeting agendas shall include a list of topics to be discussed, a list of invited speakers, and an indication of whether any votes or official actions are anticipated.

#### **SECTION 6. Broadcast and Recording of Meetings**

To the extent feasible and otherwise required by law, boards should also provide a live stream of meetings for public viewing. Erie County is required to make appropriate accommodations for each board to make this possible. If a live stream is not possible, meetings should, at minimum, be video recorded, and the recording should be posted on the general Erie County website.

#### **SECTION 7. Public Access to Records**

Boards shall maintain information to be posted on Erie County's website, which will provide access to board member information, past meeting minutes, agendas, recordings, reports, resolutions, and other official documents.

Upon public request, boards shall provide copies or electronic access to such records promptly as allowed by public record laws.

#### **SECTION 8. Public Comment**

Boards should provide reasonable opportunities for public comment at each meeting.

Any restrictions on public comment shall be viewpoint-neutral and clearly stated in the board's policies.

#### **SECTION 9. Directory of Boards**

Erie County shall compile and maintain a directory of all Boards and Advisory Committees as defined in Section 3 of this Law on Erie County's website. The directory shall contain hyperlinks to a webpage on Erie County's website for each specific board or committee and provide the relevant information about that board or committee as required by this Local Law.

#### **SECTION 10. Compliance**

Originating governmental bodies shall establish procedures to monitor and ensure compliance with this law.

#### **SECTION 11. Severability**

If any part of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remained of this chapter or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The County of Erie hereby declares that it

would have passed this chapter or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

#### **SECTION 12. Effective Date**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately following its filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Sponsor: Legislator Lorigo and Legislator Gilmour



Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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Report No. 1                      GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Attachments

Report No. 1

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February 13, 2025

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 1

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.  
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX OFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
- a. COMM. 20E-6 (2024)  
COMPTROLLER: “Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending - September 2024”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

b. COMM. 23E-3 (2024)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Appointment to Charter Revision Commission”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

c. COMM. 23E-4 (2024)  
COMPTROLLER: “Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending - October 2024”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

d. COMM. 23D-2 (2024)  
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Local State of Emergency Declaration - 11/30/2024”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

e. COMM. 23D-3 (2024)  
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

f. COMM. 23M-1 (2024)  
COMMISSION MEMBER: “Resignation from EC Charter Revision Commission”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

g. COMM. 1E-4 (2025)  
LORIGO: “Charter Revision Commission Appointment”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

h. COMM. 2E-1 (2025)  
MEYERS: “Charter Revision Commission Appointment”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

- i. COMM. 2D-3 (2025)  
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

j. COMM. 3D-2 (2025)  
REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES DIRECTOR: “Response Regarding 5960 Camp Rd.,  
Hamburg, NY 14075”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

k. COMM. 3M-2 (2025)  
MIGLIACCIO LAW OFFICES: “Letter Regarding 5690 Camp Rd., Hamburg, NY 14075”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

l. COMM. 3M-3 (2025)  
ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM: “Financial Report, Minutes of Board of Directors'  
Meetings”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

m. COMM. 3M-4 (2025)  
ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM: “2024 4th Quarter Report of the Assigned Counsel  
Program”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 3E-5 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
Re: Re-appointment of the Director of Real Property Tax Services
- Dear Honorable Members:
- Pursuant to Article 4, Section 401 of the Erie County Charter, I hereby submit for your confirmation the re-appointment Scott Bylewski, to the position of the Director of Real Property Tax Services with a term expiration of September 30, 2031.
- Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact my Chief of Staff, Benjamin Swanekamp. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.
- Sincerely yours,  
Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Executive

cc: Appointee  
MCP/nn  
(4-2)

3. COMM. 3E-6 (2025)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Re: Appointment to the Erie County Board of Ethics

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 19.01 of the County Administrative Code, I do hereby appoint and submit for your confirmation the following individual to the Erie County Board of Ethics. His term will expire December 31, 2027.

John J. Flynn  
50 Fountain Plaza Suite 1700  
Buffalo, NY 14202

If you have any questions, please contact my office at 716-858-8500.

Sincerely yours,  
Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Executive

MCP/nn  
cc: Hon. John Flynn  
Barbara Piazza  
(6-0)

**JOHN A. BARGNESI, JR.**  
**CHAIR**

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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Report No. 2                      ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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Report No. 2

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February 13, 2025

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 2

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.  
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
- a. COMM. 3E-13 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “ECSD No. 4 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: WNDL-5)”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 3E-12 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHEREAS, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (National Grid) has requested an easement of County owned land, Section-Block-Lot (SBL) No. 220.00-1-18, for relocating a utility pole and anchor to accommodate a bike trail project being completed by the County of Erie; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management has stated this easement would have no long-term adverse impacts on the ability of Erie County Sewer District No. 2 to operate and maintain the infrastructure within the proposed easement area; and

WHEREAS, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation has offered \$1.00 for the easement; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management recommends entering into an easement agreement with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation to assist with the bike trail project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes an easement to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for use of a portion of parcel SBL No. 220.00-1-18, with the easement to be twenty (20) feet wide throughout its extent along the westerly boundary of the property and the centerline of the easement area being the centerline of the new facilities / utility pole; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning to execute all documents associated with this easement, subject to approval by the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Law, and the Division of Sewerage Management. (5-0)

3. COMM. 3E-19 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHEREAS, support can be obtained at both the technical and financial level through agencies and volunteer groups included but not limited to: environmental and cultural heritage restoration, habitat enhancement projects, trails development and management, events coordination, and park programming; and

WHEREAS, the approved Erie County Parks Master Plan specifically calls for the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry to formalize agreements with current and potential partners when practicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to enter into agreements with the following organizations for the purpose of providing greater levels of maintenance and enhancements to the Erie County Parks System that might not otherwise be able to be provided through the County's efforts alone:

Rotary Club of the Tonawandas  
Buffalo Niagara Disc Golf  
Friends of the Riverline, Inc.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive’s Office, Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, and Department of Law. (5-0)

4. COMM. 3E-20 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry has contracted with an outside vendor for a number of years to operate the concession area at the Elma Meadows Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, the concessionaire has provided food and refreshments for golf patrons to enjoy throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Elma Meadows Golf Course has been without a vendor for a period of two years, leading to dissatisfaction by golf course patrons and a lack of service considered standard at public golf courses; and

WHEREAS, Legacy Hospitality and Entertainment Group submitted a proposal for concession service in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) 2024-040VF and was the only bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to enter into a three-year agreement with Legacy Hospitality and Entertainment Group for operation of the concession at Elma Meadows Golf Course; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry will receive \$1,250 in monthly rent from Legacy Hospitality and Entertainment Group for the first year of the contract, \$1,500 per month for the second year, and \$1,750 per month for the third year; and be it further

RESOLVED, the certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive’s Office, Comptroller’s Office, Department of Law, and Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry.  
(5-0)

**JOHN A. BARGNESI**  
**CHAIR**

**Erie County Legislature**  
**Meeting Date:** 02/27/2025

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**SUBJECT**

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Report No. 2                      ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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**Attachments**

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Report No. 2

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February 13, 2025

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 2

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.  
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 3E-11 (2025)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the existing 7-story Fire Training Tower located at the Fire Training Academy at 3359 Broadway St. Cheektowaga, NY 14227 has been used for fire training purposes by several local volunteer and municipality fire companies to execute project training for its firefighters until the building had been decommissioned in 2017 due to unsafe conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Training Tower is the only building of its kind in Western and Central New York for firefighter multi-story training purposes considering its height; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Emergency Services has expressed the need to have this building rehabilitated for training purposes and has worked in collaboration with the Department of Public Works (DPW) to begin the process of assessing the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Cheektowaga Fire Tower Structural Assessment project (herein called the “Project”) seeks structural assessment of the existing fire tower with recommendations to determine the extent of the repairs necessary along with associated construction cost estimates needed to bring the tower back into operation; and

WHEREAS, the completion of the Project will evaluate the current safety of the structure and identify the necessary repairs in order to determine if the County should move forward with repairs or look into removal and replacement of the tower; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (DPW) received proposals for the Cheektowaga Fire Tower Structural Assessment Project on December 5th 2024; and

WHEREAS, Liro Engineers, Inc. had shown the necessary expertise and manpower to provide professional design services for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into an Agreement with Liro Engineers, Inc. for providing professional design services for the Erie County – Cheektowaga Fire Training Tower for an amount not to exceed \$150,000, including design contingency in the amount of \$19,214; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller’s Office be authorized to make payment from the following capital project in Funds Center 122, Fund 410:

A.24056 – Fire Safety - Training Tower Reconstruction	\$150,000
Total Amount Not to Exceed	\$150,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to Department of Public Works, and one copy each to the County Executive’s Office, Comptroller’s Office, Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services and Division of Budget and Management.  
(6-0)

2. COMM. 3E-14 (2025)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways (DPW), maintains a Geographic Information Solutions (“GIS”) System for asset management; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this system, Erie County DPW will operate more efficiently as well as respond to the public with consistent and accurate data; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, determined through a Request for proposals that Labella Associates has the appropriate experience in GIS technical services and application development, Labella was selected using Erie County consultant selection process; and

WHEREAS, funding for this contract is available from the capital project hereinafter noted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute a contract with Labella Associates for providing consulting services to assist DPW with the implementation of GIS technology for an amount not to exceed \$200,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the sum of \$200,000 be appropriated from Fund 410, Funds Center 122, Project WBS A.24050 2024 IT & GIS Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner, and one copy each to the County Executive’s Office, Comptroller’s Office and Division of Budget and Management.  
(6-0)

3. COMM. 3E-15 (2025)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, Watts Architecture and Engineering was previously approved per COMM 14E-12 (2023) to provide Countywide Hazardous Materials Design and/or Sample Testing and Air Monitoring services for the Erie County Medical Examiner’s Office Renovations – Phase 7 project; and

WHEREAS, there were suspicious hazardous material items that were found during construction and are considered unforeseen by Watts Architects and Engineers during the initial pre-renovation hazardous materials survey; and

WHEREAS, additional air monitoring and XRF readings were added to the scope of the project after construction commenced to address the concern in compliance with the Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, the additional fee for Watts’ expanded scope is to address the unanticipated verification of lead paint on the exterior walls and air monitoring for the removal of the tile floor located under interior walls; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to issue an agreement amendment to the firm of Watts Architecture & Engineering for providing asbestos, air monitoring and testing services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute a second Agreement Amendment with Watts Architects and Engineers under EC DPW Contract No. 22-676-PW to increase their Hazardous Material Design fee by a cost no greater than \$6,750, for a total contract value of \$18,750 specific to the Erie County Medical Examiner’s Office – Phase 7 Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Comptroller’s Office to make payments from Capital Project A.22006 – 2022 – Medical Examiners Toxicology/Pathology Renovations, Funds Center 122, Fund 410 for these services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner’s Office, and one copy each to the County Executive’s Office, Comptroller’s Office and the Division of Budget and Management.  
(6-0)

4. COMM. 3E-18 (2025)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the library has not had a significant remodel in decades. The current staff spaces do not properly reflect the current workforce size and results in significant inefficiencies for employees; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo’s Downtown Central Library has been lacking in modernization efforts to properly serve the current generation of patrons; and

WHEREAS, modernizing the interior of the building will allow the library to better serve its patrons by changing its programming to reflect changing technologies and interests to be more conducive to current Library operations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has solicited RFP’s to begin a standard consultant selection process to design a phased approach to an interior redesign of the library that will strengthen community partnerships and increase usership of the library; and

WHEREAS, Bostwick Design Partnership has shown the necessary expertise and manpower to provide professional design services for the project through a qualifications based selection process to conduct a space utilization study; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required for the County Executive to issue an Agreement with Bostwick Design Partnership to provide professional design services for the Utilization Study project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes Erie County to accept the transfer of \$290,000 in funding from the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (Fund 820, Funds Center 420, Account #570028 – Interfund County Share Library) into the Division of Buildings and Grounds (Fund 490, Funds Center 12220) Capital Project F.24001 – 2024 Erie County Public Library Various Improvements & Upgrades as follows:

Project F.24001 2024 Erie County Public Library Various Improvements & Upgrades Fund 490, Funds Center 12220			
REVENUES	BUDGET	CHANGE	REVISED BUDGET
466000 Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 0	\$290,000	\$290,000
475000 General Obligation Bond Proceeds	\$700,000	\$0	\$700,000
	\$700,000	\$290,000	\$990,000

APPROPRIATIONS			
Capital Project Expense	\$700,000	\$290,000	\$990,000
TOTAL	\$700,000	\$290,000	\$990,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into an Agreement with Bostwick Design Partnership in an amount not to exceed \$290,000.00 to provide professional Design services for the Downtown Library Space Utilization Study; and be it further

RESOLVED, a design contingency will be included as part of the Project in the amount of \$59,700.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any unused design contingency will be returned to the Design Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller’s Office be authorized to make payment for all the above and approved capital budgets, Fund 490, Funds Center 12220, as follows:

F.24001 – 2024 Erie County Public Library Various Improvements & Upgrades     \$290,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner’s Office, and one copy each to the County Executive’s Office, Comptroller’s Office, Division of Budget and Management, and Buffalo & Erie County Central Library, Andrew Wiede.  
(4-2)

**TAISHA ST. JEAN TARD**  
**CHAIR**

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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Report No. 2                      FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Attachments

Report No. 2

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February 13, 2025

FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 2

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR GREENE.  
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
- a. COMM. 3E-1 (2025)  
**COMPTROLLER:** “Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending - November 2024”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

b. COMM. 3E-2 (2025)  
**MEYERS:** “2025 Mid-Year Informational Erie County Budget Hearings Schedule”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

c. COMM 3E-4 (2025)  
**MEYERS:** “Community Benefits Oversight Committee Appointment”

d. COMM. 3E-10 (2025)  
**COMPTROLLER:** “Audit of the EC Department of Real Property Tax Services”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

e. COMM. 3D-1 (2025)  
**DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT:** “November 2024 Budget Monitoring Report”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 3E-16 (2025)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the 2025 Adopted Budget Grant Fund included one personnel adjustment approved by the Erie County Legislature on December 5, 2024, within the Department of Central Police Services’ Aid to Crime Lab (AIDCRLAB) Grant; and  
  
WHEREAS, the 165AIDCRLAB2526 grant period runs from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026; and  
  
WHEREAS, because this 165AIDCRLAB2526 grant authorized as part of the 2025 Adopted Budget does have grant periods matching the calendar year, the authorized personnel adjustments would not go into effect until the start of the respective grant period; and

WHEREAS, to make this personnel adjustment effective as of January 1, 2025, as anticipated, authorization must be given to make this personnel adjustment within the current 165AIDCRLAB2425 grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of a Forensic Biologist III position (Job Group 13) and deletion of a Forensic Biologist II position (Job Group 12) (B-100 #14651) within the Department of Central Police Services’ 165AIDCRLAB2425 grant effective as of January 1, 2025, (as approved in the 2025 Adopted Budget for 165AIDCRLAB2526); and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding exists within the Central Polices’ Aid to Crime Lab Grant 165AIDCRLAB2425 to cover the increased salary of \$5,174 from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any additional adjustments necessary to effectuate the resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Office of the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Personnel, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Department of Central Police Services.  
(5-0)

MICHAEL H. KOOSHOIAN  
CHAIR

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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Report No. 2                      HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Attachments

Report No. 2

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February 13, 2025

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 2

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1.

RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:

a.

COMM. 3M-1 (2025)  
**ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH CHAIR** “Erie County Board of Health Meeting Minutes”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

2.

COMM. 3E-21 (2025)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health’s Public Health Preparedness division works directly with the Medical Reserve Corps, a volunteer organization that assists in public health and emergency operations; and  
  
WHEREAS, The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has awarded \$10,000 for trainings and supplies for the Erie County Medical Reserve Corps; and  
  
WHEREAS, this award will be used to train MRC volunteers into Level 3 Tier so they may be deployed to emergencies outside local jurisdictions, and provide the necessary deployment bags and supplies; and  
  
WHEREAS, the funds will provide the necessary training for the skills and knowledge for MRC volunteers as well as supplies and clothing to participate in other community events and trainings throughout Erie County and its 44 municipalities.  
  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT  
  
RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$10,000 from The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and amend the Department of Health Division of Emergency Medical Services’ 2025 General Fund Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 12720) as follows:  
  
Department of Health  
Division of EMS  
Fund 110, Funds Center 12720

ACCOUNT	REVENUE	CHANGE
479100	Other Contributions	\$10,000
	TOTAL	\$10,000

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATION	CHANGE
505000	Office Supplies	\$392
505200	Clothing Supplies	\$3,450
505400	Food & Kitchen Supplies	\$1,750
505200	Medical Supplies	\$4,096
530000	Other Expenses	\$312
	TOTAL	\$10,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to implement any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive’s Office, Comptroller’s Office, Department of Health, and Division of Budget and Management.  
(5-0)

3.

COMM. 3E-22 (2025)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health’s Environmental Health Division provides education, outreach, and inspections for various issues including safe drinking water, lead hazards, rabies clinics, food service inspections, tobacco enforcement, and many other issues; and  
  
WHEREAS, Erie County has a growing New Americans population who own homes, business, and participate in various department programming; and  
  
WHEREAS, ECDOH would like to contract with Journey’s End Refugee Services for in person translation services to meet New Americans where they are; and  
  
WHEREAS, in person translation services help facilitate and ensure all residents are aware of available programs and how to mitigate or remediate any environmental hazards to protect their health; and  
  
WHEREAS, ECDOH is not aware of any other local agencies who provide in person services at various locations to help with issues specifically around inspections; and  
  
WHEREAS, funds are available in account 516020 Professional Services to cover the cost of the services.  
  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT



RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a contract with Journey’s End Refugee Services, waiving the procedures in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funds to cover the cost of this contract already exist within the Health Department (Fund 110, Funds Center 12730) 2025 General Fund Budget in Account 516020 - Professional Services, Contracts and Fees; and be it further

RESOLVED, authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Health and Division of Budget and Management. (5-0)

4. COMM. 3E-23 (2025)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, Erie County’s Office of Health Equity (OHE) was created in 2021 to evaluate a wide variety of specific health outcomes among diverse populations to fully understand the depth of health disparities in Erie County and to partner with community members, healthcare providers, faith and philanthropic leaders, and organizations to enact programs that help disadvantaged, marginalized, and diverse populations in Erie County achieve maximum health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, OHE, in partnership with 211 WNY and the Food Policy Council of Buffalo and Erie County, was awarded \$99,708 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a Farmers Market Promotion program; and

WHEREAS, the program will connect residents who lack access to fresh, healthy foods to local farmers and farmers markets, both improving health outcomes and supporting our local agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used for marketing and targeted outreach approach with extensive data collection with goals of improving food systems, support future initiatives, and assist the expansion of food markets into underserved areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with U.S. Department of Agriculture to accept \$99,708 in funding to be budgeted as a multi-year grant as follows:

Department of Health  
Farmers Market Promotion Grant  
Fund 281, Funds Center 12700  
127FMPP2426  
9/30/2024-9/29/2026

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
414000	Federal Revenue	<u>\$99,708</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$99,708</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
516020	Professional Services, Contracts and Fees	\$95,708
912700	ID Health Services	\$2,000
980000	ID DISS Services	<u>\$2,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$99,708</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to enter into contract with 211 WNY, waiving the procedures in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to adjust grant appropriations and revenues including those required to comply with the grantor funding changes provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels or county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to amend contracts as necessary to implement any no-cost extensions that may be permitted by the grantor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to implement any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive’s Office, Comptroller’s Office, Department of Health, and Division of Budget and Management. (5-0)

**LAWRENCE J. DUPRE**  
**CHAIR**

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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Report No. 1 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Attachments

Report No. 1

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February 13, 2025

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 1

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR GREENE.  
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

- a. COMM. 3E-24 (2025)  
**SHERIFF:** “ECISO Response Regarding the ECCASAB”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
- b. COMM. 3M-5 (2025)  
**ECCSAB MEMBERS:** “Members Response Regarding ECCSAB”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 2E-18 (2025)  
**SHERIFF**  
WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, through the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, has awarded \$243,000.00 for FY2024 to Erie County to increase security along the northern border; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriffs Office will coordinate with police agencies in the cities of Buffalo, Tonawanda and Lackawanna and the towns of Tonawanda, Lancaster, Hamburg, Evans and Brant; and

WHEREAS, these patrols support the U.S. Border Patrol's mission of protecting the international borders from human trafficking and illegal drug operations, as well as apprehending terrorists and others intent on conducting illegal activities on U.S. soil; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used for overtime and fringe benefits of the participating law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, this resolution accepts \$243,000.00 in grant funding and will provide all expenses needed to support this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and Sheriff to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$243,000.00 for FY2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, the funds be allocated as follows in fund center 11510:

FY2024 Operation Stonegarden Orant September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2027

REVENUE	INCREASE
414000-Federal Revenue	\$243,000.00
APPROPRIATIONS	INCREASE
501000-Overtime	\$30,000.00
502000 - Fringe Benefits	\$8,750.00
516010 - Contractual Payments	\$114,250.00
561410- Lab and Tech	\$90,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$243,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and Sheriff are authorized to enter into sub- contracts with the cities of Buffalo, Tonawanda and Lackawanna and the towns of Tonawanda, Lancaster, Hamburg, Evans and Brant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is authorized to make the necessary transfers and any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate these transfers; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Comptroller is authorized to release the designated funds and make payments as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Division of Purchase, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller and the Sheriffs Office.

FISCAL IMPACT: As Indicated  
(5-0)

3. COMM. 3E-7 (2025)  
**SHERIFF**  
WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increased focus on mental health and wellness in the law enforcement community in recent years; and

WHEREAS, employee wellness is a priority of the Erie County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Club has graciously offered to contribute several pieces of fitness equipment to the Erie County Sheriff's Office to further its goal to promote employee wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Erie County Sheriff's Office to accept the following items from The Buffalo Club as a donation:

- 1. 1 Matrix Full Rack
- 2. 1 Precor Smith Machine
- 3. 1 Calf Raise Machine
- 4. 1 Glute Machine
- 5. 1 Tricep Machine
- 6. 1 Lateral Raise Machine
- 7. 1 Bicep Machine
- 8. 1 Shoulder Press Machine
- 9. 1 Low Back Machine
- 10. 1 Self-Propelled Treadmill
- 11. 2 Cyber Arc Trainers
- 12. 2 Precor Ellipticals
- 13. 2 Precor EFX Cross Ramps
- 14. 3 Precor AMT Open Strides
- 15. 1 Scifit Seated Elliptical
- 16. 1 Precor Recumbent Bike
- 17. 5 Espresso Upright Bikes

and be it further

RESOLVED, the items received as a donation to the Erie County Sheriff's Office will become property of the County of Erie, and will be recorded as an asset if required by the Erie County Comptroller's asset control policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, Comptroller, Budget Director and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT: As Indicated.  
(5-0)

4. COMM 3E-8 (2025)  
SHERIFF

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office, Police Services Division utilizes the services of thirteen (13) K-9s to help maintain public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office, Jail Management Division utilizes the services of six (6) K-9s to help maintain public safety; and

WHEREAS, occasionally, the nineteen (19) K-9s of the Erie County Sheriff's Office require veterinary, specialist and boarding services; and

WHEREAS, funding for these services has been previously allocated in the 2025 Erie County Budget as follows:

Fund 110, Funds Center 11510  
Erie County Sheriff's Office  
Police Services Division

APPROPRIATIONS

516020 - Professional Services Contracts & Fees \$1,856,230

Fund 110, Funds Center 116  
Erie County Sheriff's Office  
Jail Management Division

APPROPRIATIONS

516020 - Professional Services Contracts & Fees \$372,956

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the County Executive and Sheriff to enter into contracts as necessary with the following providers for services, to include veterinary and boarding services, for the fiscal year 2025, retroactive to January 1, 2025, in order to assure the continuation of vital care and services for the Erie County Sheriff's Office K-9s:

Brighton-Eggert Animal Clinic, 2880 Sheridan Dr., Tonawanda  
BluePearl Pet Hospital, 4821 Genesee St., Cheektowaga

Orchard Park Veterinary Medical Center, 3930 N. Buffalo St., Orchard Park  
Eagle Ridge Kennels, 7081 Ellicott Rd., Orchard Park  
Village Veterinary Clinic of Hamburg, 113 Buffalo St., Hamburg

and be it further

RESOLVED, that inasmuch as it is impractical to follow the request for proposal (RFP) in the case of veterinary services, the Erie County Legislature hereby waives this procedure as provided for in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Erie County Sheriff’s Office to enter into contracts as necessary for non-emergency veterinary specialists. The Erie County Legislature will within thirty (30) days be notified in writing of such actions, including the name of the vendor and the total expense incurred; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, Department of Law, Comptroller’s Office, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase and Erie County Sheriff’s Office.  
(5-0)

5. COMM 3E-17 (2025)  
**SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has been awarded \$172,413 in state aid funding to support the development and maintenance of our local comprehensive, risk based, all hazards emergency management plan and capabilities through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the FY23 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant (DTPG); and

WHEREAS, these funds will be utilized to ensure that DHSES are able to continue to deliver and maintain quality Domestic Terrorism Prevention Programming; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this State aid to enhance public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$172,413 from NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and be made available as a multi-year grant to Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in Fund 281, Funds Center 1670030 as follows:

Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services  
FY 2023 DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION GRANT (DTPG)  
(HS167DTPG2426)  
9/1/2024-8/31/2026

ACCOUNT	REVENUES	BUDGET
409000	State Aid Revenue	\$172,413
ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
501000	Overtime	\$80,000
510100	Out of Area Travel	\$15,000
516020	Professional Services, Contracts and Fees	\$47,000
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	\$30,413
	TOTAL	\$172,413

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Director of Budget and Management to adjust grant appropriations and revenues in accordance with the final grantor funding levels or grantor authorized changes to award amounts, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels and county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to amend contracts as necessary to implement any no-cost extensions that may be permitted by the grantor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller’s Office, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Department of Law, and Division of Budget and Management.  
(5-0)

**JOHN J. GILMOUR**  
**CHAIR**

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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INTRO. 4-1

MINORITY CAUCUS

Increasing Corrections Staffing at NYS  
Correctional Facilities

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Attachments

25INTRO. 4-1

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**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
LEGISLATORS MILLS, TODARO, GREENE, LORIGO**

EC LEG FEB 18 '25 2:03:58

**Re: Increasing corrections staffing at New York State Correctional Facilities**

**WHEREAS**, a recent incident at Collins Correctional Facility in Erie County led to three injured correctional officers and a lockdown of the facility for several days, highlighting staffing and security issues at New York State correctional facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, earlier this year, six officers and a sergeant were injured at Albion Correctional Facility in assaults by an inmate and eight officers were injured when an inmate attacked them in two separate incidents at Wende Correctional Facility that occurred in November 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, only days before the incident at Collins Correctional Facility took place, the New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA) issued a statement expressing concerns over staffing shortages and stated that 2024 resulted in a record number of assaults on staff; and

**WHEREAS**, in testimony given to state lawmakers during a Joint Legislative Public Hearing, the president of NYSCOPBA cited a reduction of over 5,000 security staff over the past five years, exponential increases in mandatory overtime including triple shift requirements, and many other failures by the NYS Department of Corrections; and

**WHEREAS**, year after year, more Corrections Officers are retiring than are being hired by the NYS Department of Corrections, further exacerbating staffing shortages and the subsequent effects; and

**WHEREAS**, due to unreasonable levels of mandatory overtime, a high stress environment, and a substantially dangerous work environment, NYSCOPBA is also reporting difficulty retaining corrections staff, many of which suffer from burnout and leave early into their careers; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the state's apparent lack of concern for the dangerous work environment in state prisons, corrections officers at three state corrections facilities, including Collins and Wende, have gone on strike to demand improved security measures and working conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions are untenable and pose a significant risk to the safety and well-being of the corrections officers, their families, facility staff, the incarcerated individuals, and the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature calls upon New York State lawmakers and the NYS Department of Corrections to enact measures to address the severe staffing shortages at state correctional facilities; and



**RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Governor of New York State, the Western New York delegations to the State Senate and Assembly, the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Erie County Legislature  
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SUBJECT

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INTRO. 4-2	MILLS	Re-Appropriation of Public Benefit Funding
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25INTRO. 4-2	Attachments
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**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR MILLS**

**Re: Re-appropriation of Public Benefit Funding**

**WHEREAS**, Orchard Park District Softball team was awarded \$5,000 in public benefit funding by the Erie County Legislature in the 2024 Erie County adopted budget; and

**WHEREAS**, this organization is not able to accept the funds, and the funding should be transferred to an alternative organization; and

**WHEREAS**, as in similar 2021, 2022 and 2023 situations, it is the intention of this Honorable Body to transfer such funding to community organizations serving the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this honorable body hereby unauthorizes \$5,000 in funding for the Orchard Park District Softball Team designated on pg. 281 of Book A of the 2024 Adopted County Budget, Fund 110, Community/Neighborhood Development, Fund Center 1332010, Account 518843; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this honorable body hereby designates \$5,000 in available Community/Neighborhood Development funding to Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc. and authorizes the Budget Director to take any actions necessary to transfer the \$5,000 in funding originally designated to the Orchard Park District Softball Team in the 2024 adopted budget to the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Club.; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter contract with Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Club, Inc. to effectuate this funding transfer; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Executive, Budget Director, and County Comptroller

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SUBJECT		
INTRO. 4-3	MINORITY CAUCUS	Supporting Renewal of NYS Brownfield Cleanup Program Tax Credits
Attachments		
25INTRO. 4-3		

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
LEGISLATORS MILLS, TODARO, GREENE AND LORIGO**

EC LEG FEB 25 '25 AM 7:38

**Re: SUPPORTING RENEWAL OF NEW YORK STATE BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM TAX CREDITS**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program has been instrumental in revitalizing contaminated properties across Western New York since its inception in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the Program has enabled the successful remediation and redevelopment of numerous contaminated sites, with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) having approved 1,360 applications and certified completion of 715 properties statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brownfield Cleanup Program has been particularly crucial for Western New York's economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Generation 1 Brownfield tax credits are currently set to expire in 2027, putting the development of numerous potential development sites across Western New York at risk ; and

**WHEREAS**, the two-year timeline before expiration isn't sufficient for new projects to complete the comprehensive process of site assessment, DEC approval, remediation, and redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, developers and businesses are already withdrawing from potential projects due to uncertainty about the program's future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brownfield Cleanup Program tax credits are essential for making development financially feasible on contaminated properties that require significant investment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this body strongly supports the extension of the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program tax credits; and

**RESOLVED**, that this body urges Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to take immediate action to extend these vital tax credits; and

**RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and the Western New York delegation to the New York State Legislature.

Erie County Legislature

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4D-6	DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES	Correction of Errors/NYS Real Property Tax Law
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Attachments

25COMM. 4D-6

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2/11/2025

## Erie County Charge Back

WHEREAS, the Erie County Director of Real Property Tax Services has received applications for corrected tax billings and / or refunds for taxes previously paid in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law sections 554 and 556; and

WHEREAS, the Director has investigated the validity of such applications (see attached listing).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that petitions numbered 270001 through 270044, inclusive be hereby approved or denied based upon the recommendation of the Director of Real Property Tax Services and be charged back to the applicable towns and/or cities.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2024	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,001.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	
<b>S-B-L</b>	142.54-4-47	1398 Electric Ave	<b>140900 LACKAWANNA</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$0.00 County
	Acct. No. 132		Town/SpecialDist/School
	9992 ECSD#6 SAN SEWER	\$4,762.80	
<b>Charge To :</b>		<b>140900 LACKAWANNA</b>	

RPTL 550(2): Incorrect sewer units  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,002.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	<b>\$197.37</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	Various	Various	<b>143089 CHEEKTOWAGA</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$0.00 County
	Acct. No. 132		\$197.37 Town/SpecialDist/School
<b>Charge To :</b>		<b>143089 CHEEKTOWAGA</b>	<b>\$197.37</b>

RPTL 550(2): Failed to calculate Vol Fire/Ambulance exemption  
properly  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2024	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,003.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Refund</b>	<b>\$112.97</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	81.17-2-62	25 Terry Ln	<b>143089 CHEEKTOWAGA</b>



	Acct. No. 112	\$43.64	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$69.33	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>143089 CHEEKTOWAGA</b>	<b>\$69.33</b>	

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply vet exemption  
Refund to be issued to Deborah & Bruce Schlager

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,004.00</b>
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	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	<b>\$119.72</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	81.17-2-62	25 Terry Ln	<b>143089 CHEEKTOWAGA</b>

	Acct. No. 112	\$47.94	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$71.78	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>143089 CHEEKTOWAGA</b>	<b>\$71.78</b>	

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply vet exemption  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,005.00</b>
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	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	<b>\$1,374.49</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	102.29-2-8	110 Victoria Blvd	<b>143089 CHEEKTOWAGA</b>

	Acct. No. 112	\$0.00	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$1,374.49	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>143089 CHEEKTOWAGA</b>	<b>\$1,374.49</b>	

RPTL 550(2): Applied exemption removal charge in error  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,006.00</b>
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	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	<b>\$254.43</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	103.09-9-18	21 Kingston Ln	<b>143089 CHEEKTOWAGA</b>

	Acct. No. 112	\$89.56	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$164.87	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>143089 CHEEKTOWAGA</b>	<b>\$164.87</b>	

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply Vol Fire/Ambulance exemption  
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,007.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$30.33  
S-B-L 103.09-10-17 7 Bahama Ln 143089 CHEEKTOWAGA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County  
Acct. No. 132 \$30.33 Town/SpecialDist/School

Charge To : 143089 CHEEKTOWAGA \$30.33

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply Vol Fire/Ambulance exemption properly  
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 Petition No. 270,008.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$495.92  
S-B-L 113.33-1-10 274 Raymond Ave 143089 CHEEKTOWAGA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County  
Acct. No. 132 \$495.92 Town/SpecialDist/School

Charge To : 143089 CHEEKTOWAGA \$495.92  
Relevy School 143001 CHEEKTO. CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply disability exemption  
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,009.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$3,254.80  
S-B-L 125.08-8-2 11 Bory Dr 143089 CHEEKTOWAGA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County  
Acct. No. 132 \$3,254.80 Town/SpecialDist/School

Charge To : 143089 CHEEKTOWAGA \$3,254.80  
Relevy School 143007 DEPEW UNION-CHEEK

RPTL 550(2): School tax has been previously paid.  
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 Petition No. 270,010.00

ASSESSOR Refund \$634.09  
S-B-L 82.07-7-1.12 Nottingham Ter 143200 CLARENCE

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County  
Acct. No. 132 \$634.09 Town/SpecialDist/School

Charge To : 143200 CLARENCE \$634.09  
Relevy School 143201 CLARENCE CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Incorrect assessed value

Refund to be issued to Herbert & Susan Guenther

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,011.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	<b>\$312.10</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	613.00-2-4	12973 Route 62	<b>143689 COLLINS</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$312.10 County
	Acct. No. 132		\$0.00 Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>143689 COLLINS</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply senior exemption  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,012.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	<b>\$3,983.87</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	321.00-2-9	12670 Transit Line	<b>143889 CONCORD</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$2,078.76 County
	Acct. No. 132		\$1,905.11 Town/SpecialDist/School
	38019 CONCORD FIRE PROTECT	\$825.21	
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>143889 CONCORD</b>		<b>\$1,079.90</b>

RPTL 550(2): Duplicate parcel  
Delete entire parcel from tax roll.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2024	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,013.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Refund</b>	<b>\$1,434.65</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	154.00-3-17	7180 Seneca St	<b>144200 ELMA</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$0.00 County
	Acct. No. 132		\$1,434.65 Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>144200 ELMA</b>		<b>\$1,434.65</b>
	<b>Relevy School</b>	\$1,434.65	144201 IROQUOIS CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Failed to calculate Ag exemption properly  
Refund to be issued to Deborah Gawron & Sydney T Clark

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,014.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	<b>\$2,279.81</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	160.05-1-1.1/bCT	Jeffrey Blvd	<b>144801 BLASDELL</b>

	Acct. No. 112	\$1,412.98	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$866.83	Town/SpecialDist/School
48178 EC#3 BLASDELL	\$196.58		
<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>144801 BLASDELL</b>		<b>\$670.25</b>

RPTL 550(3): Failed to remove cell tower  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	Petition No.	<b>270,015.00</b>
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	ASSESSOR	Cancel	\$311.72
<b>S-B-L</b>	182.15-12-28	26 Stelle St	<b>144803 HAMBURG</b>

	Acct. No. 112	\$225.40	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$86.32	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>144803 HAMBURG</b>		<b>\$86.32</b>

RPTL 550(2) Failed to apply vet exemption  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	Petition No.	<b>270,016.00</b>
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	ASSESSOR	Cancel	\$447.83
<b>S-B-L</b>	169.12-1-23.12	Clifton Pkwy	<b>144889 HAMBURG</b>

	Acct. No. 112	\$0.00	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$447.83	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>144889 HAMBURG</b>		<b>\$447.83</b>

RPTL 550(2): Incorrect sewer units  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	Petition No.	<b>270,017.00</b>
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	ASSESSOR	Cancel	\$279.80
<b>S-B-L</b>	169.16-8-46	4905 Morgan Pkwy	<b>144889 HAMBURG</b>

	Acct. No. 112	\$163.35	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$116.45	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>144889 HAMBURG</b>		<b>\$116.45</b>

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply vet exemption  
New tax bill to be issued.

**FISCAL YEAR**      2025                      Petition No.                      **270,018.00**

**ASSESSOR**                      **Cancel**                      \$598.07  
**S-B-L**    171.77-4-21.1      5274 Electric Ave    **144889 HAMBURG**

                         Acct. No. 112                      \$0.00    County  
                         Acct. No. 132                      \$598.07    Town/SpecialDist/School  
**Charge To :**                      **144889 HAMBURG**                      **\$598.07**  
                         **Relevy School**                      \$598.07    144804 FRONTIER CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): School tax has been previously paid.  
New tax bill to be issued.

**FISCAL YEAR**      2025                      Petition No.                      **270,019.00**

**ASSESSOR**                      **Cancel**                      \$520.26  
**S-B-L**    180.16-4-26      5820 West Ln      **144889 HAMBURG**

                         Acct. No. 112                      \$271.00    County  
                         Acct. No. 132                      \$249.26    Town/SpecialDist/School  
**Charge To :**                      **144889 HAMBURG**                      **\$249.26**

RPTL 550(2) Incorrect Aged exemption amount  
New tax bill to be issued.

**FISCAL YEAR**      2025                      Petition No.                      **270,020.00**

**ASSESSOR**                      **Cancel**                      \$3,803.09  
**S-B-L**    181.15-2-1      5700 Sterling      **144889 HAMBURG**

                         Acct. No. 112                      \$0.00    County  
                         Acct. No. 132                      \$3,803.09    Town/SpecialDist/School  
**Charge To :**                      **144889 HAMBURG**                      **\$3,803.09**  
                         **Relevy School**                      \$3,803.09    144804 FRONTIER CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2) School tax has been previously paid  
New tax bill to be issued.

**FISCAL YEAR**      2025                      Petition No.                      **270,021.00**

**ASSESSOR**                      **Cancel**                      \$373.13  
**S-B-L**    181.15-2-2      South Pl      **144889 HAMBURG**

                         Acct. No. 112                      \$0.00    County  
                         Acct. No. 132                      \$373.13    Town/SpecialDist/School  
**Charge To :**                      **144889 HAMBURG**                      **\$373.13**  
                         **Relevy School**                      \$373.13    144804 FRONTIER CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2) School tax has been previously paid  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	Petition No.	<b>270,022.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	<b>\$1,759.28</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	196.11-1-23.1	6385 Boston State	<b>144889 HAMBURG</b>
	Acct. No. 112	\$700.84	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$1,058.44	Town/SpecialDist/School
	48020 HAMBURG TOWN FIRE PROTECT	\$98.81	
	48148 EC#3 BOSTON VALLEY	\$167.50	
<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>144889 HAMBURG</b>	<b>\$792.13</b>	

RPTL 550(3) Incorrect entry of assessed value  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	Petition No.	<b>270,023.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	<b>\$599.43</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	196.11-1-24	6385 L#24 Boston S	<b>144889 HAMBURG</b>
	Acct. No. 112	\$248.69	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$350.74	Town/SpecialDist/School
	48020 HAMBURG TOWN FIRE PROTECT	\$35.06	
	48148 EC#3 BOSTON VALLEY	\$34.60	
<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>144889 HAMBURG</b>	<b>\$281.08</b>	

RPTL 550(3): Incorrect entry of assessed value  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	Petition No.	<b>270,024.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	<b>\$463.19</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	196.11-2-24	6385 Boston State	<b>144889 HAMBURG</b>
	Acct. No. 112	\$192.16	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$271.03	Town/SpecialDist/School
	48020 HAMBURG TOWN FIRE PROTECT	\$27.09	
	48148 EC#3 BOSTON VALLEY	\$26.74	
<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>144889 HAMBURG</b>	<b>\$217.20</b>	

RPTL 550(3): Incorrect entry of assessed value  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,025.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	\$4,402.31
<b>S-B-L</b>	216.00-7-17	7576 Olean Rd	<b>145000 HOLLAND</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$1,938.42 County
	Acct. No. 132		\$2,463.89 Town/SpecialDist/School
	50020 HOLLAND FIRE DIST #1	\$595.50	
	<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>145000 HOLLAND</b>	<b>\$1,868.39</b>

RPTL 550(3): Added improvement to incorrect parcel  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,026.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	\$174.64
<b>S-B-L</b>	279.06-2-2.111	9988 Olean Rd	<b>145000 HOLLAND</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$77.82 County
	Acct. No. 132		\$96.82 Town/SpecialDist/School
	50020 HOLLAND FIRE DIST #1	\$23.91	
	<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>145000 HOLLAND</b>	<b>\$72.91</b>

RPTL 550(2) Incorrect assessed value  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2024	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,027.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Refund</b>	\$134.77
<b>S-B-L</b>	93.17-5-15	276 Argus Dr	<b>145201 DEPEW</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$0.00 County
	Acct. No. 132		\$134.77 Town/SpecialDist/School
	520 Code SC520	\$134.77	
	<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>145201 DEPEW</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

RPTL 550(2) Applied exemption removal charge in error  
Refund to be issued to Marie Schmid (Life Use) & Joanne Walters

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,028.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	\$680.96
<b>S-B-L</b>	93.17-5-15	276 Argus Dr	<b>145201 DEPEW</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$0.00 County
	Acct. No. 132		\$680.96 Town/SpecialDist/School

52850 RPTL520	\$680.96	
<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>145201 DEPEW</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

RPTL 550(2) Applied exemption removal charge in error  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2024	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,029.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Refund</b>	<b>\$1,890.62</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	93.07-1-6	19 Haskell Dr	<b>145289 LANCASTER</b>
	Acct. No. 112	\$0.00	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$1,890.62	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>145289 LANCASTER</b>	<b>\$1,890.62</b>	
	<b>Relevy School</b>	\$1,890.62	145201 LANCASTER CENTRAL

RPTL 550(3): Failed to reduce assessment due to condition  
Refund to be issued to Timothy Sullivan.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2023	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,030.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Refund</b>	<b>\$129,757.87</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	105.00-2-9.13	4155 Walden Ave	<b>145289 LANCASTER</b>
	Acct. No. 112	\$0.00	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$129,757.87	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>145289 LANCASTER</b>	<b>\$129,757.87</b>	
	<b>Relevy School</b>	\$129,757.8	145201 LANCASTER CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2) Duplicate parcel  
Refund to be issued to Eagle Associates of Niagara Frontier

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2024	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,031.00</b>
	<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>Refund</b>	<b>\$288.64</b>
<b>S-B-L</b>	116.19-3-2	39 Avian Way	<b>145289 LANCASTER</b>
	Acct. No. 112	\$0.00	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$288.64	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b>Charge To :</b>	<b>145289 LANCASTER</b>	<b>\$288.64</b>	
	<b>Relevy School</b>	\$288.64	145201 LANCASTER CENTRAL

RPTL 550(3) Improvement was not complete prior to taxable status date  
Refund to be issued to Elliott Matson

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	<b>Petition No.</b>	<b>270,032.00</b>
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	ASSESSOR	Refund	\$425.10
<b>S-B-L</b>	116.19-4-28	25 Saybrook Dr	<b>145289 LANCASTER</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$247.11 County
	Acct. No. 132		\$177.99 Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>145289 LANCASTER</b>		<b>\$177.99</b>

RPTL 550(2) Failed to apply vet exemption  
Refund to be issued to Charles R Jasinski

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2024	Petition No.	<b>270,033.00</b>
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	ASSESSOR	Refund	\$1,045.01
<b>S-B-L</b>	270.00-6-11.22	10550 Ketchum Rd	<b>145889 NORTH COLLINS</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$0.00 County
	Acct. No. 132		\$1,045.01 Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>145889 NORTH COLLINS</b>		<b>\$1,045.01</b>
	<b>Relevy School</b>	\$1,045.01	145801 NORTH COLLINS CENT

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply vet exemption  
Refund to be issued to Brian D Gehring

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2025	Petition No.	<b>270,034.00</b>
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	ASSESSOR	Cancel	\$1,148.05
<b>S-B-L</b>	162.17-7-7	6595 E Quaker St	<b>146001 ORCHARD PARK</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$0.00 County
	Acct. No. 132		\$1,148.05 Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>146001 ORCHARD PARK</b>		<b>\$1,148.05</b>
	<b>Relevy Village</b>	\$1,148.05	Village of ORCHARD PARK

RPTL 550(2) Unpaid village tax applied to incorrect parcel  
New tax bill to be issued.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2024	Petition No.	<b>270,035.00</b>
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	ASSESSOR	Cancel	\$278.60
<b>S-B-L</b>	171.12-3-16	20 Schultz Rd	<b>146089 ORCHARD PARK</b>
	Acct. No. 112		\$0.00 County
	Acct. No. 132		\$278.60 Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>146089 ORCHARD PARK</b>		<b>\$278.60</b>
	<b>Relevy School</b>	\$278.60	144801 HAMBURG CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2) Failed to apply Aged exemption  
Refund to be issued to Audrey Sambrotto Life Use

Acct. No. 112	\$0.00	County
Acct. No. 132	\$669.59	Town/SpecialDist/School

<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>146600 WALES</b>	<b>\$669.59</b>	
	<b>Relevy School</b>	\$669.59	145001 HOLLAND CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2) Duplicate parcel  
 Refund to be issued to Gary & Amy Andres

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2023	Petition No.	<b>270,040.00</b>
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	ASSESSOR	Refund	\$822.16
<b>S-B-L</b>	135.06-1-8	606 Seneca Crk Rd	<b>146800 WEST SENECA</b>

	Acct. No. 112	\$0.00	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$822.16	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>146800 WEST SENECA</b>	<b>\$822.16</b>	
	<b>Relevy School</b>	\$822.16	146801 WEST SENECA CENT

RPTL 550(3) Added improvement that was not complete, in error  
 Refund to be issued to Roy Shepard Jr

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2024	Petition No.	<b>270,041.00</b>
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	ASSESSOR	Refund	\$821.80
<b>S-B-L</b>	135.06-1-8	606 Seneca Crk Rd	<b>146800 WEST SENECA</b>

	Acct. No. 112	\$0.00	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$821.80	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>146800 WEST SENECA</b>	<b>\$821.80</b>	
	<b>Relevy School</b>	\$821.80	146801 WEST SENECA CENT

RPTL 550(3) Added improvement that was not complete, in error  
 Refund to be issued to Roy Shepard Jr

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2024	Petition No.	<b>270,042.00</b>
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	ASSESSOR	Refund	\$717.23
<b>S-B-L</b>	135.06-1-8	606 Seneca Crk Rd	<b>146800 WEST SENECA</b>

	Acct. No. 112	\$238.60	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$478.63	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>146800 WEST SENECA</b>	<b>\$478.63</b>	

RPTL 550(3) Added improvement that was not complete, in error  
 Refund to be issued to Roy Shepard Jr

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	2023	Petition No.	<b>270,043.00</b>
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	OWNER	Cancel	\$0.00
<b>S-B-L</b>	104.17-1-2.111 Humbolt Pl	<b>143003 DEPEW</b>	
	Acct. No. 112	\$0.00	County
	Acct. No. 132	\$0.00	Town/SpecialDist/School
<b><u>Charge To :</u></b>	<b>143003 DEPEW</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

Deny: Failure to receive tax bill shall not affect the validity of the taxes or the interest prescribed by the law. Ref RPTL922

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Deny: Failure to receive tax bill shall not affect the validity of the taxes or the interest prescribed by the law. Ref RPTL922

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Real Property Tax Services.

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-1

MINORITY CAUCUS

Discussion Request Regarding COMM. 3E-10

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Attachments

25COMM. 4E-1

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## ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

February 18, 2025

Dear Chairman Meyers,

We respectfully request that the Legislature hold a discussion regarding the County Comptroller's audit of the Department of Real Property Tax Services prior to considering Director Bylewski's reappointment on the floor of the Legislature.

The Comptroller's recent audit identified concerning deficiencies in financial controls and oversight that merit careful examination. Of particular significance, per the Comptroller, these vulnerabilities are parallel to the conditions that enabled recent incidents of financial fraud within the county.

Key findings warranting legislative review include:


- Insufficient internal controls over financial transactions
- Inadequate security protocols for tax payments
- Absence of written procedures for critical operations
- Systemic issues with taxpayer refund processing

The differing interpretations of these findings between Comptroller Hardwick and Director Bylewski raise additional questions. While the Comptroller characterized the findings as "an accident waiting to happen," and noted the fact that nobody taking advantage of the weak financial procedures was good fortune, not good procedure, Director Bylewski publicly disputed their seriousness as "a large overstatement." This fundamental disagreement requires legislative attention before any reappointment vote. It is imperative we sit down with both parties to discuss.

The reappointment of a director responsible for significant public funds should not proceed without a complete understanding of these audit findings and the director's plan to address them.

Respectfully,

  
John Mills  
Leader

  
Christopher Greene  
Legislator

  
Frank Todaro  
Legislator

  
Lindsay Lorigo  
Legislator

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-2

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Contract for Capital Improvements at HEAL  
International

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Attachments

25COMM. 4E-2

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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Contract for Capital Improvements at H.E.A.L. International**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning authorizing the execution of contracts to implement the 2024 Capital Budget Project entitled "H.E.A.L. International Inc." at 240 West Ferry Street in the City of Buffalo.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Daniel Castle at the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/nb  
Enclosures

cc: Daniel R. Castle, AICP, Commissioner  
Mark Rountree



## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Environment and Planning  
**Re:** Contract for H.E.A.L. International Expansion Project  
**Date:** February 14, 2025

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### **SUMMARY**

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature authorize the County Executive to enter into contracts for the purpose of implementing the 2024 Capital Budget project at H.E.A.L. International in the City of Buffalo.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed funding of not-to-exceed \$250,000 will come from the approved 2024 Erie County Capital Budget. Funding is available in A.24061

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Helping Ensure Africa Looms International Inc. (d.b.a. H.E.A.L. International) is undertaking an expansion of its Economic Empowerment Center at 240 West Ferry Street in the City of Buffalo, which will add approximately 1800 square feet of new program and office space. The County also awarded \$60,000 in the 2022 Capital Budget for construction of an elevator tower to service the existing building and new addition. The project will enable the organization to enhance its programming and services for the refugee community in Erie County.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

H.E.A.L. International is a non-profit organization established to provide post-resettlement services to the Western New York refugee community. The organization assists individuals with accessing essential services including healthcare, housing, legal services, and educational resources. The organization provides small business assistance, as well as a summer youth enrichment program in partnership with the City of Buffalo Division of Youth.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

If a resolution to enter into a contract is not approved, H.E.A.L. International will not be able to complete this work. The needed improvements will be delayed until additional funding is secured, and the timeline of this project will be extended until such time that additional funds can be raised.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon approval of the resolution, a contract will be prepared, and bidding will occur.

### **COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW**

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations located in A.24061 for the action proposed.

*Terry A. Call 1/28/25*

Comptroller's Office

A.24061

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Contract for H.E.A.L. International Expansion Project

WHEREAS, H.E.A.L. International provides post-resettlement services to the Western New York refugee community, including financial literacy, language and cultural integration, business assistance, and summer youth enrichment; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its mission, the Organization wishes to expand its Economic Empowerment Center located at 240 West Ferry Street in the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Planning has reviewed the proposed action under SEQRA: and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Planning classified the action as Type II action under SEQR denoting a negligible environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to fund a portion of the building addition at H.E.A.L. International; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie has allocated \$250,000 for the proposed improvements in the approved 2024 Capital Budget in account A.24061.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby concurs with the Department of Environment and Planning's assessment of the action and hereby makes the determination that the action constitutes a Type II action under SEQR; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to enter into contracts, easements and agreements with Helping Ensure Africa Looms International Inc., (dba H.E.A.L. International) in an amount not to exceed a total of \$250,000 for the purpose of capital improvements and associated activities at the Economic Empowerment Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the source of these funds shall be \$250,000 available in the approved 2024 Erie County Capital Budget within SAP account A.24061; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Officer of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Environment and Planning, and the Department of Law.

TO:           COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

**CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST**  
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS


REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

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| 1.   CONTRACTOR'S NAME  | <u>H.E.A.L. International (Helping Ensure Africa Looms International Inc.)</u>          |
| 2.   AMOUNT OF CONTRACT | <u>\$250,000.</u>   |
| 3.   PROJECT NUMBER     | <u>A.24061</u>  |
| 4.   PROJECT TITLE      | <u>H.E.A.L. International Expansion Project</u><br><br>Funding questions: Mark Rountree |
| 5.   DEPARTMENT CONTACT | <u>Letter pickup: Nancy Brown</u>   |

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

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| 6.   AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS         | <u>\$ 250,000.00</u>  |
| 7.   PERFORMED BY                  | <u></u> |
| Date Sent to Comptroller's Office: | <u>January 28, 2025</u>   |

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DATE: 1/28/2025

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-3

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Replacement of Warner Gulf Road Culvert -  
Contract for Engineering Design Services

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Attachments

25COMM. 4E-3

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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Replacement of Warner Gulf Road Culvert over Gears Gulf (CIN 405-03)  
Contract for Engineering Design Services Town of Holland CAP-405-03-Design**

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution requests authorization for the County Executive to execute an agreement with the design firm of Erdman Anthony for engineering design services. These design services are for the replacement of the Warner Gulf Road Culvert over Gears Gulf (CIN 405-03) in the Town of Holland.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner William E. Geary at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/jtd

Enclosure

cc: William Geary, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Public Works  
**Re:** Replacement of Warner Gulf Road Culvert over Gears Gulf (CIN 405-03) Contract for Engineering Design Services Town of Holland CAP-405-03-Design  
**Date:** February 14, 2025

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Public Works is seeking authorization to enter into an agreement with the design firm of Erdman Anthony in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for engineering design services. These services are for the replacement of Warner Gulf Road Culvert over Gears Gulf (CIN 405-03) in the Town of Holland. Erdman Anthony was selected in accordance with County policy using the County selection process.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The total cost of the engineering design phase of this project is \$300,000, including design contingency. The total budget is available in Fund 420, Funds Center 123, Project B.21156 – 2021 Capital Bridge Design.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

This project is necessary to advance the design in a timely fashion. Erdman Anthony is recommended as project design engineers because of their expertise, experience, and manpower to provide the County of Erie with the service required.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The existing structure was built in 1931, and is 10' tall, 18' span and 60' long concrete frame. The culvert was rated a 3 in the last inspection with repeated Yellow Structural Flags being issued for the deterioration of the headwalls. The headwalls on both sides of the structure have severe spalling with exposed and 100% debonded reinforcement. The headwalls are no longer able to retain the earthen roadway embankment above the culvert, leading to sloughing of the embankment on both sides of the roadway and movement of the guide railing. The concrete top slab adjacent to the headwalls has also spalled and exposed reinforcement which has completely deboned. This structure has exceeded its useful design life and needs replacement. It is assumed that the replacement structure may be increased to over 20' span length based on current hydraulic, alignment, and construction needs. This increase in span would make the replacement structure a bridge rather than a culvert, per AASHTO criteria and definitions.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

If this project is not completed, the culvert will continue to deteriorate. The headwalls will no longer be able to support the embankment, roadway, or railing, and the number of lanes reduced, or the road fully closed to traffic.



## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon the Erie County Legislature's approval, the County executive will enter into an agreement with Erdman Anthony. Once the agreement is fully executed design work will begin immediately thereafter.

## **COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW**

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.

Handwritten signature of Timothy C. Callan and the date 2/5/25.

**Timothy C. Callan**  
**Deputy Comptroller**  
**Comptroller's Office**

B.21156 – 2021 Capital Bridge Design

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

RE: Replacement of Warner Gulf Road Culvert over Gears Gulf (CIN 405-03) Contract for Engineering Design Services Town of Holland CAP-405-03-Design

WHEREAS, it is desired to replace the Warner Guld Road Culvert over Gears Gulf (CIN 405-03) in the Town of Holland (the “Project”), CAP-405-03-Design; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Design Engineering phase of this Project is \$300,000, and is available in Fund 420, Funds Center 123, Project B.21156 – 2021 Capital Bridge Design; and

WHEREAS, after the County’s selection process, the firm of Erdman Anthony, has been selected as having the necessary expertise, experience, and manpower to provide the County of Erie with design engineering services for the replacement of the above references culvert in the Town of Holland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes participation in the project replacing the Warner Gulf Road Culvert over Gears Gulf (CIN 405-03) in the Town of Holland (the “Project”), CAP-405-03-Design; and be it further

RESOLVED that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute an agreement between the County of Erie and the selected project design engineers, Erdman Anthony, for engineering design services in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, and execute any necessary Change Orders; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for this Project is hereby appropriated and made available for the project from Fund 420, Fund Center 123, Project B.21156 – 2021 Capital Bridge Design; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner’s Office, and one copy each to the County Executive’s Office, Comptroller’s Office and Division of Budget and Management.

TO: TIMOTHY CALLAN, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST  
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME  | <u>Erdman Anthony</u>   |
| 2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT | <u>\$300,000</u>  |
| 3. PROJECT NUMBER     | <u>B.21156</u>  |
| 4. PROJECT TITLE      | <u>Replacement of Warner Gulf Road Culvert<br/>over Gears Gulf (CIN 405-03)</u>     |
| 5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT | <u>Funding questions: Darlene Svilkos<br/>Letter pickup: Christy Weber at x8301</u> |

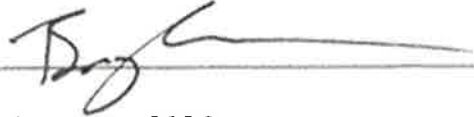
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

\$ 300,000.00

7. PERFORMED BY



Date Sent to Comptroller's Office:

February 4, 2025

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ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAYS  
RFP #2024-405-03-Warner Gulf Culvert Design  
PROPOSAL REVIEW COMMITTEE RATINGS - SUMMARY

Proposer	Evaluation Criteria																		Weighted Average Qualifications Score (1 - 10)	Qualifications Ranking						
	Understanding of Work to be Done			Experience with Similar Projects			Experience and Qualifications of Proposed Staff			Present Workload & Financial Responsibility			Logistics and Familiarity with Project Area			Percentage of M/WBE Participation										
	Weight = 25%			Weight = 25%			Weight = 25%			Weight = 10%			Weight = 10%			Weight = 5%										
	Committee Member Raw Score (1 - 10)			Committee Member Raw Score (1 - 10)			Committee Member Raw Score (1 - 10)			Committee Member Raw Score (1 - 10)			Committee Member Raw Score (1 - 10)			Committee Member Raw Score (1 - 10)										
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Barton & Logsdon	8	7	8.5	7.83	9	9	8.5	8.83	9	9	8.5	8.83	10	10	5	8.33	8	8	7	7.67	8	10	10	9.33	8.44	3
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Erdman Anthony	8	9	9	8.67	9	9	8.5	8.83	9	8	8.5	8.50	8	10	2	6.67	9	10	8	9.00	9	10	10	9.67	8.55	1
Fisher Associates	7	6	8.5	7.17	9	8	8.5	8.50	9	8	8	8.33	8	9	7	8.00	8	7	8	7.67	8	10	10	9.33	8.03	5
Lifro Engineers, Inc.	4	6	8.5	6.17	7	8	9	8.00	7	8	8.5	7.83	9	10	8	9.00	7	6	2	5.00	7	10	10	9.00	7.35	6
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It is my opinion in recommending Erdman Anthony the Erie County Department of Public Works has complied with all applicable provisions of Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code. Scoring sheets and other materials related to this matter are available for review at the Department of Public Works' office during regular business hours.

  
William E. Geary, Jr., Commissioner  
Erie County Department of Public Works

  
Lisa M. Chimera  
Deputy County Executive

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-4

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Reconstruction of William St. - NYSDOT  
Right of Way Agreement, Town of Lancaster

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Attachments

25COMM. 4E-4

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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Reconstruction of William St (CR 338) from Transit Rd (NYS 20/78) to Bowen Rd (CR 242) NYSDOT Right of Way Agreement Town of Lancaster PIN 5763.36**

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution requests authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Right of Way Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the Reconstruction of William Street project (PIN 5763.36).

This project involves the reconstruction of William Street from Transit Road to Bowen Road, including pavement rehabilitation, areas of pavement widening, stormwater drainage replacement, and select areas of sidewalk installation.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner William E. Geary at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Poloncarz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/gmw

Enclosure

cc: William Geary, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Public Works  
**Re:** Reconstruction of William St (CR 338) from Transit Rd (NYS 20/78) to Bowen Rd (CR 242) NYSDOT Right of Way Agreement Town of Lancaster PIN 5763.36  
**Date:** February 14, 2025

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is seeking authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Right of Way Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the Reconstruction of William Street Project (PIN 5763.36).

This Right of Way Agreement includes the Right of Way incidental and acquisition funding necessary for the NYSDOT Right of Way efforts for the Reconstruction of William Street from Transit Road to Bowen Road in the Town of Lancaster. NYSDOT will assist Erie County to progress this project by administering the Right of Way phase of this project. The scope of this project includes pavement rehabilitation, areas of pavement widening, stormwater drainage replacement, and select areas of sidewalk installation.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The total cost of the Right of Way Agreement is currently estimated at \$785,000. The NYSDOT Agreement provides for 80% federal funding of \$628,000, a 15% NYS Marchiselli funding of \$117,750, and a 5% local share of \$39,250. The Right of Way phase is a State administered phase. As such, NYSDOT will retain the federal and state funding, and Erie County is required to advance payment of the local share to NYSDOT.

Funds for the project are currently available from Bond Proceeds in the approved Capital Budget, Funds Center 420, Fund 123, as follows:

B.23005 – 2023 Federal Aid Road Design	<u>\$ 39,250.00</u>
	\$ 39,250.00

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

This resolution is necessary to advance the Right of Way acquisition of the Reconstruction of William Street project in a timely fashion. This project is eligible as a Surface Transportation Program (STP) Project which allows the County of Erie to benefit from minimal capital investment while leveraging Federal and New York State (NYS) funds towards the improvement of its infrastructure. The State will leverage up to the maximum of 80% in Federal funds and 15% in NYS Marchiselli funds on behalf of Erie County for the total Project phase cost under this agreement. It is desired to execute a Right of Way agreement with NYSDOT, as the administrators of the Right of Way phase of the project.



## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Project road section of William Street is narrow and the pavement shows signs of distress with longitudinal cracking. The road has received numerous patches due to pavement failures. The project objectives are two-fold. This portion of William Street has a Road Score of 6-7 out of 10 (2023), along with a daily traffic count of 8,900-14,000 vehicles. The desire to preserve the existing roadway pavement that exists today and address the needs of the increased economic and residential development in the area. The project will utilize prioritized pavement preservation to correct deficiencies in the road surface and to extend the useful life of the pavement.

The Project meets eligibility requirements for the Federal STP and is approved by the NYSDOT in their current Capital Program to be funded with Federal Aid and NYS Marchiselli funds. As the administrators of the Right of Way phase of the project, they will advance the Right of Way phase of the project upon approval of this resolution.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

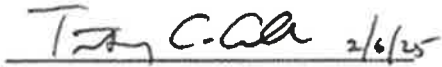
This action is required to ensure project advancement and financing through the Locally Administered Federal Aid Program using STP funds to pay for the NYSDOT administration of the Right of Way incidental and acquisition costs of the road resurfacing. Negative action would halt design and result in continued deterioration of the road surface, decreased rideability, increased maintenance responsibilities and cost, as well as jeopardize existing and future reimbursement funding available through this program.

## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon Legislative approval, the County Executive will enter into the Right of Way Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). Once the agreement is executed and the local share is advanced to NYSDOT, Right of Way work will begin immediately thereafter.

## **COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW**

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.

Handwritten signature of Timothy C. Callan and the date 2/6/25.

Timothy C. Callan  
Deputy Comptroller  
Comptroller's Office

File Copy (PIN 5763.36 / Reconstruction of William Street)

B.23005 – 2023 Federal Aid Road Design

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Reconstruction of William St (CR 338) from Transit Rd (NYS 20/78) to Bowen Rd (CR 242) NYSDOT Right of Way Agreement Town of Lancaster PIN 5763.36

WHEREAS, a Project for the Reconstruction of William Street (CR 338) from Transit Road (NYS 20/78) to Bowen Road (CR 242), P.I.N. 5763.36 (the Project) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the appointment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Project is eligible for funding under the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation will administer the Right of Way incidentals and acquisitions phases of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie desires to advance the Project by making a commitment to advance the payment of the local share of the cost of the Right of Way incidentals and acquisition phases of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds for the local share of the Right of Way incidentals and acquisitions of \$39,250, is available in Fund 420, Funds Center 123, Capital Project B.23005 – 2023 Federal Aid Road Design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute a Right-of-Way Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of William Street project (PIN 5763.36); and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the sum of \$39,250 be appropriated from B.23005 – 2023 Federal Aid Road Design from Fund 420, Fund Center 123 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for federal and non-federal aid on behalf of the County of Erie with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the County's first instance funding of Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given that should the Agreement receive additional federal or non-federal reimbursement in the future, the project revenue will be accepted by Erie County and the budget adjusted to reflect the receipt of funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute any necessary change orders, amendments to contracts and agreements; and be it further

RESOLVED, in the event the amount required to pay the local share exceeds the amount appropriated above, the County of Erie shall convene its Legislature as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that three certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office and Division of Budget and Management.

TO: TIMOTHY CALLAN, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST  
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME  | New York State Department of Transportation<br>(NYSDOT)                               |
| 2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT | NYSDOT \$39,250   |
| 3. PROJECT NUMBER     | B.23005   |
| 4. PROJECT TITLE      | Reconstruction of William St (CR 338) from<br>Transit Rd to Bowen Rd                  |
| 5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT | Funding questions: Darlene Svilokos at x7801<br>Letter pickup: Christy Weber at x8301 |


COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

\$ 4,102,450.00

7. PERFORMED BY



Date Sent to Comptroller's Office:

February 4, 2025

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Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-5

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

MOU between EC & SUNY ECC for  
College-Wide Network, Server Infrastructure,  
and Surveillance Camera Replacement Work

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Attachments

25COMM. 4E-5

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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Erie and SUNY Erie Community College for College-Wide Network and Server Infrastructure and Surveillance Camera Replacement Work**

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution requests authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Erie and SUNY Erie Community College for the reimbursement of College-wide network and server infrastructure and surveillance camera replacement work completed by ECC. The County will receive 50% reimbursement from New York State for this project.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner William E. Geary, Jr., at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/nt  
Enclosure

cc: William Geary, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Public Works  
**Re:** Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Erie and SUNY Erie Community College for College-Wide Network and Server Infrastructure and Surveillance Camera Replacement Work  
**Date:** February 14, 2025

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Erie (County) and SUNY Erie Community College (ECC) for the reimbursement of college-wide network and server infrastructure and surveillance camera replacement work completed by ECC located at 6205 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221, 5885 Big Tree Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127, 50 Cobham Drive, Orchard Park, NY 14127 and 121 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY 14203.

This project involves the procurement and installation of new server and network equipment to replace aging equipment; surveillance camera system and related software at all three campuses using cooperative purchase agreements completed by ECC.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funds for the project are currently available from the approved Capital Budget, Funds Center 122, Fund 480, as follows:

E.24050	SUNY Erie Network Server Infrastructure Replacement	\$4,000,000.00
E.24052	SUNY Erie Surveillance Camera Replacement	\$2,000,000.00
For a Total Amount Not to Exceed		\$6,000,000.00

The County will receive 50% reimbursement from New York State for this project.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The replacement of existing core infrastructure network and server equipment will modernize the College's network and technology services while ensuring reliability and security.

The replacement of existing surveillance camera system and software will expand interior coverage of hallways and add exterior views, which are not covered in the current configuration.

These contracts will be procured by ECC using cooperative purchase agreements, and then reimbursed by the County under the MOU.



## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The College's network is more than ten years old and supports many services including student learning, administration, community events, fire and safety, telephony, network security, client management and HVAC controls. It is no longer supported by the vendor as of October 2024. Replacing all the network at the same time will reduce the replacement cost and complexity of implementation. The virtual server infrastructure at North Campus is outdated and will no longer support newer versions of virtualized software. This infrastructure runs critical campus services, such as authentication, surveillance cameras and recordings, IP telephony, file storage and backup services

The current security camera system is 20 years old and failing. It is beyond its operational lifespan but still relied on as a critical part of protecting the campus community as well as the financial well-being of the College and County. The current system lacks exterior area coverage where most slip and falls occur. The new system would provide that coverage and greatly enhance our ability to defend the College against these negligence claims. Video is always the first request from the County Attorney or the insurance carriers. The system is also an essential tool for the College's campus security staff's daily duties.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

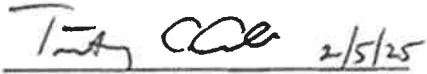
If this project is not completed, this project cannot be completed resulting in operational deficits for the College.

## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon Legislative approval, the County Executive will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Erie (County) and SUNY Erie Community College (ECC).

## **COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW**

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.



**Timothy C. Callan**  
**Deputy Comptroller**  
**Comptroller's Office**

E.24050      SUNY College-wide Network Infrastructure Replacement  
E.24052      SUNY Erie Security Camera Replacement

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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Erie and SUNY Erie Community College for College-Wide Network and Server Infrastructure and Surveillance Camera Replacement Work

WHEREAS, SUNY Erie Community College (“ECC”) endeavors to complete college-wide network and server infrastructure and surveillance camera replacement work (hereafter the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) is responsible for administering and supervising all County related building construction, which includes supervision over all ECC construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the underlying Project will consist of the replacement of existing core infrastructure network and server equipment in the data centers; replacement of existing surveillance camera system and software, which will include but not be limited to expanded coverage, additional alarm and viewing capabilities, access controls for entryways into buildings; and

WHEREAS, once complete, the County will receive 50% reimbursement from New York State for this project; and

WHEREAS, the County has secured bond funds for this Project within the previously approved 2024 Erie County Capital Budget, and portion of the funds will be used to reimburse ECC for college-wide network and server infrastructure and surveillance camera replacement work referenced above (hereinafter “Construction Work”) which shall be purchased using cooperative purchase agreements by ECC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and ECC to reimburse ECC for the Construction Work, which shall be purchased using cooperative purchase contracts by ECC; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding for all of the above is available from the approved Capital Budgets, Funds Center 122, Fund 480, and the County’s Comptroller’s Office shall be authorized to make payment(s) for the Construction Work, as follows:

E.24050	SUNY Erie Network and Server Infrastructure Replacement	\$4,000,000.00
E.24052	SUNY Erie Security Camera Replacement	\$2,000,000.00
For a Total Amount Not to Exceed		\$6,000,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Division of Budget and Management, and one copy to Erie Community College of the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer.

TO: TIMOTHY CALLAN, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST  
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME  | <u>TBD – Pending ECC Procurement</u>  |
| 2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT | <u>E.24050 Not to Exceed \$4,000,000.00</u><br><u>E.24052 Not to Exceed \$2,000,000.00</u>  |
| 3. PROJECT NUMBER     | <u>E.24050 - SUNY College-wide Network</u><br><u>Infrastructure Replacement</u><br><u>E.24052 - SUNY Erie Security Camera</u><br><u>Replacement</u>   |
| 4. PROJECT TITLE      | <u>Memorandum of Understanding between the</u><br><u>County of Erie and SUNY Erie Community</u><br><u>College for College-Wide Network and Server</u><br><u>Infrastructure and Surveillance Camera</u><br><u>Replacement Work</u> |
| 5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT | <u>Funding questions: Kristofer Straus at x7294</u><br><u>Letter pickup: Christy Weber at x8301</u>   |

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

\$ 6,000,000.00

7. PERFORMED BY



Date Sent to Comptroller's Office:

February 4, 2025

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Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-6

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

EC Health Lab - Building 17 RTU  
Replacement

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Attachments

25COMM. 4E-6

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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Erie County Health Lab – Building 17 RTU Replacement**

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution requests authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Agreement with Buffalo Engineering P.C. for the Erie County Health Lab – Building 17 RTU Replacement project. Proposals were received by the Department of Public Works on November 20, 2024.

The existing rooftop unit is beyond its useful life and requires a replacement to avoid constant costly repairs and maintenance and to maintain the tight environmental controls of the laboratory areas it serves. This project will include the analysis of a more energy efficiency unit and electrification of the existing reheat units, removing the necessity of a boiler replacement. An existing conference room will also be reconfigured to be a lab space to better suit the building's occupants as a lab space.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner William E. Geary at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/ks  
Enclosure

cc: William Geary, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Public Works  
**Re:** Erie County Health Lab – Building 17 RTU Replacement  
**Date:** February 14, 2025

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is seeking authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with Buffalo Engineering P.C. for the Erie County Health Lab – Building 17 RTU Replacement project, located at 503 Kensington Avenue Buffalo, NY 14214. The existing rooftop unit is beyond its useful life and requires a replacement to avoid constant costly repairs and maintenance and to maintain the tight environmental controls of the laboratory areas it serves. This project will include the analysis of a more energy efficiency unit and electrification of the existing reheat units, removing the necessity of a boiler replacement. An existing conference room will also be reconfigured to be a lab space to better suit the building's occupants as a lab space.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funds for the project are currently available from the approved Capital Budget, Funds Center 122, Fund 410, as follows:

A.24009 – 2024 Public Health Lab Renovations	\$115,000.00
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### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

This project is necessary because replacement of the antiquated heating and ventilation system at the Erie County Health Lab will reduce maintenance and repair costs along with the operational cost and energy consumption. With a new rooftop unit to serve the existing lab spaces, the result of this project will allow the lab instrumentation and equipment to operate normally while providing optimal occupant comfort year-round.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The existing unit is at the end of its useful life and is in need of constant repairs which can result in lengthy down times. The lab spaces this unit serves conducts regular testing and these tests are delayed due to this inconsistent environment. Even during temperate times of the year, the unit struggles to maintain a steady temperature. The unit to be replaced in this project serves all of the laboratory space in the AA building, the primary clinical and environmental testing areas.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

If this project is not completed, the existing system will operate with reduced efficiencies and continue to require costly maintenance and repairs. If major components of the system fail, a portion of the building may be required to close to staff, impacting the laboratory function of the facility. The accreditation of the facility is at risk, since ambient temperatures are needed for testing and various instruments require specific temperatures to be maintained. These



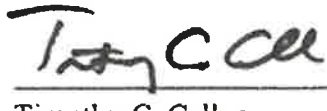
fluctuations in temperature require technicians to document any results potentially affected. These reports lead to testing results not being released due the quality of the testing environment being questioned.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon Legislative approval, the County Executive will enter into an Agreement with Buffalo Engineering P.C. to begin the design process.

## **COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW**

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.

 1/31/25

Timothy C. Callan  
Deputy Comptroller  
Comptroller's Office

A.24009 – 2024 Public Health Lab Renovations  
File Copy (DPW Resolution BG 2025 EC Health Lab Building 17 RTU Replacement.doc)

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Erie County Health Lab – Building 17 RTU Replacement

WHEREAS, the Erie County Health Lab utilizes instrumentation and equipment which require a specific environment to be maintained to keep optimum testing conditions for quality results; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the oldest rooftop unit is required to reduce maintenance costs and allow the laboratory instrumentation and equipment to operate normally while providing optimal occupant comfort year-round; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (DPW) received professional Architectural/Engineering design services proposals for the Erie County Health Lab – Building 17 RTU Replacement on November 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County selected Buffalo Engineering through a qualifications based selection process to design the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to issue an Agreement to Buffalo Engineering to provide professional design and construction administration services for the Erie County Health Lab – Building 17 RTU Replacement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a contract with Buffalo Engineering to provide professional design and construction administration services for the Erie County Health Lab – Building 17 RTU Replacement project for an amount not to exceed \$115,000, including design contingency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for a design contingency of \$15,151 to be included as part of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, any unused design contingency will be returned to the Design Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above and approved capital budgets, Fund 410, Funds Center 122, A.24009 – 2024 Public Health Lab Renovations in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, and Division of Budget and Management.

TO: TIMOTHY CALLAN, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST  
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS


REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

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| 1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME  | <u>Buffalo Engineering</u>   |
| 2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT | <u>Not to exceed \$115,000</u>   |
| 3. PROJECT NUMBER     | <u>A.24009      \$115,000</u>  |
| 4. PROJECT TITLE      | <u>Erie County Health Lab – Building 17 RTU Replacement</u>                                |
| 5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT | <u>Funding questions: Kristofer Straus #7294<br/>Letter pickup: Christy Weber at x8301</u> |

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

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| 6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS           | <u>\$ 599,620.17</u>  |
| 7. PERFORMED BY                    | <u></u> |
| Date Sent to Comptroller's Office: | <u>1/29/2025</u>  |

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Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-7

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ECSD No. 6 - Lackawanna WRRF & ORF  
Disinfection Systems Improvements Project

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Attachments

25COMM. 4E-7

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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Erie County Sewer District No. 6  
Lackawanna Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and Overflow Retention Facility  
(ORF) Disinfection Systems Improvements Project  
GHD Consulting Services, Inc. - Change Order No. 4**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum from the Department of Environment and Planning pertaining to Change Order No. 4 to the GHD Consulting Services, Inc. agreement, dated January 22, 2019.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Joseph Fiegl, P.E. in the Division of Sewerage Management. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP:mas

cc: Joseph Fiegl, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Sewerage Management

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Environment and Planning  
**Re:** Erie County Sewer District No. 6  
Lackawanna Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and Overflow Retention Facility (ORF) Disinfection Systems Improvements Project  
GHD Consulting Services, Inc. – Change Order No. 4  
**Date:** February 14, 2025

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### **SUMMARY**

It is requested that the Erie County Legislature approve Change Order No. 4 to the GHD Consulting Services, Inc. (GHD) Agreement, dated January 22, 2019. The Change Order is for an additional amount of \$83,519.87, bringing the total to \$477,247.92.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. The cost of the additional engineering work related to this communication will be paid from Erie County Sewer District No. 6 Capital Bond Account C.17601.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Division of Sewerage Management is requesting approval of Change Order No. 4 for GHD's agreement dated January 22, 2019 to compensate the consultant for additional engineering costs during the construction phase of the Lackawanna WRRF and ORF Disinfection Systems Improvements Project. This change will ensure that GHD's team will provide engineering and inspection services to cover the full estimated construction period, as modified by the contractors, as the construction duration is greater than anticipated at the time of bid.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On December 6, 2018, the Erie County Legislature passed a resolution [Comm. 21E-13 (2018)] authorizing an agreement with GHD for the Lackawanna WRRF and ORF Disinfection Systems Improvements Project. The budget for construction services within this agreement was based on the anticipated design scope at that time and a construction bid date in 2020. Since then, the scope of the project increased to incorporate additional items identified during detailed design and based on requests from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Specifically, additions were made to the design to facilitate improvements associated with the storage/management of disinfection chemicals, for a baffle wall to optimize dechlorination under all conditions in the disinfection process, and needed upgrades for HVAC systems. After discussions with the contractors regarding length of construction, GHD hours estimated in their original proposal were not sufficient to cover the full construction period,

which includes the additional design items and reflects global market conditions that have increased construction durations.

During construction, unanticipated conditions at the sites were encountered, such as concrete beds that were not removed in previous construction, undocumented electrical connections, SCADA system changes, and changes to facilities that occurred since design. These conditions caused construction delays and design changes or additions. GHD is requesting reimbursement for the associated design, construction administration, and inspection related to the delays and design changes.

The Division of Sewerage Management's engineers reviewed these requests and determined that the labor hours are commensurate with the expected level of effort. As a result, it is recommended that this change order be approved.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

If this request is not approved, there will not be sufficient budget to provide construction inspection and administration for the remaining construction period. Lack of inspection and administration oversight may lead to deficiencies in construction and problems with the resulting facilities. Any remaining changes to design cannot be performed without violating the Professional Engineering license of, and agreement with, GHD.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The County of Erie will execute the change order and allocate \$83,519.87 from Bond Account No. C.17601 for this project.



**COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW**

The proposed action has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient capital appropriations for the action proposed.

Signed Timothy C. Callan Date 2/7/25  
Title Timothy C. Callan, Ph.D.  
Deputy Comptroller

**Erie County Sewer District No. 6  
Lackawanna Water Resource Recovery Facility and Overflow Retention Facility  
Disinfection Systems Improvements Project  
Engineering Agreement – Change Order No. 4  
Bond Account C.17601**

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Erie County Sewer District No. 6  
Lackawanna Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and Overflow Retention  
Facility (ORF) Disinfection Systems Improvements Project  
GHD Consulting Services, Inc. - Change Order No. 4

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 21E-13 (2018), GHD Consulting Services, Inc. (285 Delaware Ave, Suite 500, Buffalo, NY 14202) was retained to provide engineering design, bid, and construction services for the Lackawanna WRRF and ORF Disinfection Systems Improvements Project in Erie County Sewer District No. 6; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management has determined that additional costs above those included in the original engineering proposal period will be incurred for services during construction; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has recommended the acceptance of Change Order No. 4, an increase of \$83,519.87 for a total cost under GHD Consulting Services, Inc.'s agreement of \$477,247.92.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the increase of the total amount for the engineering agreement between the County of Erie and GHD Consulting Services, Inc. (285 Delaware Ave, Suite 500, Buffalo, NY 14202) for the construction of the Lackawanna WRRF and ORF Disinfection Systems Improvements Project in Erie County Sewer District No. 6 by \$83,519.87 to a total of \$477,247.92; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to the Deputy Commissioner in the Division of Sewerage Management to execute Change Order No. 4 for this agreement; and be it further


RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the Director of Budget and Management and the County Comptroller to allocate \$83,519.87 in Erie County Sewer District No. 6 Capital Bond Account C.17601 to fund this change order; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the County Executive, the Office of the County Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and the Division of Sewerage Management.

TO:           COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST  
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

<u>REQUESTING DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5</u>
1.   CONTRACTOR'S NAME	<u>GHD</u>
2.   AMOUNT OF CONTRACT	<u>\$83,519.87</u>
3.   PROJECT NUMBER	<u>Capital Bond Acct. C.17601</u>
4.   PROJECT TITLE	<u>Consulting Services – Disinfection Project</u>
5.   DEPARTMENT CONTACT	<u>Beth Pfalzer x6144</u>
 <u>COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE</u>	 <u>COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7</u>
6.   AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	<u>\$1,851,210.73</u>
7.   PERFORMED BY	<u></u>
Date Sent to Comptroller's Office:	<u>February 7, 2025</u>

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**Erie County Legislature**  
**Meeting Date:** 02/27/2025

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**SUBJECT**

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COMM. 4E-8                      COUNTY EXECUTIVE                      Authorization to Contract with the NFTA

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**Attachments**

25COMM. 4E-8

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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Authorization to Contract with NFTA**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is seeking authorization to enter into contract with Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority to accept monthly transit passes for outreach activities to promote public health and harm reduction techniques.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact Commissioner of Health Gale Burstein. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/jah  
Enclosure

cc: Dr. Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Health  
**Re:** Authorization to Contract with NFTA  
**Date:** February 14, 2025

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### **SUMMARY**

ECDOH's Office of Harm Reduction is collaborating with the NFTA to promote public health and harm reduction messaging by allowing employees to freely board and deboard buses and trains through monthly transit passes as part of their outreach activities.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

This collaboration between ECDOH and NFTA allows outreach staff to meet people where they are, especially after opioid data showed many hotspots for overdoses being near busier public transit access points.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

ECDOH employees will be unable to conduct this outreach or have to purchase transit passes with county funds.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

ECDOH will work with County Attorney's Office on executing all terms of the contract.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Re: Authorization to Contract with NFTA

WHEREAS, ECDOH's Office of Harm Reduction conducts outreach in a variety of ways to meet people where they are to promote public health, share harm reduction supplies and techniques, and reduce overdoses; and

WHEREAS, Harm Reduction staff noticed multiple hotspots of overdoses along public transit access points such in Buffalo at Main and Court and Elmwood and Utica; and

WHEREAS, in the past, Harm Reduction purchased transit passes for outreach workers to use; and

WHEREAS, the NFTA has offered to supply monthly transit passes to outreach employees at no cost to the county; and

WHEREAS, this collaboration will allow outreach staff to continue to meet people where they are at no cost to Erie County and continue its mission to protect public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute an agreement with Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority to accept monthly transit passes for ECDOH employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Department of Health, and Department of Law.

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-9

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Department of Health Fund 295 - Personnel  
Adjustments

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Attachments

25COMM. 4E-9

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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
95 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Department of Health Fund 295 – Personnel Adjustments**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed, please find a memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Health-Fund 295 Opioid Settlement requesting authorization to change the position of Accountant to Accounting Analyst to better align the title with comparable positions and job duties within other Erie County Departments, and to create a Juvenile Substance Use Services Coordinator position. In this restructuring, the Community Resource Technician will be removed from the budget.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Poloncarz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/jah  
Enclosure

cc: Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Health  
**Re:** Department of Health Fund 295 – Personnel Adjustments  
**Date:** January 31, 2025

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Health is requesting to upgrade the Accountant position, JG 9, to Accounting Analyst, JG 11, for employee recruitment and better align the title with comparable positions within other Erie County Departments.

The Department of Health is also requesting the creation of a Juvenile Substance Use Services Coordinator position to connect Erie County's most at risk youth with treatment and service providers. The gap was identified by judges and lawyers working in the juvenile justice system and further investigation by the administration has found this gap to exist in other areas of youth not being connected to needed services.

The Department of Social Services will be deleting a vacant Community Resource Technician position within the Pharmaceutical Fund, as well, to better align with the needs of the program.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are adequate funds in the Department of Health 2025 Proposed Opioid Settlement 295 Fund Budget to cover the \$9,021 increase in salary for the upgrade from Accountant to Accounting Analyst.

#### **Annualized Salary**

Accountant (JG 9, Step 1)	(\$58,802)
Accounting Analyst (JG 11, Step 1)	\$67,823
Net Increase	\$ 9,021

**Pro-Rated Increased Salary for Balance of Year:** \$ 7,601

**Funding Source:** Pharmaceutical Settlement Funds

There are also adequate funds in the Department of Health 2025 Proposed Opioid Settlement 295 Fund Budget to cover the \$78,300 salary of the Juvenile Substance Use Services Coordinator.

#### **Annualized Salary**

JSUSC (JG 13, Step 1)	\$78,300
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**Pro-Rated Increased Salary for Balance of Year:** \$61,074

**Funding Source:** Pharmaceutical Settlement Funds

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Department of Health Fund 295 Opioid Settlement has gone through a restructuring of the needs of each position after the settlement has begun and established that an Accountant with audit experience and other skills is necessary to manage the funds.

The administration has worked closely with judges, lawyers, and county departments involved in the juvenile justice system to identify gaps in services reaching Erie County's most at risk youth. The Juvenile Substance Use Services Coordinator would help to fill such gaps by connecting youth offenders, juvenile defendants, and their families to substance use and mental health services. There are currently no positions within Erie County doing this work or being funded by OASAS and other grantors.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Department of Health's Accounting and Fiscal Management office would be forced to carry this workload, and the funds would continue to be spent without proper supervision.

Erie County's most at risk youth and their families could continue to be without substance use and mental health services without someone to help connect them with providers.

## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Department of Health will work with Personnel and Budget and Management to effectuate these changes.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

RE: Department of Health Fund 295 – Personnel Adjustments

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Fund 295 Opioid Settlement Fund has identified a need to change an Accountant to Accounting Analyst and create a Juvenile Substance Use Services Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the change in title and job grade from Accountant to Accounting Analyst would be a net increase of \$9,021; and

WHEREAS, the position is currently vacant due to an inability to fill at the current job grade and a restriction of the office's operations and department's need; and

WHEREAS, the administration was approached by various stakeholders and departments, including judges and lawyers involved in the juvenile justice system, that there is a significant gap in substance use and mental health services reaching juvenile defendants; and

WHEREAS, the administration has identified other gaps in substance use and mental health services for youth in Erie County and seeks to create a Juvenile Substance Use Services Coordinator to work with the juvenile justice system, juvenile defendants and their families, Departments of Mental Health, Probation, and Health, and local substance use and mental health providers to connect Erie County's most at risk youth to services; and

WHEREAS, the position of Community Resource Technician is currently vacant due to a lack of need by the Department of Social Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the deletion of one (1) full-time Accountant, Job Group 9, CSEA and creation of one (1) full-time Accounting Analyst, Job Group 11, CSEA within the Department of Health's Pharmaceutical Settlement Fund Budget (Fund 295, Funds Center 12700) (B100 #14706) effective February 1, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to create one (1) full-time Juvenile Substance Use Services Coordinator, Job Group 13, CSEA within the Department of Health's Pharmaceutical Settlement Fund Budget (Fund 295, Funds Center 12700) (B100 #14714) effective March 1, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding exists within the Department of Health's 2025 Pharmaceutical Settlement Fund Budget (Fund 295, Funds Center 12700) Accounts 500000 Full Time – Salaries and 502000 Fringe Benefits to cover the cost increase of these personnel adjustments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and

Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Department of Health, Department of Personnel, and Division of Budget and Management.

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-10

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Appointment to the EC Department of Central  
Police Services Board of Trustees

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Attachments

25COMM. 4E-10

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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2025

The Honorable Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Appointment to the Erie County Department Central Police Services Board of Trustees**

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 15.03 of the Erie County Charter, I do hereby appoint the following individual to the Central Police Services Board of Trustees for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

**Appointee**

James P. Stauffiger

Chief of Police

Town of Tonawanda Police Department

1835 Sheridan Drive

Tonawanda, NY 14223

Should you have any questions regarding this appointment, please feel free to contact my office at (716) 858-8500.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Executive

MCP/nn

cc: Brian Ross, Commissioner of Central Police Services  
James P. Stauffiger

**Erie County Legislature**  
**Meeting Date: 02/27/2025**

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**SUBJECT**

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COMM. 4E-11	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Re-Appointment to the Youth Services Board
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**Attachments**

25COMM. 4E-11

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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 14, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin St. – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

**RE: RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE YOUTH SERVICES BOARD**

Dear Honorable Members:

Be advised that, pursuant to Article 12, I hereby appoint the following individual to the Youth Services Advisory Board. Their term shall expire on **December 31, 2027**.

Meghann Simpson  
103 Pomona Place  
Buffalo, NY 14210

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (716) 858-8500.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Executive

cc: Karen Rybicki, Commissioner of Social Services  
Appointees

# Meghann R. Simpson

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## Education

May 2024 -----B.A. Interdisciplinary Social Science & Minor in African American Studies  
May 2019-----A.A. Social Science & Human Services

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## Work Experience

June 2024 – Current

### Families Together in New York State, NY

#### Statewide Youth Engagement Specialist

- Collaborate with OCFS, OHM, OASIS, NAPS, NAMI
- Host youth-oriented events for education, career development, and political advocacy
- Provide educational workshops at conferences per request
- Organize and oversee NYS Conference on Youth & Young Adult Mental Health

August 2023 – July 2024

#### Youth Training Coordinator

- Member of Rutgers University Youth C-PTSD Treatment Advisory Council
- Collaborate with OMH, CTAC, Rutgers University, PeerTAC
- Conduct social science research and experiments
- Develop and provide state-wide training on various mental health topics
- Present at speaking engagements & conferences

May 2023 – Current

### Now She Speaks, Buffalo, NY

#### Co-Founder & Development Director

- Oversee the development of all programs
- Develop and provide training on Domestic Violence, Interpersonal Violence, and Human Trafficking
- Facilitate victims & survivors support group
- Oversee Homeless Youth & Human Trafficking Intersectionality Training

February 2023 – July 2023

### Baker Victory Services, Lackawanna, NY

#### Youth Behavioral Health Specialist

November 2021 – January 2023

### Endeavor Health Services, Cheektowaga, NY

#### Clubhouse Program Supervisor

September 2021 – January 2023

#### Community Case Manager

November 2020 – November 2021

#### Clubhouse Program Assistant

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## Certifications

Human Rights Consultant, August 2023  
Youth Peer Advocate Provisional Certificate, August 2023  
Therapeutic Crisis Intervention March 2023  
Mental Health First Aid USA, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2020  
Youth Mental Health First Aid USA, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2020

## Publications

Mental Health Stigmas in the Black Community – Behavioral Health News 2023

## References

Dr. Carl Stokes

Instructor/Coordinator of Human Services at Suny ECC

Contributor and Author of Stokes Media

Mental Health Therapist & Social Worker

(716) 270-2679, DrCarlStokesJr@gmail.com

Maggie Benjamin

Coordinator of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Survivor Support Services at the International Institute of Buffalo

Founder and CEO of Now She Speaks

(716) 800-7542, [Maggieb1292@gmail.com](mailto:Maggieb1292@gmail.com)

Cassie McGee

L.M.S.W. Personalized Recovery-Oriented Services

Endeavor Health Services

(716) 352-8474

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

SUBJECT

COMM. 4E-12

SHERIFF

Underwater Recovery Team Training &  
Certification

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25COMM. 4E-12

**JOHN C. GARCIA**  
SHERIFF  
**WILLIAM J. COOLEY**  
UNDERSHERIFF



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**  
10 DELAWARE AVENUE  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14202-3913  
(716) 858-7618  
FAX: (716) 858-7882  
WEBSITE: <http://www.erie.gov/sheriff>

## SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

February 11, 2025

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

**Re: Underwater Recovery Team Training and Certification**

Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompany memorandum authorizing the Erie County Sheriff's Office Underwater Recovery Team to utilize Buffalo Scuba LLC for training and certification of members as Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) certified Public Safety Divers.

Representatives of the Erie County Sheriff's Office will be made available to answer any questions you may have.

Very Yours Truly,

John C. Garcia  
Sheriff of Erie County

Attachments

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
From: Erie County Sheriff's Office  
Re: Underwater Recovery Team Training and Certification  
Date: February 11, 2025

### **Summary of Recommended Action**

The Erie County Sheriff's Office requests that the Erie County Legislature authorize the Division of Purchase to create all necessary documents to purchase multiple training courses from Buffalo Scuba LLC necessary to certify members of the ECSO Underwater Recovery Team as Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) certified Public Safety Divers. The cost of the training is not to exceed \$6,250.00.

### **Fiscal Implications of the Proposal**

Sufficient funding is available in the 2025 Erie County Sheriff's Office, Police Services Division budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 11510) 510200-Training and Education.

### **Reasons for Recommendation**

The Erie County Sheriff's Office Police Services Division includes an Underwater Recovery Team capable of responding to search and recovery calls within bodies of water across Erie County. As a 21<sup>st</sup> Century professional law enforcement agency, the Sheriff's Office's divers should be certified as Public Safety Divers by PADI. The courses included in this training are required to certify ten (10) members of the Underwater Recovery Team as Public Safety Divers.

### **Consequences of Negative Action**

Five (5) members of the Underwater Recovery Team would be unable to certify as PADI-certified Public Safety Divers. Five (5) additional members of the Underwater Recovery Team would lose their certification.

### **Steps Following Approval of Measure**

Certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase, Office of Comptroller and Erie County Sheriff's Office

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:**  
**ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Re: Underwater Recovery Team Training and Certification**

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office operates an Underwater Recovery Team;  
and

WHEREAS, the Underwater Recovery Team includes ten (10) members of the Erie County Sheriff's Office Police Services Division, and is capable of responding 24 hours a day to search and recovery calls in bodies of water across Erie County; and

WHEREAS, as a professional law enforcement agency, members of the Erie County Sheriff's Office Underwater Recovery Team should be certified as Public Safety Divers by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI); and

WHEREAS, five (5) members of the Underwater Recovery Team must take a Self-Reliant Diver course to maintain their PADI certification as Public Safety Divers; and

WHEREAS, five (5) additional members of the Underwater Recovery Team must take multiple prerequisite courses to certify as Public Safety Divers; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding for this training is available in the 2025 Erie County Sheriff's Office Police Services Division budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 11510) 510200-Training and Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the purchase of training courses from Buffalo Scuba LLC, 5777 Camp Road, Hamburg, NY in an amount not to exceed \$6,250.00 for the purposes of certifying members of the Underwater Recovery Team as PADI-certified Public Safety Divers; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Purchase is authorized to create the necessary documents to purchase the training; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby waives the procedures, as impractical, provided for in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code for the purpose of securing the purchase order with Buffalo Scuba LLC; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase, Office of Comptroller and Erie County Sheriff's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT: As Indicated

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-13

COMPTROLLER

Department of Law Risk Retention Fund  
Spending - December 2024

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25COMM. 4E-13

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ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER  
KEVIN R. HARDWICK

February 10, 2025

Honorable Members  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending – December 2024**

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Resolution Intro. 3-2 (2016), as amended, please find attached an accounting of expenses from the County's Risk Retention Fund for December 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. R. Hardwick".

Kevin R. Hardwick, Ph.D.  
Erie County Comptroller

Attachment

**County of Erie**  
**Law Department Spending**  
**Risk Retention**  
**December, 2024**

**Run Date: 2/10/2025**

<u>Vendor Number</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
1	Cheryl Williams c/o	12,822.48
1	Demetrius Davis and Muscato &	45,000.00
1	Emily Schrock and Cellino Law LLP	25,000.00
1	Feldman & Feldman, Attys for	14,421.12
1	Jessica & Jme Morales and Verrastro	150,000.00
1	Roth & Roth, LLP	3,000.00
101109	BOND, SCHOENECK & KING, PLLC	2,288.00
103442	Hodgson Russ	76,177.80
104457	LAWLEY SERVICE INSURANCE GROUP	18,250.00
106065	PHILLIPS LYTLIE HITCHCOCK	2,730.00
1100055	M & T BANK PURCHASING CARD	2,024.72
118314	JEREMY C TOTH AS CUSTODIAN	17,465.54
120447	LIPPES MATHIAS WEXLER FRIEDMAN LLP	357,038.69
135888	PERSONIUS MELBER LLP	6,911.70
143544	THOMAS E WEBB JR ESQ	1,875.00
148572	ALISA LUKASIEWICZ, PLLC	6,820.00
177003	GORDON REES SCULLY MANSUKHANI LLP	429.00
		<u>742,254.05</u>

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-14

KOOSHOIAN

Charter Revision Commission Appointment

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# **ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**HON. MICHAEL KOOSHOIAN**

**3RD DISTRICT LEGISLATOR**



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100 Commonwealth Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14216

February 7, 2025

My appointment to the Erie County Charter Revision Commission is:

Lindsey Allen  
70 Hartwell Rd.  
Buffalo, NY 14216

Sincerely,

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Michael Kooshoian  
Erie County Legislator

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-15

BARGNESI

Charter Revision Commission Appointment

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25COMM. 4E-15

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# **ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**HON. JOHN BARGNESI**  
**4TH DISTRICT LEGISLATOR**



2165 SHERIDAN DRIVE  
TONAWANDA, NY 14223

February 7, 2025

My appointment to the Erie County Charter Revision Commission is:

William J. Miller  
159 St. James Pl  
Buffalo, NY 14222

Sincerely,

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John Bargnesi  
Erie County Legislator

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-16	GREENE	Charter Revision Commission Appointment
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# ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE

LEGISLATOR

February 11, 2025

Hon. Olivia Owens  
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Charter Revision Commission – 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Appointment**

Dear Clerk Owens,

Last week, my appointment on the Charter Revision Commission resigned. Therefore, I am taking action to fill the vacancy on the commission her resignation created.

Pursuant to Article 26, Section 2608 of the Erie County Charter, I hereby appoint Mitchell Paul Snyder as my appointment on the Erie County Charter Revision Commission.

Mitchell P. Snyder  
5675 Newhouse Road  
East Amherst, NY 14051

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher D. Greene".

Hon. Christopher C. Greene  
Erie County Legislator, 6<sup>th</sup> District

cc: The Erie County Legislature



Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-17

COUNTY CLERK

Amended COMM. 3E-3 Resolution and New  
Payment Plan Resolution

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Attachments

25COMM. 4E-17

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# COUNTY OF ERIE

MICHAEL P. KEARNS  
COUNTY CLERK

February 20, 2025

The Honorable Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Amended COMM. 3E-3 Resolution and new Payment Plan Resolution**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed are two proposed resolutions based on discussions on item COMM. 3E-3 at the Finance & Management Committee meeting on February 13, 2025:

- An amended version of COMM. 3E-3 focusing solely on Erie County Legislative approval to call on the New York State Legislature to amend the Erie County Tax Act; and
- A new resolution calling on Erie County to create a new payment plan option for delinquent taxpayers prior to foreclosure.

The payment plan action item in the original COMM. 3E-3 was separated from the rest of the resolution as that item requires further discussion on design and implementation, to the point that giving it a separate resolution was appropriate.

The call to New York State to amend the Erie County Tax Act is necessary so that we may move forward in pushing for a bill to be introduced in the State Legislature, as that is the first step towards eventually making a Home Rule request. Given the relatively short calendar of the State Legislature, we are hopeful that the amended COMM. 3E-3 may be approved quickly now that it is separated from the payment plan discussion.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters. If your Honorable Body requires further information, kindly contact the Erie County Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael P. Kearns".

MICHAEL P. KEARNS  
Erie County Clerk

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Encl.

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

**A Resolution Submitted by the Erie County Clerk  
Re: Call to the New York State Legislature to Amend the Erie County Tax Act to  
Lower the Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Tax Act (Chapter 812 of the Laws of 1942) established an initial twelve percent (12%) annual interest and penalty rate on delinquent property taxes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax ("RPT") Law § 924-a, only the New York State Legislature may amend the Erie County Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Erie County Tax Act in August 1997 (A6587-A/S3884) to increase the 12% annual interest and penalty rate on delinquent property taxes to eighteen percent (18%); and

WHEREAS, one of the reasons given for increasing the interest rate was that "the relatively low penalty rate imposed by the County on late property tax payments serve as a disincentive to the timely payment of real property tax obligations"; and

WHEREAS, since the housing collapse of 2007, significant numbers of vacant and abandoned properties have plagued, and continue to plague, Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the 18% interest and penalty rate on delinquent property taxes is in excess of New York's 16% civil usury cap and far in excess of market interest rates; and

WHEREAS, the steep 18% interest and penalty rate on delinquent property taxes makes it significantly difficult for citizens to ever repay overdue taxes, resulting in even more vacant and abandoned properties, commonly referred to as "Zombie" properties; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office recognizes that grappling with the blight of Zombie properties transcends all communities and impacts all County taxpayers, regardless of the property location; and

WHEREAS, in June 2024 the New York State Legislature passed Senate Bill S967A sponsored by Senator Sean M. Ryan, which proposed setting the delinquent tax interest rate to the prime interest rate subject to a floor of two percent (2%) and a ceiling of sixteen percent (16%); and

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul vetoed S967A with a veto message indicating that the reduction to the interest and penalty rate for delinquent property taxes should be addressed in the State Budget Process; and

WHEREAS, if S967A was to become law, through the State Budget Process or otherwise, Erie County would be required to lower the 18% annual interest and penalty rate on delinquent property taxes to equal the prime rate, which is currently 7.5%; and

WHEREAS, the interest and penalty rate limitation in S967A would in any event not apply to real property that is vacant and abandoned as defined in the New York Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law, which would still be subject to an 18% rate; and

WHEREAS, it is clear that Erie County must now take action in its own right to show New York State that change is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office has secured over five thousand (5,000) signatures from Erie County taxpayers in support of lowering the interest and penalty rate from the current 18%; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature, via Home Rule request, previously supported legislation in 2018, Senate Bill S8839A, which sought to reduce the interest rate on delinquent real property taxes from 18% to 12%, and thereby reduce barriers to repayment of back taxes for all properties, whether vacant and abandoned or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, said legislation did not pass the New York State Legislature, leaving the 18% rate in effect; and

WHEREAS, an interest and penalty rate of 12%, the rate that stayed consistent from 1942 – 1997, and which was supported by the Erie County Legislature in 2018, should be reestablished in Erie County for all properties, whether vacant and abandoned or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, amending the Erie County Tax Act to reduce the interest and penalty rate to 12% for all properties will decrease the impact of real property tax delinquencies and would not conflict with any potential further reduction for occupied properties in the event that S967A or any similar bill was to become law; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has requested that the Erie County Legislature adopt a Resolution such as this one before a State bill will be filed to reduce the interest and penalty rate in the Erie County Tax Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature respectfully calls upon the New York State Legislature to introduce a bill to lower the interest and penalty rate in the Erie County Tax Act from 18% to 12%; and be it further

RESOLVED, that should the New York State Legislature file a bill to lower the interest and penalty rate in the Erie County Tax Act from 18% to 12%, the Erie County Legislature will either submit a Home Rule request or pass a Resolution in support of the filed State legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Erie County Executive; the Erie County Attorney; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the Erie County Comptroller; and the Erie County Clerk.

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

**A Resolution Submitted by the Erie County Clerk  
Re: Proposing A Payment Plan Option For Delinquent Taxpayers**

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Erie County Tax Act in August 1997 (A6587-A/S3884) to increase the 12% annual interest and penalty rate on delinquent property taxes to eighteen percent (18%); and

WHEREAS, one of the reasons given for increasing the interest rate was that “the relatively low penalty rate imposed by the County on late property tax payments serve as a disincentive to the timely payment of real property tax obligations”; and

WHEREAS, since the housing collapse of 2007, significant numbers of vacant and abandoned properties have plagued, and continue to plague, Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the 18% interest and penalty rate on delinquent property taxes is in excess of New York’s 16% civil usury cap and far in excess of market interest rates; and

WHEREAS, the steep 18% interest and penalty rate on delinquent property taxes makes it significantly difficult for citizens to ever repay overdue taxes, resulting in even more vacant and abandoned properties, commonly referred to as “Zombie” properties; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk’s Office recognizes that grappling with the blight of Zombie properties transcends all communities and impacts all County taxpayers, regardless of the property location; and

WHEREAS, Erie County currently does not offer a payment plan option to delinquent taxpayers prior to foreclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie County offers a payment plan option for delinquent taxpayers prior to foreclosure; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County allows eligibility for a new payment plan for individuals who are continuing to experience a hardship, even if they have had a previous payment plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County bases eligibility for payment plans on the owner and their circumstances, rather than whether a particular property has already had a payment plan (for example, when an individual inherits a property with pre-existing taxes due); and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County proactively offers payment plans and/or examples of how much an individual will need to pay per month to catch up, factoring in interest; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County allows monthly installment payments for homeowners whose taxes are not included in a monthly mortgage payment, with the ability to pay online, in person, or via mail; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County sends simple, user friendly notices to homeowners upon default, offering options to catch up; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County restructures the Erie County tax website to make it more user friendly and easy to navigate and to provide more information to homeowners, including the availability of payment plans and how to get them; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County allows payment plans for heirs to an estate, even if the estate proceedings have not been filed or finalized in Surrogate's Court and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Erie County Executive; the Erie County Attorney; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the Erie County Comptroller; the Erie County Director of Real Property Tax Services; and the Erie County Clerk.

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-18

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ECC North Sports Playing Field Project Phase  
1 - Construction Award

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Attachments

25COMM. 4E-18

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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 21, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Erie Community College North Sports Playing Field Project Phase 1 –  
Construction Award  
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED**

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidders for the Erie Community College Sports Playing Field Project. Site and Electrical Construction bids were received by the Department of Public Works on January 8, 2025. Copies of the bid tabulations are attached for your reference.

This project involves construction of a new multi-use sports facility at SUNY Erie North Campus. Work will include, but is not limited to, site improvements, installation of a multi-use sports turf field, grandstands, bleachers, press box, dugouts as well as lighting and utility upgrades to service the facility.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner William E. Geary, Jr., at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/dm  
Enclosure

cc: William E. Geary, Jr., Commissioner, Department of Public Works

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Public Works  
**Re:** Erie Community College Sports Playing Field Project  
**Date:** February 21, 2025

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### **SUMMARY**

This resolution is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidders for Erie Community College Sports Playing Field project. Site and Electrical Construction bids were received by the Department of Public Works on January 8, 2025. This project involves construction of a new multi-sport turf sports facility at SUNY Erie North Campus. Construction will include dugouts, grandstands and bleachers, press box and new stadium lighting.

The resolution also makes an environmental determination pursuant to the State Environmental Review Act (SEQR).

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funds for the project are currently available from an approved, as adopted Erie County capital budget, Fund 410, Funds Center 122, as follows:

E.24053 – SUNY Erie Sport Field Relocation & Improvements – Phase 2	\$5,000,000.00
<u>E.23051 – ECC Sports Field Relocation &amp; Improvements – Phase 1</u>	<u>\$741,105.00</u>
Total not to exceed	\$5,741,405.00

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The construction of a new multi-use sports facility for SUNY Erie North Campus is strongly recommended to support the current efforts of enhancing the overall environment of the SUNY Erie campus. As compared to the natural grass field this switch to turf will create a reduction of maintenance costs, increase durability and longevity of the field, and also provide a reliable playing field in all weather conditions. The addition of a new multi-use sports facility will not only benefit the current athletic department but will also appeal to both prospective students as well as prospective clients in search for a venue to host local events, tournaments, and sports clinics.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The faculty and staff at SUNY Erie North Campus as well as the Department of Public Works have been looking for avenues to improve the environment for students and the community surrounding their campus. Whether this is through upgrading outdated infrastructure, redesigning learning spaces, or investments in projects that will allow for more streamlined maintenance. This particular project is aimed to address much needed improvements to the site, create an environment that is more appealing to prospective athletes as well as the community while also creating an opportunity for fundraising projects alongside the SUNY Erie Foundation.

The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) requires the County to evaluate the environmental impact of actions approved, permitted or authorized by the Erie County Legislature prior to voting and approving actions. The Department of Environment and Planning has provided the attached SEQR EAF Part1, Draft EAF Part 2 and Draft EAF Part 3 for the Legislature's review.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

If this project is not completed the campus will face decreased community engagement from prospective athletes and the community as the school continues to operate with outdated facilities.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon Legislative approval, the County Executive will enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidders.

## **COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW**

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to authorized capital projects for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.



Timothy C. Callan  
Deputy Comptroller  
Comptroller's Office

E.24053 – 2024 SUNY Erie Sport Field Relocation & Improvements – Phase 2  
E.23051 – 2023 ECC Sports Field Relocation & Improvements – Phase 1

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Erie Community College Sports Playing Field– Construction Award

WHEREAS, ongoing efforts to improve facilities for students and surrounding community at the SUNY Erie North campus have been ongoing; and

WHEREAS, Erie Community College has expressed a great need to revitalize their ageing athletic facilities as well as to focus their Athletic Programs at the North Campus location; and

WHEREAS, the Erie Community College Sports Playing Field project (herein called the “Project”) seeks to continue to improve these facilities and foster engagement from prospective athletes and the community; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie received Site and Electrical Construction bids for the Project on January 8, 2025 in accordance with General Municipal Law 103; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works; along with the Architect of record for the project, is recommending award of the contracts to the lowest responsible bidders for the Site and Electrical Contract; and

WHEREAS, Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) Section 617.1 under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) requires local governments when they directly undertake, fund or approve an action to evaluate whether said actions will have a significant impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, Erie County acting through the Department of Environment and Planning has reviewed the action under the aforementioned SEQR regulations and has made the determination that the action is classified as an Unlisted action under 6 NYCRR Part 617.4 (b)(6) and 617.2(al).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature has reviewed the attached SEQR Part 1 Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), Draft EAF Part II and Draft EAF Part 3 documentation provided by the Department of Environment and Planning related to the action; and be it further

RESOLVED, in accordance with SEQR, the Erie County Legislature as Lead Agency concurs with the Department of Environment and Planning’s assessment and hereby makes the determination that the action will have little to no impact on the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for the Project for an amount not to exceed as follows:

<u>Site Construction Work</u>	
<u>PM Pavement Inc.</u>	Base Bid: \$4,497,705.00
Total Award of Abatement Construction Contract:	
\$4,497,705.00	

<u>Electrical Construction Work</u>	
<u>Industrial Power &amp; Lighting Corp.</u>	Base Bid: \$693,700.00
Total Award of Abatement Construction Contract:	
\$693,700.00	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the sum of \$550,000 to be allocated to a Construction Contingency Fund with authorization for the County Executive to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed the Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that change order reductions will result in these funds being returned to the Construction Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Comptroller's Office to make payment for the above from the previously approved, as adopted capital projects in Fund 410, Funds Center 122 as follows:

E.24053 – SUNY Erie Sport Field Relocation & Improvements – Phase 2	\$5,000,000.00
<u>E.23051 – ECC Sports Field Relocation &amp; Improvements – Phase 1</u>	<u>\$741,105.00</u>
Total not to exceed	\$5,741,405.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Division of Budget and Management and Department of Environment and Planning.

TO: TIMOTHY CALLAN, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST  
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS


REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME  
PM Pavement Inc  
Industrial Power & Lighting Corp
2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT  
Construction Contingency \$ 550,000  
PM Pavement Inc \$ 4,497,705  
Industrial Power & Lighting Corp \$ 693,700  
Total \$ 5,741,405
3. PROJECT NUMBER  
E.24053  
E.23051
4. PROJECT TITLE  
Erie Community College North Sports Playing  
Field Project Phase 1
5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT  
Funding questions: Kristofer Straus, PE at x7294  
Letter pickup: Christy Weber at x8301

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS  
\$ 7,913,122.62
  7. PERFORMED BY  

- Date Sent to Comptroller's Office: 02/10/2025

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## *Short Environmental Assessment Form*

### *Part 1 - Project Information*

#### Instructions for Completing

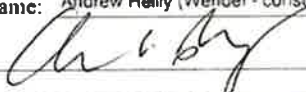
**Part 1 – Project Information.** The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

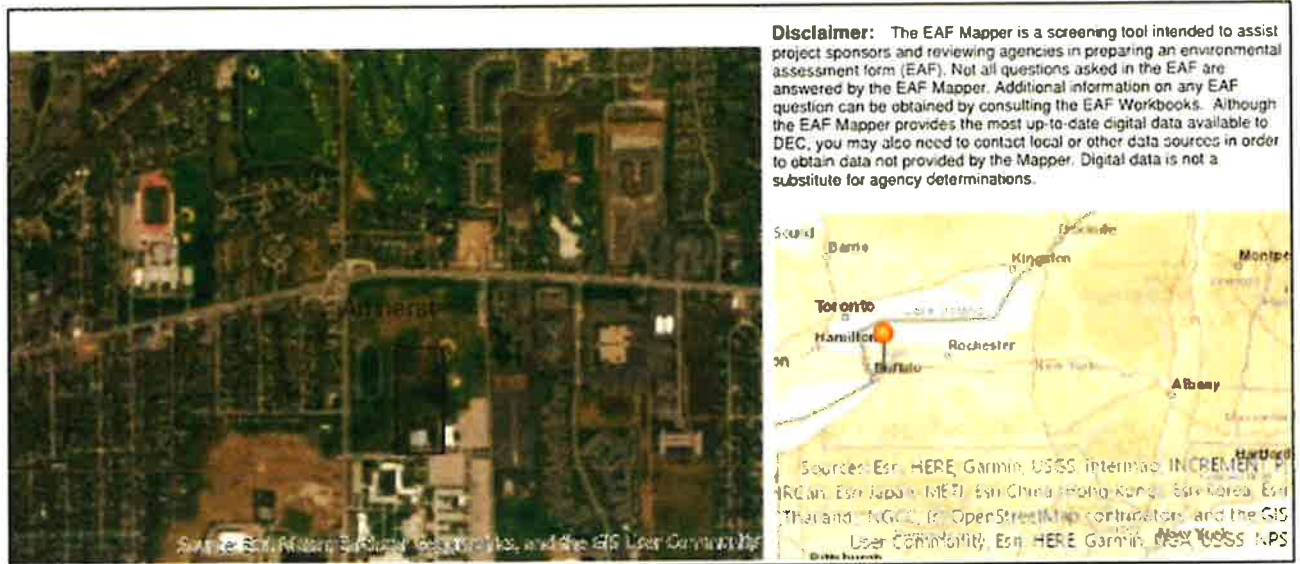
<b>Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information</b>			
Name of Action or Project: ECC North Campus Sports Playing Field			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): ECC North Campus, 6205 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221 (Youngs Road to the west, Tech Drive to the east, Wehrle Drive to the south)			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The scope of work includes construction of a multipurpose artificial turf athletic field. Associated features/amenities that will be constructed with the turf field are: ADA pathways from the existing building and parking lot, press box, bleachers, softball dugouts, field lighting.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: County of Erie (Mark Rountree, ECDEP)		Telephone: 716-858-8008 E-Mail: Mark.Rountree@erie.gov	
Address: 95 Franklin Street, Room 1056			
City/PO: Buffalo	State: NY	Zip Code: 14202	
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.		NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: NYSDEC - SWPPP		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		5.21 acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		5.32 acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		116.56 acres	
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): College Campus			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			



5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: Meets, as there are no new buildings proposed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: No public water is being proposed at the new field. Existing structures have public water.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: New field will not generate wastewater. Existing bathrooms will be utilized by those utilizing the field.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____			
_____			
_____			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: See the attached drainage plan for the site.	NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe:	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: Site is within 1,000 feet of site currently in Brownfield Cleanup Program, address 6126 Main Street, site code C915215	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b>  Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Andrew Reilly (Wendel - consultant)</u> Date: <u>9/22/24</u> Signature: <u></u> Title: <u>Wendel (consultant)</u>		

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Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	No
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	No
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	No
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	Yes

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**Agency Use Only [If applicable]**

**Project:** ECC North Campus Playing Field

**Date:** 8/28/2024

***Short Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 2 - Impact Assessment***

**Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.**

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	<b>No, or small impact may occur</b>	<b>Moderate to large impact may occur</b>
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Agency Use Only [If applicable]

Project: ECC North Campus Play

Date: 8/15/24

### Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

Part 1, Question 12: Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources?

There is a potential for impacts, due to the Mapper identifying that the site may located near an Historic or archaeological resource, therefore, the site/project was entered into CRIS. It should be noted that the project location does have an existing building on the site of the project and one adjoining the site, is an existing field, and that the proposed action does not include the construction of any new buildings or the modification of any buildings. Based on the results of the CRIS filing (see attached letter), the project will not impact any archaeological resources and that this project (in the area of the existing fields) will not have an Historic impacts.

Part 1, Question 20: The remediation site identified in the Mapper, is not on this site and will not be impacted by this project.

It must be noted that this project is being segmented from the overall Master Plan for the site, as this project is functionally independent of any future actions at the site, and those future actions at this time are speculative in nature, are schematic in nature with little detail, and may or may not occur as they are shown on the plan (allowable segmentation). Any future actions proposed under the Master Plan will require their own SEQR analysis

- ☐ Check this box if you **have** determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action **may** result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
- ☒ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

County of Erie

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Chair Person of the Legislature

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
DIVISION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS  
**Unofficial Bid Results**

**Project Name:** SUNY ECC North Campus Sports Playing Field

**Bid Date:** 01/08/2025

**Project No.:** 2023-956-01, Site Construction

**Bid Time, Local:** 10:00 A.M.

Bidder	Base Bid
Anastasi Trucking, Inc.	\$ 4,740,740.00
Northeast Diversification, Inc.	\$ 5,380,000.00
PM Pavement Inc.	\$ 4,497,705.00
Scott Lawn Yard Inc.	\$ 4,564,000.00
Mark Cerrone, Inc.	\$ 5,348,000.00
Louis Del Prince & Sons, Inc.	\$ 4,929,200.00
Occhino Corp.	\$ 5,299,200.00



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
DIVISION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUND  
Unofficial Bid Results**

**Project Name:** SUNY ECC North Campus Sports Playing Field

**Bid Date:** 01/08/2025

**Project No.:** 2023-956-01, Electrical Construction

**Bid Time, Local:** 10:00 A.M.

Bidder	Base Bid
CIR Electrical Construction Corp.	\$ 740,000.00
Goodwin Electric Corp.	\$ 847,900.00
Frey Electric Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 757,000.00
Weydman Electric, Inc.	\$ 972,000.00
Industrial Power & Lighting Corp.	\$ 693,700.00
Ferguson Electric, Inc.	\$ 786,000.00

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-19                      COUNTY EXECUTIVE                      Tifft Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project

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Attachments





# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 21, 2024

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Tifft Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) requesting authorization for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute a four-year contract to accept \$1,034,940 in United States Environmental Protection Agency grant funding for the Tifft Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project, create a JG-12 position within DEP, and execute a contract with Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, the grant sub-awardee.

Due to the recent freeze on Federal funds, the passage of this resolution does not guarantee its execution. I have directed the Office of Budget and Management to closely monitor and place holds on certain Federal contracts so that no significant cost is accrued by Erie County while the freeze by the Trump administration is resolved.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Deputy Commissioner Bonnie Lawrence. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/nb  
Enclosure

cc: Daniel R. Castle, Commissioner  
Bonnie L. Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Environment and Planning  
**Re:** Tifft Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project  
**Date:** February 21, 2024

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### **SUMMARY**

It is recommended that the Legislature approve the attached resolution prepared by the Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) to authorize the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute a four-year contract to accept \$1,034,940 in United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) grant funding for the Tifft Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project, create a JG12 position within DEP, and execute a contract with Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences (BSNS), the grant sub-awardee.

The sub-awardee, Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences (BSNS), will install a water-level control pump and associated infrastructure, convert a 5-acre stand of cattail to a diverse assemblage of native marsh species, construct a turtle nesting beach, and remove 21.7 acres of invasive common buckthorn at Tifft Nature Preserve.

The project will focus on bringing the benefits of an enhanced healthy habitat to a federally designated disadvantaged community, which is in line with Erie County's Community Climate Action Plan.

A new position in DEP, Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist is almost entirely funded by this grant and another similar habitat grant held by the Parks Department.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The half of the requested staff position and all program expenses will be funded by the USEPA grant in the amount of \$1,034,940 for a 4-year period. The grant covers half of the salary and fringe benefits for the Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist (JG 12) position. The remaining salary will be funded through County Share - Grants and ID Billing through a similar USEPA project in the Parks Department.

<b><u>Annualized Salary</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 87,283</u></b>
<b><u>Salary for Balance of Year</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 21,821</u></b>
<b><u>Funding Source</u></b>	<b><u>Federal Grant</u></b>

If Grant funded:

Grant Source: 162TAHE2428

Grant Duration: 10/1/24 – 9/30/28

Remaining Grant Funding: \$ 1,034,940

Alternative Source of Funding if Grant is not renewed: None

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The project addresses several key priorities from the Erie County Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) and will increase climate resiliency and protect vulnerable residents in disadvantaged communities. The resulting diverse habitat and tree canopy will mitigate extreme heat, improve air quality, absorb stormwater runoff, and provide additional health, social, and environmental benefits.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Tifft Nature Preserve was established previously in 1975 as part of a grassroots effort to protect the land and waterbodies once used for commercial shipping. It has since become an important part of Greater Buffalo's cultural landscape, serving a wide swath of the region's demographic. The preserve is located just three miles from downtown Buffalo and can be accessed via bike path and several bus routes. Fishing Lake Kirsty is an important pastime for many; Tifft's trails serve as a place of respite for those needing to unwind during lunch or after a day in the office downtown; the spring migration draws people from around the region and beyond to catch rare waterfowl and warblers as they stopover at the Preserve; and Tifft's location and its wide, flat, accessible trail system provide an opportunity for many people who otherwise would not have the opportunity to visit and experience a natural area, particularly underserved communities in the City of Buffalo.

Despite its recognition as an important functioning coastal habitat, the ecological communities at Tifft Nature Preserve appear to be on a trajectory of diminished biological diversity. Dense stands of invasive common buckthorn have become established in recent decades, replacing native tree and shrub species through suppressed regeneration driven by deer browse, competition from invasive plant species, and lack of seed emigration from plant species not currently found at Tifft. This trajectory also appears to apply to Tifft Marsh, where a lack of natural disturbance, due in large part to a stagnant hydrologic regime, has allowed common cattail to become entirely dominant over other marsh vegetation. Without intervention, Tifft is likely to continue to lose plant species, as well as its tree canopy. There are turtle species that are threatened within NYS and have been observed within the preserve. The lack of ideal nesting habitat within or nearby the preserve lowers the opportunities for these threatened species to reproduce.

Duties required of the position required by Law or Contract: Contract

Position Classification (new position): JG-12 Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Erie County would forfeit the USEPA grant funding, and the community would not receive the benefits of the habitat enhancement project.

## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

A contract with the USEPA will be executed, a grant budget will be created for DEP, a position will be created in DEP, and a sub-award agreement will be executed with the sub-awardee.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Tift Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project Authorization

WHEREAS, diverse habitat and tree canopy in recreational areas provides numerous benefits, including reducing climate pollution, improving air quality, providing shade and mitigating heat island impacts, absorbing stormwater, and providing other social, health, and environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Erie County completed a Climate Vulnerability Assessment that identified extreme heat and flooding as climate threats disproportionately impacting disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, February 1, 2024 the Erie County Legislature adopted the Erie County Community Climate Action Plan that recommends prioritizing habitat restoration projects to increase connectivity, coastal resilience, tree canopy and the associated benefits in disadvantaged communities (COMM 2E-19); and

WHEREAS, Erie County has been awarded a \$1,034,940 grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to manage the installation of a water-level control pump and associated infrastructure, conversion of a 5-acre cattail stand to a diverse assemblage of native marsh species, construction of a turtle nesting beach, and removal of 21.7 acres of invasive common buckthorn at Tift Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the USEPA award specifies the sub-awardee who is necessary to perform the project tasks: Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences (BSNS); and

WHEREAS, to proceed with the project it is necessary to execute a contract with the USEPA, establish a grant budget, create a position in the Department of Environment and Planning, and contract with the sub-awardee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to enter into a contract with the USEPA in order to accept \$1,034,940 for the “Tift Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project” to be made available as a multi-year grant within the Department of Environment and Planning (Fund 281, Funds Center 1620020) as follows:

Department of Environment and Planning  
Tift Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project  
162TAHE2428  
October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2028

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
414000	Federal Aid Revenues	\$1,034,940
479000	County Share Contributions	\$ 35,090
	TOTAL	<u>\$1,070,030</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
500000	Full Time - Salaries	\$261,319
502000	Fringe Benefits	130,660
516020	Professional Services Contracts & Fees	810,940
916490	ID Parks Grant Services	<u>\$(132,889)</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$1,070,030</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to create one (1) full-time Environmental Compliance Specialist, Job Group 12, CSEA (B-100 #14708); and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract, waiving the procedures in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code with Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences (BSNS), the grant sub-awardee specified by USEPA, for the duration of the grant period in an amount not to exceed \$810,940; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to adjust grant revenues, appropriations and interdepartmental billing amounts allowed by the grantor provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to amend contracts as necessary to implement any no-cost extensions that may be permitted by the grantor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Department of Environment and Planning.

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4E-20

COMPTROLLER

2025 Consolidated Bond Resolution

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Attachments

25COMM. 4E-20

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ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER  
KEVIN R. HARDWICK

February 24, 2025

Honorable Members  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: 2025 Consolidated Bond Resolution**

Dear Honorable Legislators:

Please accept this communication as a placeholder for the County's 2025 Consolidated Bond Resolution and 2025 List of Project Components for the County's proposed 2025 Capital Borrowing.

The bond resolution and chart of projects is being completed by the County's bond counsel and will be available soon for your review and consideration.

If you have questions concerning the projects, please contact the County Administration.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin R. Hardwick, Ph.D.  
Erie County Comptroller

cc: Erie County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Attorney Jeremy C. Toth, Esq.  
Erie County Director of Budget and Management Mark Cornell  
Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4D-1	DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES	Open Item - Finance & Management Committee
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	Attachments
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25COMM. 4D-1

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# County of Erie

## DEPARTMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

SCOTT A. BYLEWSKI  
DIRECTOR REAL PROPERTY  
Email: Scott.Bylewski@erie.gov

Office 716-858-2715  
Fax 716-858-6440

January 2, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

### **RE: Open Item Finance & Management Committee**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Real Property Tax Services respectfully requests that an open item be re-established on the 2025 Agenda of the Legislature's Finance and Management Committee, to wit:

- Correction of Errors/NYS Real Property Tax Law

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact me at (716) 858-2715.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Scott A. Bylewski  
Director Real Property Tax Services

cc: Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive

ERIE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, 95 FRANKLIN STREET, BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14202 (716) 858-8333  
INTERNET – [www.erie.gov](http://www.erie.gov)

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4D-2

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie  
County

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Attachments

25COMM. 4D-2

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## COUNTY OF ERIE

JEREMY C. TOTH  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

KRISTEN M. WALDER  
DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

### DEPARTMENT OF LAW

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Olivia Owens, Clerk, Erie County Legislature

FROM: Jeremy C. Toth, Erie County Attorney

DATE: February 4, 2025

RE: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County

*JCT/dea*

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Ms. Owens:

In accordance with the Resolution passed by the Erie County Legislature on June 25, 1987 (Int. 13-14), attached please find six (6) new claims brought against the County of Erie. The claims are as follows:

#### **Claim Name**

1. Maurice Jackson v. County of Erie;
2. Tessa Wickham v. County of Erie;
3. Leo & Darcy Wasch v. County of Erie;
4. Wendy Amoia v. County of Erie, et al.;
5. Danielle Green v. Erie County Sheriff's Office; and
6. Dominique Calhoun v. County of Erie, et al.

JCT:dld  
Attachments



## COUNTY OF ERIE

JEREMY C. TOTH  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

KRISTEN M. WALDER  
DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

### DEPARTMENT OF LAW

January 6, 2025

Ms. Olivia Owens, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

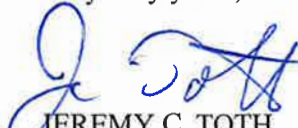
Dear Ms. Owens:

In compliance with the Resolution No. 306 passed by the Erie County Legislature on June 25, 1987, regarding notification of lawsuits and claims filed against the County of Erie, enclosed please find a copy of the following:

File Name:	<i>Jackson, Maurice v. County of Erie</i>
Document Received:	Notice of Claim
Name of Claimant:	Maurice Jackson 12 Water Street Shortsville, New York 14548
Claimant's attorney:	Timothy Hiller, Esq. Hiller, Comerford Injury & Disability Law 6000 North Bailey Avenue, Suite 1A Amherst, New York 14226

Should you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

  
JEREMY C. TOTH  
Erie County Attorney

JCT:dld  
Enc.

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF ERIE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF:**

**MAURICE JACKSON**

Claimant,

-against-

**COUNTY OF ERIE**

Respondent.

This paper received at the  
Erie County Attorney's Office  
from Montique Geising on  
the 23 day of December, 2024  
7:26 a.m./21

**NOTICE OF CLAIM**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the undersigned claimant hereby makes claims and demand against the COUNTY OF ERIE, Respondent, as follows:

1. The name and post-office address of each claimant and claimant's attorney:

MAURICE JACKSON  
12 Water Street  
Shortsville, New York 14548

HILLER COMERFORD INJURY &  
DISABILITY LAW  
Timothy Hiller, Esq.  
6000 North Bailey Avenue, Suite 1A  
Amherst, New York 14226

2. The nature of the claim:

The claim is for personal injuries sustained by MAURICE JACKSON, claimant, because of the carelessness, recklessness, and negligence of the respondent, COUNTY OF ERIE, by their agents, servants, and/or employees.

3. The time when, the place where, and the manner in which the claim arose:

Based upon information and belief, MAURICE JACKSON, claimant, was going to his seat at HighMark Stadium, located at 1 Bills Drive, Orchard Park, New York on September 23, 2024 at approximately 8:15 PM. The claimant attended a Buffalo Bills football game and was going to his seat located in Section 224, Row 4, Seat 21, in the stadium, when he slipped on wet stairs causing him to fall.

Upon information and belief, the injuries and damages for which this claim is made were caused by respondents, their agents, servants, employees, and includes, but is not limited to: failing to inspect public areas; failing to prevent a foreseeable injury from taking place; creating a dangerous condition; failing to warn of a foreseeable dangerous

condition and subsequent injury; and failing to remedy a dangerous condition.

4. The items of damages or injuries claimed are:

Upon information and belief, the injuries include, but are not limited to, a torn patellar tendon in his right knee.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the undersigned hereby claims the above occurrence took place through the negligence of COUNTY OF ERIE, their agents, servants, and employees.

The undersigned presents this claim and demand for adjustment and payment and notifies you that unless said claim is adjusted and payment made as demanded, within the time limited for compliance with this demand by the statutes made and provided, that it is the intention of the undersigned to commence an action thereon.

DATED: October 31, 2024  
Amherst, New York



Timothy Hiller, Esq.

**HILLER COMERFORD INJURY AND  
DISABILITY LAW**

*Attorneys for Claimant*

6000 North Bailey Avenue, Suite 1A  
Amherst, New York 14226  
(716) 564-3288

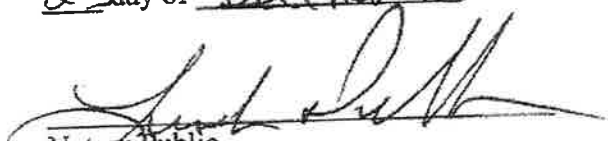
STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF ERIE )  
TOWN OF AMHERST ss.:

I, MAURICE JACKSON, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Claimant above named; that he read the forgoing Notice of Claim and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to the knowledge of deponent, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters, he believes them to be true.

  
MAURICE JACKSON

Sworn to before me this

23 day of December, 2024.

  
Notary Public

LINDA DEDLINE  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK  
Registration No. 01DE4885528  
Qualified in Erie County  
Commission Expires May 18, 2027



## COUNTY OF ERIE

JEREMY C. TOTH  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

KRISTEN M. WALDER  
DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

January 6, 2025

Ms. Olivia Owens, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Ms. Owens:

In compliance with the Resolution No. 306 passed by the Erie County Legislature on June 25, 1987, regarding notification of lawsuits and claims filed against the County of Erie, enclosed please find a copy of the following:

File Name:	<i>Wickham, Tessa v. County of Erie</i>
Document Received:	Notice of Claim
Name of Claimant:	Tessa Wickham 141 Lord Street Dunkirk, New York 14048
Claimant's attorney:	Kevin F. Walsh, Esq. Dan Chiacchia Attorneys, PLLC 5113 South Park Avenue Hamburg, New York 14075

Should you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Toth", is written over a circular blue ink stamp.

JEREMY C. TOTH  
Erie County Attorney

JCT:dld  
Enc.



**STATE OF NEW YORK  
SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF ERIE**

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In the Matter of the Claim of:

TESSA WICKHAM,  
141 Lord Street  
Dunkirk, New York 14048

Claimant,

-against-

COUNTY OF ERIE  
95 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Respondent.

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**TO: COUNTY OF ERIE  
95 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, New York 14202**

**NOTICE OF CLAIM**

This paper received at the  
Erie County Attorney's Office  
from Doug DiFilippo on  
the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 20 24  
at 10:34 a.m./p.m.

  
Assistant County Attorney

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that TESSA WICKHAM, hereby claims damages against the COUNTY OF ERIE, its officers, agents and/or employees for injuries incurred by her, as a result of the wrongful, negligent, grossly negligent, reckless and careless acts of the respondent, its officers, agents and/or employees on or about August 24, 2024, and in support thereof submits the following:

1. The claimant is TESSA WICKHAM, whose post office address is 141 Lord Street, Dunkirk, New York, 14048, and telephone number (716) 563-8969.
2. The attorney for the claimant herein is DAN CHIACCHIA ATTORNEYS, PLLC, Kevin F. Walsh, Esq., whose post office address is 5113 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York, 14075, and telephone number (716) 648-3030.

3. At approximately 4:35 p.m. on August 24, 2024, TESSA WICKHAM sustained severe personal injuries while attending a Buffalo Bills game at Highmark Stadium in the Town of Orchard Park, County of Erie, State of New York. On said date and time, TESSA WICKHAM was struck in the head by an ill placed and unsecured ladder which fell on her as she was waiting for an elevator in the 300-level area of the north tower. As a result of this incident, TESSA WICKHAM sustained, *inter alia*, a concussion with associated sequelae, an injury to her neck, blurred vision, headaches, foggiess, nausea, and balance issues.

4. The negligence, gross negligence, recklessness and/or unlawful acts of the respondent, its officers, agents, employees, servants, contractors, independent contractors, and representatives includes, but is not limited to, the following: failure to use reasonable care under the circumstances; failure to keep the premises in a reasonably safe condition, free from known and knowable hazards; failure to inspect the premises for hazardous conditions; failure to report the hazardous condition posed by the ladder; failure to report the hazardous condition posed by the ladder to the appropriate person/entity; failure to rectify the hazardous condition of the ladder despite such hazardous condition being known or knowable prior to the incident; failure to have an inspection program, routine, custom or practice at the premises; failure to supervise and/or adequately supervise their employees, agents, servants, contractors, independent contractors and other representatives of respondent; failure to train and/or adequately train employees, agents, servants, contractors, independent contractors and other representatives of respondent; failing to repair or correct the dangerous conditions of the area in which the subject incident occurred; failing to adequately, properly and sufficiently monitor and inspect the room with such reasonable frequency as necessary to avoid the dangerous condition which caused injury to the claimant; creating a hazardous condition; placing fans and patrons of respondents premises in an

unsafe and/or hazardous situation; allowing a ladder to remain unsecured in an area where patrons of respondents premises would be put at risk of injury and/or harm; creating and maintaining a dangerous and hazardous condition to exist to patrons of respondent's premises, including claimant; failing to warn, by sign or other readily visible markings, those lawfully present of such dangerous and hazardous condition; failing to take reasonable precautions to protect those lawfully present, specifically TESSA WICKHAM; failure to prevent the incident; failing to properly and adequately secure, isolate, block off, or barricade the ladder to avoid unnecessarily exposing individuals to the harm and the very occurrence complained of by the claimant; failing to hire or retain appropriate and sufficient personnel and individuals to inspect and correct the dangerous condition created by the unsecured ladder; failing to adequately supervise personnel charged with the use and responsibility for such equipment; failing to provide a clear alternate route for exit free of dangerous conditions; Violations of the 2020 New York State Property Maintenance Code; violations of the 2020 New York State Existing Building Code; violations of the 2020 New York State Fire Code; other violations of codes, ordinances, and status not yet known or discovered, and otherwise acting in a negligent, grossly negligent, reckless and/or careless manner.

5. As a result of the negligence, gross negligence, recklessness and/or carelessness of the respondent, its officers, agents, employees, servants, contractors, independent contractors, and representatives, TESSA WICKHAM sustained serious bodily injuries which include, *inter alia*, a concussion with associated sequelae, an injury to her neck, blurred vision, headaches, foggy, nausea, and balance issues, when she was struck on the head by a ladder on August 24, 2024, at respondents premises, and that by reason of the aforesaid negligence, gross negligence, recklessness and/or carelessness of the respondent its officers, agents, employees,

servants, contractors, independent contractors, and representatives, the claimant incurred damages in an amount to be determined after trial and/or after further analysis of the physical injuries and the costs of treating same.

6. TESSA WICKHAM seeks general and special damages for the injuries she sustained and the consequences thereof including past pain and suffering, future pain and suffering, increased susceptibility to injury, past medical expenses, future medical expenses, expenses subject to liens such as insurance payments for medical expenses, costs of pursuing an action and attorney's fees, along with any other damages allowable by law.

7. This notice is made and served on behalf of said claimant in compliance with the provisions of Section 50-e of New York State General Municipal Law and such other laws and statutes as are in the case made and provided.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the claimant, TESSA WICKHAM, demands payment of said claims, and unless said claims are paid within a reasonable time, it is the intention of the claimant to commence suit against the COUNTY OF ERIE.

Dated: November 15, 2024  
Hamburg, New York



Tessa Wickham  
Claimant



Kevin F. Walsh, Esq.  
**DAN CHIACCHIA ATTORNEYS, PLLC**  
Attorneys for the Claimant  
Office and Post Office Address  
5113 South Park Avenue  
Hamburg, New York 14075  
Telephone: (716) 648-3030  
Facsimile: (716) 648-0810  
Email: kevinw@716attorneys.com

**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF NEW YORK     )  
COUNTY OF ERIE        ) ss.:

TESSA WICKHAM, being duly sworn, deposes and states:

1.     That deponent is the claimant in the instant cause.
2.     That deponent has read the foregoing Notice of Claim and knows its contents.
3.     That the same is true to deponent's personal knowledge except as to those matters

therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters, deponent believes them to be true.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
TESSA WICKHAM

Sworn to before me this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**KEVIN F. WALSH**  
**Notary Public, State of New York**  
**Qualified in Erie County**  
**Commission Expires November 12, 2027**



## COUNTY OF ERIE

JEREMY C. TOTH  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

KRISTEN M. WALDER  
DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

January 6, 2025

Ms. Olivia Owens, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Ms. Owens:

In compliance with the Resolution No. 306 passed by the Erie County Legislature on June 25, 1987, regarding notification of lawsuits and claims filed against the County of Erie, enclosed please find a copy of the following:

File Name:	<i>Wasch, Leo and Darcy v. County of Erie</i>
Document Received:	Notice of Claim
Name of Claimant:	Leo and Darcy Wasch 1300 Sandridge Road Alden, New York 14004
Claimant's attorney:	Andrew M. Debbins, Esq. Connors LLP 1000 Liberty Building 424 Main Street Buffalo, New York 14202

Should you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

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JEREMY C. TOTH  
Erie County Attorney

JCT:dld  
Enc.

STATE OF NEW YORK  
SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF ERIE

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LEO WASCH and  
DARCY WASCH,

NOTICE OF CLAIM

Claimants,

- vs. -

COUNTY OF ERIE,

Respondent.

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TO: Jeremy C. Toth  
Erie County Attorney  
County of Erie  
95 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, New York 14202

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Claimants, LEO WASCH and DARCY WASCH, hereby give Notice of a Claim against the COUNTY OF ERIE, (hereinafter "Respondent") and its agents, employees, and others for whom Respondent is vicariously and/or contractually liable, for the injuries and damages suffered by the Claimants as a result of an incident that occurred on August 8, 2024.

In support of this Notice of Claim, the Claimants state the following:

1. The post office address of Claimant, LEO WASCH, is 1300 Sandridge Road, Alden, New York 14004.
2. The post office address of Claimant, DARCY WASCH, is 1300 Sandridge Road, Alden, New York 14004.

3. The attorneys for the Claimants are CONNORS LLP, 1000 Liberty Building, Buffalo, New York 14202; telephone number (716) 852-5533.

4. Unless otherwise indicated, the facts set forth in this Notice of Claim are based upon information and belief, the source of which includes investigation into this matter.

5. This claim arises out of an incident that occurred at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2024, on Main Street near Lafayette Square Station in the City of Buffalo, State of New York, County of Erie.

6. This is a claim for personal injuries as well as other damages and losses suffered by the Claimants, LEO WASCH and DARCY WASCH, as a result of the acts, omissions, and negligence, and violations of Respondent, its agents, and/or employees.

7. On and before August 8, 2024, the Claimant, LEO WASCH, was employed as a project manager with Patterson-Stevens, Inc.

8. On and around August 8, 2024, Patterson-Stevens, Inc. was hired to perform rail repair and replacement as part of a large-scale project by Respondent.

9. On August 8, 2024, during the course and scope of his employment with Patterson-Stevens, Inc., the Claimant, LEO WASCH, was caused to sustain serious injuries and damages as the result of a falling rail.

10. Upon information and belief, Respondent was responsible for the work at issue because, among other reasons, it was the owner or the agent of the owner of the property where Claimant, LEO WASCH, was working to replace rail tracks



near Lafayette Square Station, or it was a contractor or the agent of a contractor for that project.

11. Upon information and belief, at the date and time above, the Claimant, LEO WASCH, was loading rail tracks to replace rail tracks on Main Street near Lafayette Square Station when a rail fell from the construction machinery and onto his foot.

12. Upon information and belief, Respondent violated the New York State Labor Law, including but not limited to §§ 200, 240(1), and 241(6), and was negligent, careless, and reckless in: causing and permitting Claimant to be exposed to unsafe and hazardous conditions; failing to give the Claimant proper protection; failing to cause to be furnished to Claimant devices constructed, placed, or operated as to give the Claimant proper protection; failing to provide reasonable and adequate protection and safety to the Claimant; failing to provide a safe place to work; providing the Claimant with improper equipment; providing the Claimant with improper equipment for the task at hand; failing to provide adequate fall protection; failing to properly inspect the equipment; allowing work to proceed in the absence of safe equipment; creating a dangerous condition; allowing a dangerous condition to exist; failing to discover the dangerous condition; failing to warn the Claimant of a dangerous condition; failing to provide adequate supervision; and being generally negligent, careless, and reckless.

13. As a result of the acts and/or omissions described above, the Claimant, LEO WASCH, sustained serious and permanent injuries, including but not limited to serious injury to his left lower extremity.

14. As a result of the acts and/or omissions described above, Claimant, DARCY WASCH, was deprived of the services of her husband and of the comfort and happiness of her husband's society.

15. The incident alleged herein was the result of the statutory violations, negligence, carelessness, and recklessness of Respondent and/or its agents, employees, and others for whom Respondent is vicariously and/or contractually liable, without any negligence on the part of the Claimant, LEO WASCH.

WHEREFORE, the Claimants, LEO WASCH and DARCY WASCH, respectfully request that this claim be allowed and paid by Respondent, COUNTY OF ERIE. You are hereby notified that unless it is adjusted and paid within

thirty (30) days from the date of this presentation to you, the Claimants intend to commence an action on this matter.

DATED: Buffalo, New York  
October 17, 2024

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Terrence M. Connors, Esq.

Andrew M. Debbins, Esq.

CONNORS LLP

*Attorneys for the Claimants*

1000 Liberty Building

Buffalo, New York 14202

(716) 852-5533

tmc@connorsllp.com

amd@connorsllp.com


VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK       )  
COUNTY OF ERIE        ) ss.  
TOWN OF ALDEN         )

LEO WASCH, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a Claimant in the within action, that he has read the foregoing Notice of Claim, and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to his knowledge except as to those matters therein alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, he believes them to be true.

  
Leo Wasch

Sworn to before me this  
17 day of October, 2024

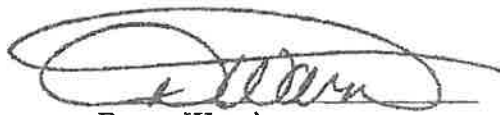
  
Notary Public

SHERRIE A. PIATEK  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK  
QUALIFIED IN ERIE COUNTY  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 14, 2025

**VERIFICATION**


STATE OF NEW YORK       )  
COUNTY OF ERIE        ) ss.  
TOWN OF ALDEN         )

Darcy Wasch, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Claimant in the within action, that she has read the foregoing Notice of Claim, and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to her knowledge except as to those matters therein alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, she believes them to be true.



Darcy Wasch

Sworn to before me this  
17 day of October, 2024

  
Notary Public

SHERRIE A. PIATEK  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK  
QUALIFIED IN ERIE COUNTY  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 14, 2025



## COUNTY OF ERIE

JEREMY C. TOTH  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

KRISTEN M. WALDER  
DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

January 6, 2025

Ms. Olivia Owens, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Ms. Owens:

In compliance with the Resolution No. 306 passed by the Erie County Legislature on June 25, 1987, regarding notification of lawsuits and claims filed against the County of Erie, enclosed please find a copy of the following:

File Name:	<i>Amoia, Wendy v. County of Erie, et al.</i>
Document Received:	Notice of Claim
Name of Claimant:	Wendy Amoia 313 Norwood Avenue Buffalo, New York 14222
Claimant's attorney:	Leonard D. Zaccagnino, Esq. Shaw & Shaw, P.C. 4819 South Park Avenue Hamburg, New York 14075

Should you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

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JEREMY C. TOTH  
Erie County Attorney

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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WENDY AMOIA  
313 Norwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222

Claimant

-vs-

**NOTICE OF CLAIM**

City of Buffalo  
65 Niagara Square  
Buffalo, NY 14202

County of Erie  
95 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation  
n/k/a National Grid  
300 Erie Boulevard West  
Syracuse, NY 13202

Verizon Communications, Inc.  
140 West Street  
NY, NY 10007

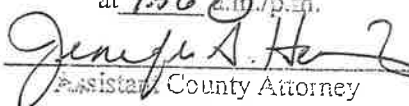
Respondents

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TO: City of Buffalo  
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Buffalo, NY 14202

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This paper received at the  
Erie County Attorney's Office  
from Anthony Crowley on  
the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024  
at 9:56 a.m./p.m.  
  
Assistant County Attorney

Verizon New York, Inc.  
140 West Street  
NY, NY 10007

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, claimant herein makes a claim for damages against respondents and in accordance with the requirements of General Municipal Law § 50-e, state as follows:

1. Claimant resides at 313 Norwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14222.
2. Claimant is represented by Shaw & Shaw, P.C. (Leonard D. Zaccagnino, Esq., of counsel), 4819 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York 14075, (716) 648-3020 Telephone, (716) 648-3730 Fax; lzaccagnino@shawlawpc.com
3. This claim is for personal injuries and other damages sustained by the claimant as a result of the negligence of the respondents.
4. The claim arose in the afternoon on October 19, 2024 on the sidewalk adjacent to 538 and 554 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, Erie County, New York, which premises are under the care, custody and control of the respondents.
5. The incident aforesaid and the injuries and resulting damages hereinafter alleged were caused solely and wholly by the acts of the respondents, their agents, servants and/or employees when they negligently, carelessly and recklessly, and without limitation thereto, designing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing the area where the claimant fell; in failing to properly and adequately erect and install construction signs and barriers, including, but not limited to, the placement of sand bags in the area of the sidewalks adjacent to 538 and 554 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, Erie County, New York. The injuries were caused as a result of said negligence, carelessness and/or reckless disregard for the safety of others, particularly the claimant herein, without any contribution on the part of the claimant thereto by agents, servants and employees of the respondents, causing the plaintiff to sustain injuries when falling to the ground.



Said accident occurred solely and wholly through the negligence of the respondents and/or their agents, servants and/or employees herein without any negligence on the part of the claimant contributing thereto.

As a result of the accident, the claimant has suffered severe, permanent injuries, including, upon information and belief, injuries and permanent scarring; has been caused to undergo surgical repair of her injuries; has been caused to suffer and sustain pain and suffering as to the past, to the present and, upon information and belief, into the future; has suffered shock to the nerves and nervous system, together with internal injuries, emotional upset and depression; has been deprived of the ability to enjoy a life and lifestyle that she was able to participate in and enjoy prior to the happening of said accident; the claimant has incurred medical and hospital expenses related to care, treatment and attempted cure of said injuries of the and residual effects thereof, and upon information and belief, will continue to incur said injury related expenses in the future; has been and may be further subjected to impairment of earnings, future earnings and/or future earning capacity as a result of the injuries sustained and/or the residual permanent effects relating thereto.

In addition, the claimant will make claim for any and all expenses incurred as to past, present and future, as will relate to the medical care, treatment and attempted cure of the claimant herein for her injuries.

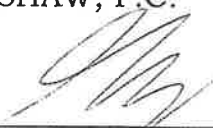
6. This is a claim for money damages for personal injuries and economic loss sustained by claimant against respondents, their agents, servants and employees, when claimant sustained serious personal injuries as hereinabove set forth.
7. The incidents aforesaid and the injuries and resulting damages were caused wholly and solely by the intentional actions of the respondents, their agents, servants and/or employees in that said respondents' actions or lack thereof resulted in serious and permanent injuries and/or damages to claimant herein.

8. As a result of the of the aforesaid conduct of said respondents, the claimant herein has suffered severe and permanent injuries including, but not limited to, lacerations to her face, including the necessity of suturing; headaches; eye droop and others as yet to be diagnosed; has been caused to suffer and sustain pain and suffering as to the past to the present and, upon information and belief, into the future; has suffered shock to the nerves and nervous system; together with internal injuries, emotional upset and depression; has been deprived of the ability to enjoy a life and lifestyle that she was able to participate in and enjoy prior to the happening of said accident; has incurred medical and hospital expenses related to her care, treatment and attempted cure of said injuries and residual effects thereof and, upon information and belief, will continue to incur said injury-related expenses in the future; has been and may be further subjected to impairment of earnings, future earnings and/or future earning capacity as a result of the injuries sustained and/or the residual permanent effects relating thereto.
9. In addition, claimant will make a claim for any and all expenses incurred as to the past, present and future, as will relate to the medical care, treatment and attempted cure claimant herein for the injuries she sustained on October 19, 2024.

**WHEREFORE**, claimant requests that these claims, as set forth, be paid and allowed by respondents.

DATED: October 23, 2024  
Hamburg, New York

SHAW & SHAW, P.C.



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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
  )ss.:  
COUNTY OF ERIE                    )

**Wendy Amoia** being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the claimant in the within action; that she has read the foregoing Notice of Claim and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to her own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters, deponent believes it to be true.

Wendy Amoia  
Wendy Amoia

Sworn to before me this  
23 day of October 2024

Gail Galfo  
Notary Public





## COUNTY OF ERIE

JEREMY C. TOTH  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

KRISTEN M. WALDER  
DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

### DEPARTMENT OF LAW

January 7, 2025

Ms. Olivia Owens, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Ms. Owens:

In compliance with the Resolution No. 306 passed by the Erie County Legislature on June 25, 1987, regarding notification of lawsuits and claims filed against the County of Erie, enclosed please find a copy of the following:

File Name:	<i>Green, Danielle C. v. Erie County Sheriff's Office</i>
Document Received:	NYS Division of Human Rights Charge of Discrimination
Name of Claimant:	Danielle C. Green
Claimant's attorney:	Claimant is proceeding <i>pro se</i> .

Should you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Toth", is written over a circular blue ink stamp.

JEREMY C. TOTH  
Erie County Attorney

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NEW YORK STATE  
DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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HUMAN RIGHTS on the Complaint of

DANIELLE C. GREEN,

Complainant,

v.

ERIE COUNTY, SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

Respondent.

COMPLAINT

Pursuant to Executive Law,  
Article 15

Case No.

**10239611**

I, Danielle C. Green, charge the above-named respondent, whose address is 134 West Eagle Street, 4th Floor, Buffalo, NY, 14202 with an unlawful discriminatory practice relating to employment in violation of Article 15 of the Executive Law of the State of New York (Human Rights Law) because of race/color.

Date most recent or continuing discrimination took place is 7/5/2024.

The allegations are:

SEE ATTACHED

Based on the foregoing, I charge respondent with an unlawful discriminatory practice relating to employment because of race/color, in violation of the New York State Human Rights Law (Executive Law, Article 15), Section 296.

# New York State Division of Human Rights Complaint Form

## Individual filing the complaint

Please provide the information requested below.

First Name

Danielle

Middle Initial

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Last Name

Green

Street Address

City

State

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Buffalo EFAX/INBOX

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Are you completing this form for someone else?

No

## Your complaint

Jurisdiction

Employment

Employment

Please specify where the discrimination occurred

Employment including paid internship and domestic workers)

Are you currently working for the employer you are filing against?

No

Date of hire

08/01/2022

Last day of work

08/01/2024

Position held or applied for

Medical Records Administrator

For employment and internships, how many employees does this person/company have?

20 or more

Acts of alleged discrimination: What did the person/company you are complaining against do? Check all that apply

Gave me different or worse job duties than other workers doing the same job

Denied my request for an accommodation for my disability, or pregnancy-related condition

Harassed or intimidated me on any basis indicated here

Other - Write In (Required): harassed, treated differently than other employees,

## Basis

basis of alleged discrimination in employment:

Race/Color (because you are Asian, Black, White, etc.; includes ethnicity; includes traits historically associated with race such as hair texture or hairstyle)

Please specify race/color:

African American

You are filing a complaint against

Entity that discriminated against you:

Name of entity

Erie County Sheriff's Office

Street Address

134 West Eagle Street

City

Buffalo

State

Zip

14215

In what county or borough did the violation take place?

Phone Number

7168587618

Email address

Dberry\_coding@yahoo.com

Fax Number

Company Website

<https://www4.erie.gov/sheriff/>

Date of the most recent act of alleged discrimination

~~07/05/2022~~

July 5, 2024 (July 5<sup>th</sup> 2024)

Description of discrimination



Tell us more about each act of discrimination that you experienced. Please include dates, names of people involved, and other details. You must explain why you think these acts were discriminatory and how these acts are connected the protected class (race, color, sex, disability, etc.) you selected previously. If you have supporting documentation or evidence, you may provide it later.

This Sentence officially started August 1, 2022, the first interview I had was with Sharade Aldinger, the date was February 2024 and at that time was offered the job at Erie County Sherriff's Office at a rate of pay of \$20.00 per hour

(41,600 annually) which is below the average salary for the job and my qualifications so at that time I declined the job. I was called again in July by Sharade A(dinger and told that the position went to legislation and the rate of pay was increased with my years of experience and years of service within the county I would be able to start at a different rate of pay then first offered and if could I come in again to discuss further, I did meet with Sharade Aldinger again and I was at that time offered a different rate of pay \$29.00 with incremental raises, for the position and at the time I accepted that offer and was then hired at Erie County Sheriffs Office, after successfully passing background checks, drug screens, and other various testings. was hired as the Medical Records Administrator of both facilities, the holding center and the Penn out in Alden. On 7127122. I received a welcome email from Sharade Aldinger which included my official 1st day to start (August 1st, 2022) with the hours of work being 8 am-4 pm, the number of weeks for training (a minimum of 6 weeks), and each person of contact to reach out to for support during the onboarding process to include Crystal Quinn and Vonda More (policies & procedures), Serita ( Employee ID and HR paperwork), Mary Armitage (computer access), Adam Manifredo (fobs for DUO and Healthetlink), Abigail Armitage (introduction to staff at 134 and the holding center and the medical record process) Angie (training at the holding center) Cheryl (training at the Penn). On day 1, August 1, 2022, I was to report to 134 West Eagle and would spend most of my time there to complete the onboarding process. I was also told that during my training, I would be provided an office within 134 and that I would also be at the Holding center as necessary to obtain records that were still paper-based. by day 3, August 3, 2024, Abigail (Abby) Armitage (acting Medical Records Administrator, the person who was supposed to train me) stopped showing up (she would hide in her office, and could hear her working) at the time that was discussed by Sharade as well as Abby as per email also verbal discussion with Abby. Abby also stopped training me (she told me that she was working on something) I was only allowed to sit in the Education room and read policies all day, not preparing for the job I was going to be doing this went on for a few days before I asked if it was something I could help out with or something I could do because I wasn't scheduled to go to the holding center or the Penn at that time, no one ever had a definitive answer so I had to remain in the training room reading and rereading policies that had very little to do with my job and although I asked for a computer, desk, and office space to work in and get situated and to get acclimated in my new role I was denied (Abby who was the acting Medical Records Administrator had an office in 134 and not in the jail). Vonda Moore the Nurse Educator at ECSO was going over Policies and Procedures (which were mainly geared towards Nurses) and also asked if I could be provided with an area and a computer so I did not have to only sit in the training room and continue to go over Policies that did not pertain to my job and Vonda was also told no because she (meaning myself Danielle Green) is not going to be here at 134 by James Balys (although the current acting Medical Records Administrators office was at 134). The onboarding process continued, and I tried to keep myself busy, by organizing, refreshing myself with laws regarding disclosure, and researching correctional health processes about the Medical Records in a correctional facility on my own, when I found an EMPTY (not occupied by anyone, as the current employees started to move to different offices) office with a computer I would sit in that office and try to work on ROIS that were being requested, and not answered by Abby, and by the next day the computer would be removed by Mary Armitage. Within the second or third week, not after the 6 weeks I was supposed to receive I was thrown into an overcrowded file/ storage room where there barely any room to walk tet alone work within the holding center, the room was extremely cold, dirty, and had black mold coming from the vents, this also the same room were all the files were stored on large rolling file cabinets that were built into the floor unable to be moved, of every individual that was ever incarcerated and currently incarcerated, mental health records, med carts that were not in use, medical tables' bed not in use, as well as 15/20 large recycling bins that were being used for the upcoming destruction process, so in a very small corner where there was still no room to sit or move and a door which Mental Health Staff would walk through on a daily basis to get to the bathroom or medical area and back to their offices, Mary Armitage and James Balys put a very small desk, computer, phone and



scanner for me to stay there and work. The desk was very small and uncomfortable and the drawers were locked so I could not store anything on the desk, I was given a standard keyboard although I asked if I could have an ergonomic keyboard (due to carpal tunnel) and if I could have a larger desk or even one that rises (History of a back injury) all of which I was denied (but Amanda M and Adam M and a few other employees all had an ergonomic desk and keyboards and I was given whatever they could find all standard equipment). I was told via email by Sandra Amoia and Sharade Aldinger that they don't provide those things to anyone and when Sandra and Sharade responded to the email I stated no problem I would purchase my own, which I did although I have medically documented reasons (ADA = carpal and cubital tunnel, history of a knee injury, herniated disc in low back and neck) which is why I needed the things that ask for, then I was told that whatever supplies they receive are what they get, then in 2023 I was told that when the budget opens they should be able to get the things that I need. Millington came out and measured a couple of offices, only to hear again at a meeting that the budget was exhausted on bills so nobody was getting anything (Sandra). Amanda M is the supply person and places the orders for things that are needed for administration and the simplest things I would need to perform my daily job duties at Erie County sheriffs I could not acquire them unless I brought them myself. As time went on I continued to have computer problems, problems such as the ability to log in, no access to the necessary programs needed to do the job, email not working, fax not working, expired log in less than the 90-day time frame, multiple people logged in under my name, things that I saved on my computer would be deleted and I knew that they were being deleted because I began to back my files up on my external drive I reported everything to Sandra Amoia and James Balys and nothing was done (supposedly James was looking into it and as of today I'm still awaiting a response although James retired). Things continued to get worse and more unprofessional on a regular basis Mary Armitage and her daughter Abigail Armitage created a hostile work environment including harassing me and not providing me with the things I needed to accurately and effectively perform my job duties, hiding things from me slandering me by saying during the time I was working at the Sheriffs office I was also working my per diem job at ECMC, not including me in meetings that pertained to Medical Records, and On several occasions, I could hear Mary tell Abby that she didn't have to train me, help me or show me anything and that I should know about the medical records process, so On 8/17/22 I sent an email to Sharade Aldinger, who at the time was my supervisor to sit down and further discuss the situation I was going through and how stressful the work environment had become, again nothing was addressed, things would quiet down for a moment but would soon flair up again worse than before. On October 5, 2022, I came into the holding center and my area was in disarray, all of my stuff had been gone through (ransacked), things were missing off my desk, and legal and non-legal paperwork was written on (not by me) and this was not the first incidence of sabotage. On October 12, 2022, I received an email from James Balys that stated that Sandra Amoia wanted to sit down at 10 am and have a brief meeting with Mary, her daughter Abby, and Myself. on the way to the meeting Sandra and I were both walking down the hallway at the same time and she said "I can't help but feel this is my fault and I should have addressed this situation a long time ago, Abby will be going to the holding center as the Senior Medical Secretary and she has no choice". When we all entered the office for the meeting, James Balys started off the meeting with me by stating "Mary said that you don't speak to her" I said to him with all the confusion and unnecessary stress that Mary is causing I feel that is best that I keep quiet, No response is a response! Mary then says, hat "she didn't mean to make me feel unwelcomed but she has a lot going with her mom falling and that I had nothing to do with what is going on at the Sheriffs office it's a situation with her and someone else that has been going on for a while,

'F Abby also chimed in saying "Yeah sorry if I made you feel a certain type of way". James Balys then asked "Will you all be able to get along in 134?" I didn't have a response to this question as I was not the person who instigated or continued the harassment but what did have to say was that "work life and personal life should be kept separate I too am dealing with things but I don't bring them to work". That meeting ended and I was moved from the Holding Center to an office in the Administration (blue room). James Balys tried to tell me that the night nurses were using that area back in the holding center (which was my office) to sleep in so that area needed to be closed and locked from now on, so that is why I was moved back to 134 and given a small office space to do my daily job duties and store medical records that required scanning, records that were subpoena, or under investigation by COC. Once I returned to 134 full-time. When I returned to the Administration Building 134 West Eagle, I spent the entire day in my assigned office concentrating on my job duties, and how I could improve the medical record process, I also felt to keep the conflict that was created by Mary and Abby that was never really addressed would

be best. Most days stayed in my assigned office with the door closed, my door was closed to concentrate on my records, I also closed my door because my office was located in the main meeting area where all interviews and meetings were held so I also closed the door for privacy and quite and because my office door was closed most of the time again Mary started causing more problems by telling other co-workers that when I am in my office with the door closed I am working for Erie County Medical Center (which is my Per-diem job that I HAD disclosed to ECSO day 1), so daily Julie Cotton would come to my office (just to see what I was doing) with 1 lab result (daily) to be scanned into an individuals chart although she had a scanner right in her office. Time progressed and there was not much that changed except the approach to how things were done. For meetings that I was supposed to attend and that pertained to my job, Mary would withhold the time and location so I would not know when or where the meetings were or have them earlier so I would miss them and Julie would say " Oh it was nothing". I often had computer problems and although the Sheriffs office had real IT employees, I was still required to go through Mary Armitage who was a Nurse acting (did not have a degree in computer technology) as an IT person, also in charge of the Medical Records Destruction project (per James Balys) but yet when I was hired as the Medical Records Administrator and per Sharade Aldinger Medical Record Destruction was one of the main things she wanted me to be aware of that I would be working on, the transition of paper records to electronic and did I mind working the overtime to do so. Almost daily I was harassed, picked on, and treated unfairly by many of the people at the Sheriff's office, and at 134 and still, nothing was done each time something would occur, I would email Sharade or try to discuss it with Dr. McGee, I also communicated these instances to both Sandra Amoia and James Balys (who always sided with Mary and Abby) I discussed this situation with several higher-ups my un-comfortability and how I was being treated and it still continued, because not one of them did anything to resolve any of the issues or none of the problems, conflict that was being created by Mary and Abby against me or even why there was issue everyone acted as if their hands were tied, so me feeling helpless and defeated I filed a complaint on September 25th, 2022, with the Division of Equal Opportunity in hopes that harassment, abuse, unfair treatment would stop, but the complaint was promptly responded to and closed by October 4th, 2022, stating no findings of alleged harassment without even an investigation, or a meeting to hear either side or to see what was going on. Sandy and James' resolution to problems that they knew were going on just ignoring, that I was not creating was to work with each other and try to get along. Time went on and nothing changed for the better, and continued to be professional in an unprofessional environment. As time went on Sara Coffe was hired as the Director of Correctional Health (my new direct supervisor), Sharade resigned and Mary Armitage is now suspended pending investigation I was asked to cover the scanning project by Sara Coffey (all medical records that were in the holding center that were scanned and being scanned in needed to be verified) I agreed to do so. Sandra A came to my office (not asking, but with hearsay) "Mary Said that you are working for ECMC when you are here at the Sheriff's Office", I said to Sandra how ECMC is more advanced than you all are and it is impossible because I need to be Hardwired in on my home computer, but most of all I wouldn't risk either of my jobs, or my credentials doing that, I also told her better yet reach out to my direct supervisor at ECMC and ask her for all my punch ins and punch out but also every account I touch will have a time-stamped digital footprint and please be careful with accusations. While Mary was out on suspension her daughter Abby resigned, and both Sandra and Sara asked me to learn and cover the MAT (Medically Assisted Treatment Program) once again I agreed to help out. A new Senior Medical Secretary is being hired for the Holding Center; Ashley started at the Holding Center at the end of 2023 and again I was asked to train her (I trained her) Sara asked if I would continue to do the MAT program until they hire someone else to help Ashley, again said yes. The Medical records process, the MAT process, and checking the status of the scanned records were all timeconsuming projects some of which was doing at home on my own time (without pay) I was doing it at home on my own FREE time (not being paid by Erie County Sheriffs Office) not because I wanted to but to keep up with all that I was doing and to stay current with everything. Sandra, in one Tuesday meeting, states there is no policy on working from home so please come in and do any work that needs to be done (but ironically there is a policy to work from home for only me when the county is closed due to weather). So once Sandra told me to come in to do everything I began to come in an hour / two hours early to work on Both the scanning and the MAT projects. In February 2024 a new Chief started David Franckowiak and once again during a Tuesday meeting the County is cracking down on overtime unless it is necessary, I didn't want to assume that all the extra jobs Sanda and Sara asked me to do were necessary so I asked did they still want me to come in early and work? Sara Coffee sent an email stating "Stand down on OT and scanning project" I responded to her email and

stated " I was doing both the scanning project and MAT during OT as I previously discussed with you, Crystal, and Amoia each job is time -consuming and hindering me from staying current with my work ROI"

next, I got an email invite from both David F and Sara to discuss Overtime, February 9 there was supposed to be a meeting to discuss "Overtime (overtime that everyone in 134 still to this day does but I was the only one called to a meeting about), we meet in Davids office the meeting was about everything except overtime, Sara started by saying "you seemed mad," I said why would I be mad? you have given me several jobs to do and you expect them to be done in 7 hours that's impossible" I, barely got a lunch break, and she then handed me a very old job description stating that this new Medically Assisted Treatment program falls under my job duties when in fact I know it didn't, David went on with the rumors of me working for ECMC while I am there ( yet again ) because I have my laptop and why do I bring my laptop and I told him on my 1-hour lunch break I check my emails, he said well I think it's a good ideal if you don't bring your laptop to work (although there is no policy on that, and Amanda M is allowed to bring hers to work and make rhinestone cups that she sells) "and on my lunch break I should do whatever I want like go outside for a walk, or go in the basement to eat"(in 134 there is no breakroom in the basement and almost everyone ate in their office unless there was a gathering). During time that I was training Ashley, I was required to go over to the holding center, it was during this time I was encountered by Thomas Kline at the end of last year during the winter months because I walked from 134 to the holding center with a coat on. he asked who I was, why I was over there and that I needed to obtain a locker because coats are not allowed in the jail, I explained to him that I was administration and that I worked in 134 and we are not assigned lockers, he still gave me a hard time so I just left. To make sure I would not have a problem entering the holding center to trail ,• help Ashley, I went to the United Uniform store and bought a Sheriffs office sweater and on June 25th of this year Kline again called the deputy at the desk had him call me back into the building, I come back not knowing who was looking for me as I just left the unit, Kline come to the desk and ask "where did you get that sweater and why do you have it" I told him that I report to Sandra and he should speak to her. It is July and Ashley resigned, Sandra says "I need you to help out at the holding center we interviewed and offered someone the job and PSD is doing the BGI" BGI can take 2 months so I meet with Jeff Dimartino to discuss times with him to ensure that I can help out and still do the job I was hired to do as it was important to stay timely, by July 5th I received an email from Sandra that stated she spoke to IT personnel and all of my stuff was moved to the Holding center so I can access my files from there and she wanted me there fulltime, So I asked Sandra as a CSEA union member (Union-wise) and those positions in the holding center are Teamsters(Union-wise) how does that work and instead of half day you want me there from 7 am -3 pm she said yes never answering the union question. I was thrown back into the dirty, cold holding center again with triple job duties, no break, and continued harassment from T.Kline. I continued coming to the holding center as ordered by Sandra on my scheduled days to work my work began to pile up because the job of the Senior Medical Secretary is also demanding and requires 3 people and not 1 , and there is little to no time to my Request for information on a regular basis so went to talk to Sara because she was my direct supervisor, she brushed me off and told me to talk to Sandra because she gave the directive she also brushed me off after she seen it was me so I filed a grievance with the union John Dimaffino in regards to doing out of title work (CSEA member doing a teamsters job) last response I received (August 15, 2024) from him was he was waiting for both job descriptions, In the midst of this going Thomas still harassed me daily, either by not letting me out of the Jail facility making me wait long times to get on an elevator or to get out the facility taking the elevator to other floors that never went on, calling the unit once I arrived to verify if it was me. I emailed Sandra and asked who Thomas Kline reported to because he continues to harass me, she claimed she had no idea that he was doing all of this but she knew he filed a grievance because I was coming over there to work and everyone in the Holding Center are in the teamsters union. Sandra once again put me in a hostile environment and left me there and didn't care about my quality of life or health she was well aware of the fact that I feared my safety due to a recent DV situation with an OP on file so why continue to put me in the same environments. It is because of her poor judgment, lack of care and knowledge, and 2 years plus of harassment, stress, and increased migraines that was forced to resign on 8/19/2024, I was treated like a dog while others were treated like royalty, and I had the most work, with the least amount of space in the most uncomfortable environments and I had to supply myself with the tools to do these jobs while others sat around in each others offices all day doing nothing. My last official day was not until 8/19/2024 but someone had already gone into my assigned office, went through my drawers, and taken what they wanted/needed for the new principal clerk (file cabinet and scanner)I am not

sure what else was missing I just took what important to me and what I purchased, but the scanner and file cabinet were given to the new principal clerk who is "covering at the holding center" like I was the only difference is she not forced to go over there or be there, the work is brought to her in her office at 134.

### **Declaration**

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Based on the information contained in this form, charge the herein named respondent(s) with an unlawful discriminatory practice, in violation of the New York State Human Rights Law.

I have not filed any other civil action, nor do I have an action pending before any administrative agency, under any state or local law, based upon this same unlawful discriminatory practice. (If you have another action pending and still wish to file, please contact our office to discuss.)

Please initial:

DG

I affirm under penalties of perjury, that I am the complainant herein; that I have read (or had read to me) the foregoing complaint and know the content thereof; that the same is true of my own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated on information and belief; and that as to those matters, I believe the same to be true.

Danielle C Green

Enter today's date.

09/03/2024





## COUNTY OF ERIE

JEREMY C. TOTH  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

KRISTEN M. WALDER  
DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

### DEPARTMENT OF LAW

January 30, 2025

Ms. Olivia Owens, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Ms. Owens:

In compliance with Resolution No. 306 passed by the Erie County Legislature on June 25, 1987, regarding notification of lawsuits and claims filed against the County of Erie, enclosed please find a copy of the following:

File Name:	<i>Calhoun, Dominique v. County of Erie, et al.</i>
Document Received:	Summons and Complaint
Name of Claimant:	Dominique C. Calhoun
Claimant's attorney:	Claimant is proceeding <i>pro se</i> .

Should you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. C. Toth", is written over the typed name.

JEREMY C. TOTH  
Erie County Attorney

JCT:dld  
Enc.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
(BUFFALO DIVISION)

24 CV 872

Petitioner: ~~Dominique Calhoun~~ Dominique C. Calhoun

Case : \_\_\_\_\_

-vs-

COMPLAINT

Defendants: Phillip Dabney Jr. Esq. ,  
Byron Brown, Daniel Derenda, Joseph Mullen,  
Shawn McCabe, Joseph Paszkiewicz,  
Crystal Rodriguez-Dabney, Abigail Rodriguez,  
Officer Jane Doe Central Booking,  
Mugshot Technician John Doe  
Christopher Scalton, John Flynn Esq. District Attorney  
Steven Earnhart Esq, Assistant District Atty.  
Law Offices of Phillip Dabney Jr. Esq.  
The City of Buffalo, New York  
Erie County, New York  
Buffalo Police Department

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL



**COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR GRAND JURY TRIAL**

1. Plaintiff, Dominique Calhoun, brings this action against Defendant/s PHILLIP DABNEY JR. ESQ. et al., and alleges upon information, the record of previous proceedings, and belief and hereby submits the following for consideration by the honorable court.

**NOTICE OF CLAIM**

2. The 180-day time period may be subject to equitable tolling. See *Pritchard v. State*, 163 Ariz. 427, 430, 788 P.2d 1178, 1181(1990) (holding that filing a timely notice of claim is not a jurisdictional prerequisite to bringing suit); *Kosman v. State*, 199 Ariz. 184, 186-87, ¶¶ 10-11, 16 P.3d 211, 213-14 (App. 2000) (finding the 180-day period could be subject to equitable tolling or excusable neglect). *Shakur v. Schriro* at p. 6-7(Ariz. App., 2011).

3. Plaintiff, filed a timely notice of claim against the City in compliance with General Municipal Law Section 50 on April 10, 2015, which was within 90 days of the January 31, 2015 incident. By stipulation, the City held a 50-h examination of plaintiffs claim on June 11, 2015 at 11:47am.

4. This Plaintiff's action was not commenced within one year and ninety days after the happening of the events upon which these claims arise as the Plaintiff's Attorney PHILLIP DABNEY JR. ESQ. did conspire with the CITY OF BUFFALO to commit fraud by misleading the Plaintiff and purposely missing the deadline for the action to be filed by January 31, 2018. Conspiracy has a statute of limitations of 7 years. The Plaintiff has a reason for excusable neglect due to the direct interference for her to file action by The CITY OF BUFFALO.

For the record of the court the Plaintiff served another Notice of Claim to The City of Buffalo and Erie County within 30 days of filing this claim.

**APPLICATION OF LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION**

5. Plaintiff DOMINIQUE CALHOUN appears here in her pro se status. As such, this Plaintiff respectfully requests that her pleadings herein will be liberally construed by this honorable Court, pursuant to the standards established by the Supreme Court of the United States in

*Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519 (1972) (Holding that: “ a pro se litigant's pleadings, “however inartfully pleaded,” are held to the most liberal of standards because pro se litigants may be less capable of formulating legally-competent initial pleadings.)

#### **JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT**

6. This Court has jurisdiction over these matters pursuant to 42 U.S. Code § 1983. A suit brought under 42 U.S. Code § 1983 is a civil action for deprivation of rights. (“anyone who deprives a United States citizen of rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws is liable to the injured party. The injured party can take action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress.”) (See: 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Section 1983 provides in pertinent part: Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia, subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction on thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party.)

#### **28 U.S.C. § 1332; Diversity of Citizenship**

7. This court has jurisdiction over these matter pursuant to U.S.C. § 1332, federal courts may hear cases in which a citizen of one State sues a citizen of another State or nation and the amount at stake is more than \$75,000. In that kind of case, called a diversity of citizenship.

8. The Plaintiff is a resident of Fulton County, GA. The Defendant(s) are residents of and/or work in of Erie County, NY. The Plaintiff is suing for 2.5 million dollars in damages. This Honorable Court has jurisdiction over this subject matter.

9. Jurisdiction and venue is proper here pursuant to 28 U.S. Code § 1391 which provides in relevant part that “28 USC §1391. Except as otherwise provided by law—(1) this section shall govern the venue of all civil actions brought in district courts of the United States; and (2) the



proper venue for a civil action shall be determined without regard to whether the action is local or transitory in nature." (See, e.g., *Monroe v. Pape*, 365 U.S. 167 (1961) (holding that officials acting in abuse of their authority who deprive an individual of a constitutional right may be liable under § 1983.)(See also, *Brown v. State of New York*, 89 N.Y.2d 172, 674 N.E.2d 1129, 52 N.Y.S.2d 223 (1996). 2 N.Y. CONST. art. I, § 11.) In *Brown*, the New York Court of Appeals held that individuals may assert claims for compensatory damages for violations of their rights protected by the equal protection guarantees of the New York State Constitution.

10. Additionally, Jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court by 28 USC §§ 1331 and 1343, supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's state law claims is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. §1367;

11. Venue is properly laid in the Western District of New York Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action is situated.

12. Article III of the U.S. Constitution provides Federal Courts can hear all cases in law and equity arising under this Constitution, [and] the laws of the United States. The Supreme Court has interpreted this clause broadly, finding that it allows federal courts to hear any case in which there is a federal ingredient, see *Osborn v. Bank of the United States*, 22 U.S. 738 (1824)

13. Under 28 U.S. Code § 1332 Diversity Jurisdiction this court can here the following actions; Breach of Contract, Legal Malpractice, Aiding & Abetting, Defamation, Perjury 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Forcible touching, Sexual Abuse 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, Kidnapping 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, unlawful imprisonment 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, importation or transportation of obscene material.

14. This court also has jurisdiction over these matters pursuant to United States Code 42 U.S.C. § 1983 - provides an individual the right to sue state government employees and others acting "under color of state law" for civil rights violations. 18 USC § 1365(h)(4)- bodily injury. 18

U.S. Code § 371-Conspiracy to commit offense or to defraud United States. 18 U.S. Code § 2-Aiding and Abetting, the Deprivation of rights under color of law under 8 U.S. Code § 242. Breach or violation of required contract terms. 18 U.S.C. § 1462- Importation or transportation of obscene matters. District courts; and whatsoever rules, laws, regulations and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure may apply. The district courts of the United States shall have original jurisdiction, exclusive of the courts of the States.

**NATURE AND CAUSE OF ACTION**

15. The criminal misconduct, cover ups, and corruption involving all of the Defendants, (herein after named “Defendants” or “codefendants”), either jointly and/or severally in both their personal and/or administrative, and/or illegal judicial capacities.
16. The Petitioner also brings this lawsuit pursuant to pursuant to 42 U.S. Code § 1983.
17. As to the element of causation, this plaintiff alleges that the unlawful conduct of all of the Defendants was the proximate cause of the plaintiff’s injuries. *Harmoni International Spice, Inc. v. Hume*, 914 F.3d 648, 651 (9th Cir. 2019)
18. The Defendants did knowingly and willfully conceal and coverup civil rights violations at the hand of the Buffalo Police. They have concealed and conspired to cover up violent, abusive, neglectful, predatory, criminal and harmful acts against residents, the Plaintiff being one.
19. The actions of the Defendants have caused The Plaintiff severe mental anguish and she seeks compensatory and punitive damages. The Plaintiff has had many counseling sessions regarding feelings of fear, embarrassment, anger, sadness, anxiety, distrust, and loss of consortium, due to the actions by all Defendants, who all at some time and in some way participated directly or indirectly in this criminal abuse and conspiracy of the Plaintiff’s assault, false imprisonment and sexual abuse in violation of the laws of the State of New York and the United States

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4D-3	EC FAIR HOUSING BOARD CHAIR	2024 EC Fair Housing Board Annual Report
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ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING  
DIVISION OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DANIEL R. CASTLE, AICP  
COMMISSIONER

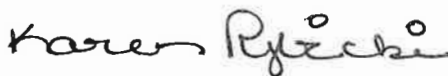
January 29, 2025

Mark C. Poloncarz  
County Executive  
Room 1600, Rath Building  
95 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Mr. Poloncarz:

Enclosed you will find the 2024 Erie County Fair Housing Board Annual Report. Erie County's Fair Housing Law was enacted in May of 2018. The 2024 annual report lists board activities as required by Section 6 (E) (3) of the Fair Housing Law.

Sincerely,



Karen Rybicki  
Erie County Fair Housing Board, Chairperson

cc: Erie County Legislature

## **ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING BOARD - 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Board of Directors**

Karen Rybicki  
Board Chair  
Erie County Commissioner  
Department of Social Services

Terri Flaherty  
Board Vice-chair  
Belmont Housing Resources for Western New York

Nico Soria  
Board Secretary  
Western New York Law Center

Sharon L. Ciminelli  
Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors

Karen King  
Erie County Commissioner of Public Advocacy

### **Board Staff**

Daniel R. Castle  
Ex-officio  
Erie County Commissioner Department of Environment & Planning

Richard Stanton  
Legal Counsel  
Erie County Department of Law

As per Section 6 of the Erie County Fair Housing Law, fair housing board positions were chosen according to the requirements shown below:

- (a) One member upon recommendation from the Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors;
- (b) One member upon recommendation from the Western New York Law Center or Neighborhood Legal Services;
- (c) One member upon recommendation from Belmont Housing Resources for Western New York or the Rental Assistance Corporation of Buffalo;
- (d) The Erie County Commissioner of Public Advocacy or designee; and
- (e) The Erie County First Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Social Services or designee – Family Independence.

Board members are listed above.

As per Section 10 of the law, entitled Education and Promotion of Fair Housing Goals, Erie County continued to take steps to affirmatively further and promote fair housing in 2024 by sharing educational materials and obligations within the law to housing providers and real estate brokers within Erie County.

Board of Director's met for their first meeting of 2024, on February 13th. The board meets quarterly with a HOLD meeting scheduled each month for housing discrimination cases that are brought to the board. Board meetings in 2024 were held in person. There were 4 meetings held during 2024- meeting minutes are attached.

Eight discrimination cases were brought to the board in 2024.

One case was also filed as a complaint with HUD and was referred to the NYS Division of Human Rights where a conciliation agreement was reached. One case was referred to the Erie County Attorney's Office after the Board found discriminatory actions had taken place and no conciliation agreement could be reached. This case is ongoing. The remaining six cases are being worked on through conciliation agreements.

As per Section 5 (A) of the law, Erie County has designated a not-for-profit fair housing organization, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), to assist with the implementation of the law. Services include, fielding fair housing discrimination complaints from residents of Erie County, referral services for residents with housing and human service needs and paralegal counseling to assist in resolving landlord/tenant disputes.

Results of HOME's work in 2024 are as follows:

**Housing discrimination complaints-** - 71 cases of potential housing discrimination were investigated. 63 cases were resolved, and 8 cases were brought to the Fair Housing Board in 2024. Of those 8 cases, 1 case was referred to the County Attorney's Office and the 7 other cases are in the process of being conciliated.

**Landlord/Tenant dispute cases-** 226 people were assisted with advice on resolving landlord/tenant dispute issues.

**Referral services-** 197 people were assisted with referral services regarding housing and human service issues.

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COMM. 4D-4

COMMISSIONER OF  
SOCIAL SERVICES

Comm. 12E-34 Compliance Report

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25COMM. 4D-4

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**COUNTY OF ERIE**  
**MARK C. POLONCARZ**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 4, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin St. – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Honorable Members:

**RE: Comm. 12E-34 Compliance Report**

In accordance with Comm. 12E-34, please find an update of Child Protective caseloads for the month of January.

	<b>January</b>	<b>Change Since December</b>
Caseload size at the last day of the Month	1,214	38
Number of CPS workers assigned at least five cases last day of month	82	-3
Average number of cases per worker	14.80	0.97
Cases Closed in Month	663	53
Intake during Month	700	127
Overdue Investigations at the last day of month	237	-20
Timely Determinations during month	329	-28

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen Rybicki, Commissioner  
Erie County Department of Social Services

cc: Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz



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COMM. 4D-5

COMMISSIONER OF  
PUBLIC ADVOCACY

Item Pricing Violation Fines Report

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# County of Erie

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

County Executive

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADVOCACY

DIVISION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**KAREN L. KING, PhD**

Commissioner of Public Advocacy

**CHUCK LAMARCA**

Director of Weights and Measures

February 14, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin St., 4<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Buffalo, NY 14202

### **Re: Item Pricing Violation Fines Report**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find attached a report detailing Division of Weights and Measures item pricing violation fines over a 12-month period.

Sincerely,

Karen L. King, PhD.  
Commissioner of Public Advocacy

cc: County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz



## County of Erie

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADVOCACY

**KAREN L. KING, PhD**  
Commissioner of Public Advocacy

DIVISION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**CHUCK LAMARCA**  
Director of Weights and Measures

## Top Ten Payors of Item Pricing Violation Fines in Erie County, 2024

### I.) Background

As part of enforcing the county's item pricing law, Erie County Weights and Measures sends Scanner Accuracy Examiners to retail outlets throughout the county for inspections.

Under that law, stores that have applied for a waiver from item pricing requirements, which are granted on a store-by-store basis at a fee of \$500, are to be the subject of two inspections on separate days before a waiver is granted.

During these inspections, at least 100 items are checked to ensure the price displayed on the shelf tag matches the price ringing up electronically. The total fine owed after an inspection is calculated based on a sliding scale – \$50 each for the first four violations, \$100 each for the next 12, and \$150 for each subsequent violation, capped at \$5,000. As long as the *number* of erroneous prices found does not exceed two percent of the total items checked, a waiver is issued and the store is exempt from individually pricing items for one year.

The appearance of stores on this "top ten" list is primarily a function of the large number of locations they have operating in Erie County. In other words, although these are the ten companies paying the highest fines, they should not be characterized as the ten "worst" or "poorest performing" stores in Erie County. In fact, when considering the scale of their operations, some of the businesses listed are among the stores *best* following current item pricing laws in the county. Further, certain industries adjust prices much more frequently than others, introducing a much greater opportunity for pricing errors to creep in. Note that the average fine per inspection for the data used to generate this list is just over \$200, suggesting that when an inspection looking at hundreds of items does find any issue, it is typically only around four or five mispriced items. Further, since hundreds of inspections are perfect – including many inspections at stores listed below – and result in no fine at all, overall accuracy across all inspection data is 99.4 percent.

(Note: 7/11 appears twice on this list, as most local 7/11s are part of one of two corporate parents, Speedway and Aplus. Individually owned-and-operated 7/11 franchises are not included here.)

## **II.) Top Ten Payors:**

- 1.) 7/11 (Speedway-owned) \$20,050 in total fines**  
73 penalties issued across 67 store locations
- 2.) Advance Auto Parts \$13,800 in total fines**  
48 penalties issued at 25 store locations
- 3.) Tops Supermarkets \$12,650 in total fines**  
57 penalties issued across 35 locations
- 4.) 7/11 (Aplus-owned) \$9,540 in total fines**  
51 penalties issued across 37 locations
- 5.) Rite Aid \$9,470 in total fines**  
67 penalties issued across 51 locations
- 6.) Autozone \$6,270 in total fines**  
25 penalties issued across 16 locations
- 7.) Walgreens \$6,160 in total fines**  
39 penalties issued across 23 locations
- 8.) Target \$5,430 in total fines**  
15 penalties issued across 5 locations
- 9.) Save-A-Lot \$4,410 in total fines**  
18 penalties issued across 10 locations
- 10.) Tractor Supply \$3,970 in total fines**  
11 penalties issued across 5 locations

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COMM. 4M-1

ECCSAB MEMBER

Member Response Regarding ECCSAB

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Good morning,

What an honor it was to be appointed to sit as a member of the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board in December 2021. I remember my excitement when the former Erie County Probation Commissioner, Michelle Olszowy, notified me that she was appointing me to the seat. During my time as a board member, I participated to the fullest extent possible and provided my best thinking and engagement, until recently due to the board's lack of direction which isn't clear to me.

Early last year, Legislator Howard Johnson offered to assist the board with a strategic plan, and Dixie Hunter and I met to discuss how we could take him up on his offer and bring some stability and organization to the council. Unfortunately, Legislator Johnson left the county, and this opportunity fell. In the meantime, the board elected a new president, which I abstained from the vote, and decided at that time that I would turn in my letter of resignation. I have not turned in my letter yet.

In closing, the issues that have caused me to want to turn in my resignation are:

- lack of organization
- I'm not sure what we are doing
- There is no space for compromise or disagreement
- My time is limited and until there is a clear reason or purpose for my participation I don't have space for this board
- I don't want to meet just to be performative

Sincerely,

Felicia Beard

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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COMM. 4M-2	NFTA	Capital Expenditure Reports - First Quarter, 2025
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Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority  
*Serving the Niagara Region*

181 Ellicott Street  
Buffalo, New York 14203  
716-855-7300  
TDD: 855-7650  
www.nfta.com

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February 11, 2025

**VIA EMAIL** (Ross.Farrell@dot.ny.gov)

Ross R. Farrell, Director  
State of New York Department of Transportation  
Public Transportation Bureau  
50 Wolf Road, POD 54  
Albany, New York 12232

Re: Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority

Dear Mr. Farrell:

In accordance with item 19 and 21 of the funding agreement between the County of Erie and Niagara Frontier Transit Metro, Inc., signed February 4, 1991, enclosed are copies of the 17A Report and the Capital Expenditure Reports for the first quarter of fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at 716-855-7250.

Very truly yours,

John T. Cox  
Chief Financial Officer

JTC/ds  
Enclosure

cc Kathy Hochul, Governor, New York State  
Marie Therese Dominguez, Commissioner, NYS Department of Transportation  
Kevin R. Hardwick, Erie County Comptroller  
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
Thomas O'Mara, NYS Senator, Ranking Minority Member, Senate Finance Committee  
Olivia M. Owens, Clerk of the Erie County Legislature  
Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive  
J. Gary Pretlow, NYS Assemblyman, Chair, Assembly Ways & Means Committee  
Edward Ra, NYS Assemblyman, Ranking Minority Member, Assembly Ways & Means Committee  
Blake G. Washington, Budget Director, NYS Division of the Budget  
Rebecca Wydysh, Chairman, Niagara County Legislature



**TRANSIT OPERATION DATA FORM (A-1)**  
**SYSTEM TOTAL**

EXPENSES, REVENUE AND SUBSIDY	2024 or SFY 24-25 ESTIMATE	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD BUDGET	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD ACTUAL	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2023 YTD ACTUAL
OPERATOR SALARY & WAGES	34,092,277	8,516,010	7,906,474	7,692,048
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SAL. & WAGES	12,776,832	3,149,523	2,851,442	2,819,008
OTHER SALARY & WAGES	<u>58,810,206</u>	<u>14,411,540</u>	<u>14,003,475</u>	<u>13,155,649</u>
<b>TOTAL SALARY &amp; WAGES</b>	<b>105,679,315</b>	<b>26,077,073</b>	<b>24,761,391</b>	<b>23,666,705</b>
FRINGE BENEFITS	85,080,850	21,048,831	19,161,439	18,428,602
SERVICES	62,019,195	15,537,168	15,557,629	11,661,364
PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION	0	0	0	0
FUEL AND LUBRICANTS	6,412,647	1,508,155	1,009,266	1,063,847
PARTS AND REPAIRS	25,442,488	4,867,846	4,562,401	4,177,879
OTHER MATERIAL & SUPPLIES	9,638,688	2,253,145	1,613,022	1,872,059
UTILITIES	6,982,047	1,450,754	1,198,467	1,143,508
CASUALTY AND LIABILITY COSTS	8,679,197	2,161,339	2,036,659	1,724,624
TAXES	390,984	92,261	68,350	100,173
INTEREST EXPENSE	0	0	69,928	90,249
LEASE AND RENTALS	2,242,460	491,697	479,655	420,133
EXPENSE TRANSFERS	(47,322,014)	(11,795,909)	(12,277,512)	(8,742,068)
DEPRECIATION: PRIVATE CAPITAL	13,281,094	3,320,274	3,581,076	2,988,511
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	3,638,483	877,945	905,902	810,589
SPONSOR DISALLOWED EXPENSES	0	0	0	0
ALLOWANCE FOR PROFIT	0	0	0	0
ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION COSTS	0	0	0	0
<b>A TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>282,165,434</b>	<b>67,890,579</b>	<b>62,727,673</b>	<b>59,406,175</b>
PASSENGER REVENUE (METRO ONLY)	18,013,579	4,216,177	4,128,145	4,278,714
SPECIAL REIMBURSEMENT (METRO ONLY)	0	0	0	0
CHARTER/CONTRACT REVENUE (METRO ONLY)	9,786,420	2,510,216	2,992,139	2,665,869
NON USER REVENUE (METRO ONLY)	<u>1,213,010</u>	<u>268,132</u>	<u>1,684,976</u>	<u>1,113,479</u>
<b>B TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE (ALL OPERATIONS)</b>	<b>137,520,625</b>	<b>32,305,223</b>	<b>33,098,062</b>	<b>30,491,522</b>
FEDERAL SECTION 5307	19,776,853	4,944,213	4,944,210	4,847,262
FEDERAL SECTION 5311	83,430	20,858	20,856	20,250
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>716,142</u>	<u>179,036</u>	<u>1,015,944</u>	<u>2,737,390</u>
<b>C TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING</b>	<b>20,576,425</b>	<b>5,144,106</b>	<b>5,981,010</b>	<b>7,604,902</b>
STOA REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH	4,100,000	1,025,000	1,024,998	1,024,998
STOA NOT REQUIRING MATCH	80,764,400	20,191,100	20,191,086	18,499,935
OTHER STATE FUNDS	<u>2,472,107</u>	<u>618,027</u>	<u>618,021</u>	<u>605,904</u>
<b>D TOTAL STATE FUNDING</b>	<b>87,336,507</b>	<b>21,834,127</b>	<b>21,834,105</b>	<b>20,130,837</b>
REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH TO STOA	4,100,000	1,025,000	1,024,998	1,024,998
LOCAL VOLUNTARY FUNDS	27,941,325	7,011,786	7,303,376	6,908,700
LOCAL MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX	<u>10,116,764</u>	<u>2,904,537</u>	<u>2,465,527</u>	<u>3,134,972</u>
<b>E TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING</b>	<b>42,158,089</b>	<b>10,941,323</b>	<b>10,793,901</b>	<b>11,068,670</b>
<b>F TOTAL GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES (C+D+E)</b>	<b>150,071,021</b>	<b>37,919,556</b>	<b>38,609,016</b>	<b>38,804,409</b>
<b>G LOCAL MATCH FROM OPERATOR</b>				
<b>H TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUBSIDIES (B+F+G)</b>	<b>287,591,646</b>	<b>70,224,779</b>	<b>71,707,078</b>	<b>69,295,931</b>
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0	0
<b>(SURPLUS) OR DEFICIT (A. LESS H.)</b>	<b>(5,426,212)</b>	<b>(2,334,201)</b>	<b>(8,979,405)</b>	<b>(9,889,756)</b>

**TRANSIT OPERATION DATA FORM (A-1)**  
**METRO DIVISION TOTAL**

EXPENSES, REVENUE AND SUBSIDY	2024 or SFY 24-25 ESTIMATE	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD BUDGET	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD ACTUAL	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2023 YTD ACTUAL
OPERATOR SALARY & WAGES	34,092,277	8,516,010	7,906,474	7,692,048
VEHICLE MAINT SALARY & WAGES	12,776,832	3,149,523	2,851,442	2,819,008
OTHER SALARY & WAGES	<u>11,571,974</u>	<u>2,860,600</u>	<u>2,820,855</u>	<u>2,839,254</u>
<b>TOTAL SALARY &amp; WAGES</b>	<b>58,441,083</b>	<b>14,526,133</b>	<b>13,578,771</b>	<b>13,350,310</b>
FRINGE BENEFITS	58,973,271	14,689,738	13,047,570	12,961,527
SERVICES	29,535,127	7,318,565	7,220,095	5,714,318
PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION	0	0	0	0
FUEL & LUBRICANTS	5,415,647	1,330,688	893,237	970,022
PARTS & REPAIRS	7,972,414	1,958,912	1,925,569	1,648,711
OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	8,212,494	1,915,831	1,458,614	1,640,973
UTILITIES	2,586,158	579,804	470,513	508,991
CASUALTY & LIABILITY COSTS	6,291,925	1,566,688	1,547,880	1,330,364
TAXES	15,300	0	0	0
INTEREST EXPENSE	0	0	69,928	90,249
LEASE & RENTALS	653,500	162,721	153,488	126,670
EXPENSE TRANSFERS	(250,006)	(62,448)	(46,304)	(54,101)
DEPRECIATION: PRIVATE CAPITAL	6,985,999	1,746,500	1,942,093	1,578,067
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	1,084,523	255,066	327,600	295,405
SPONSOR DISALLOWED EXPENSES	0	0	0	0
ALLOWANCE FOR PROFIT	0	0	0	0
ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION COSTS	7,637,168	1,820,965	1,581,281	2,509,793
<b>A. TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>193,554,602</b>	<b>47,809,163</b>	<b>44,170,335</b>	<b>42,671,299</b>
PASSENGER REVENUE	18,013,579	4,216,177	4,128,145	4,278,714
SPECIAL REIMBURSEMENTS	0	0	0	0
CHARTER/CONTRACT REVENUE	9,786,420	2,510,216	2,992,139	2,665,869
NON USER REVENUE	1,213,010	268,132	1,684,976	1,113,479
<b>B. TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>29,013,009</b>	<b>6,994,525</b>	<b>8,805,260</b>	<b>8,058,062</b>
FEDERAL SECTION 5307	19,776,853	4,944,213	4,944,210	4,847,262
FEDERAL SECTION 5311	83,430	20,858	20,856	20,250
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
<b>C. TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>19,860,283</b>	<b>4,965,071</b>	<b>4,965,066</b>	<b>4,867,512</b>
STOA REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH	4,100,000	1,025,000	1,024,998	1,024,998
STOA NOT REQUIRING MATCH	80,764,400	20,191,100	20,191,086	18,499,935
OTHER STATE FUNDS	2,472,107	618,027	618,021	605,904
<b>D. TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>87,336,507</b>	<b>21,834,127</b>	<b>21,834,105</b>	<b>20,130,837</b>
REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH TO STOA	4,100,000	1,025,000	1,024,998	1,024,998
LOCAL VOLUNTARY FUNDS	27,941,325	7,011,786	7,303,376	6,908,700
LOCAL MORTGAGE TAX	10,116,764	2,904,537	2,465,527	3,134,972
<b>E. TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b>42,158,089</b>	<b>10,941,323</b>	<b>10,793,901</b>	<b>11,068,670</b>
<b>F. TOTAL SUBSIDIES (C+D+E)</b>	<b>149,354,879</b>	<b>37,740,521</b>	<b>37,593,072</b>	<b>36,067,019</b>
<b>G. LOCAL MATCH FROM OPERATOR</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>H. TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUBSIDIES (B+F+G)</b>	<b>178,367,888</b>	<b>44,735,046</b>	<b>46,398,332</b>	<b>44,125,081</b>
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0	0
<b>(SURPLUS) OR DEFICIT (A. LESS H.)</b>	<b>15,186,714</b>	<b>3,074,117</b>	<b>(2,227,997)</b>	<b>(1,453,782)</b>

**TRANSIT OPERATION DATA FORM (A-1)**  
**BUS AND RAIL COMBINED (excluding paratransit)**

EXPENSES, REVENUE AND SUBSIDY	2024 or SFY 24-25 ESTIMATE	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD BUDGET	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD ACTUAL	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2023 YTD ACTUAL
OPERATOR SALARY & WAGES	29,757,627	7,443,209	6,814,729	6,678,063
VEHICLE MAINT SALARY & WAGES	12,653,579	3,113,410	2,729,167	2,702,399
OTHER SALARY & WAGES	<u>11,388,249</u>	<u>2,814,905</u>	<u>2,811,313</u>	<u>2,837,176</u>
<b>TOTAL SALARY &amp; WAGES</b>	<b>53,799,454</b>	<b>13,371,524</b>	<b>12,355,209</b>	<b>12,217,638</b>
FRINGE BENEFITS	54,188,817	13,565,001	11,925,262	11,939,546
SERVICES	27,832,836	6,898,102	6,757,152	5,320,363
PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION	0	0	0	0
FUEL & LUBRICANTS	4,715,647	1,147,288	739,089	815,035
PARTS & REPAIRS	7,596,414	1,870,046	1,713,417	1,552,718
OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	7,782,167	1,825,162	1,336,123	1,537,424
UTILITIES	2,482,158	556,040	458,501	495,581
CASUALTY & LIABILITY COSTS	5,886,724	1,465,793	1,374,247	1,162,236
TAXES	15,300	0	0	0
INTEREST EXPENSE	0	0	69,928	90,249
LEASE & RENTALS	653,500	162,721	153,488	126,670
EXPENSE TRANSFERS	(477,865)	(119,412)	(94,935)	(95,048)
DEPRECIATION: PRIVATE CAPITAL	6,839,678	1,709,920	1,911,273	1,532,370
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	1,058,351	247,320	320,221	289,841
SPONSOR DISALLOWED EXPENSES	0	0	0	0
ALLOWANCE FOR PROFIT	0	0	0	0
ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION COSTS	7,538,321	1,797,397	1,560,815	2,477,309
<b>A. TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>179,911,502</b>	<b>44,496,901</b>	<b>40,579,790</b>	<b>39,461,932</b>
PASSENGER REVENUE	17,296,429	4,052,667	3,984,540	4,140,206
SPECIAL REIMBURSEMENTS	0	0	0	0
CHARTER/CONTRACT REVENUE	9,786,420	2,510,216	2,992,139	2,665,869
NON USER REVENUE	1,213,010	268,132	1,671,912	1,112,809
<b>B. TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>28,295,859</b>	<b>6,831,015</b>	<b>8,648,591</b>	<b>7,918,884</b>
FEDERAL SECTION 5307	19,440,657	4,860,164	4,860,162	4,764,861
FEDERAL SECTION 5311	83,430	20,858	20,856	20,250
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
<b>C. TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>19,524,087</b>	<b>4,881,022</b>	<b>4,881,018</b>	<b>4,785,111</b>
STOA REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH	4,018,000	1,004,500	1,004,499	1,004,499
STOA NOT REQUIRING MATCH	79,149,112	19,787,278	19,787,268	18,129,939
OTHER STATE FUNDS	2,430,087	607,522	607,518	595,605
<b>D. TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>85,597,199</b>	<b>21,399,300</b>	<b>21,399,285</b>	<b>19,730,043</b>
REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH TO STOA	4,018,000	1,004,500	1,004,499	1,004,499
LOCAL VOLUNTARY FUNDS	27,382,499	6,871,553	7,157,309	6,770,527
LOCAL MORTGAGE TAX	9,914,429	2,846,449	2,416,218	3,072,274
<b>E. TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b>41,314,928</b>	<b>10,722,502</b>	<b>10,578,026</b>	<b>10,847,300</b>
<b>F. TOTAL SUBSIDIES (C+D+E)</b>	<b>146,436,214</b>	<b>37,002,824</b>	<b>36,858,329</b>	<b>35,362,454</b>
<b>G. LOCAL MATCH FROM OPERATOR</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>H. TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUBSIDIES (B+F+G)</b>	<b>174,732,073</b>	<b>43,833,839</b>	<b>45,506,920</b>	<b>43,281,338</b>
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0	0
<b>(SURPLUS) OR DEFICIT (A. LESS H.)</b>	<b>5,179,429</b>	<b>663,063</b>	<b>(4,927,130)</b>	<b>(3,819,406)</b>

**TRANSIT OPERATION DATA FORM (A-1)**
**FIXED ROUTE TOTAL (COMBINED URBAN - BUS & RURAL - BUS)**

EXPENSES, REVENUE AND SUBSIDY	2024 or SFY 24-25 ESTIMATE	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD BUDGET	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD ACTUAL	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2023 YTD ACTUAL
OPERATOR SALARY & WAGES	27,856,097	6,982,563	6,406,585	6,313,216
VEHICLE MAINT SALARY & WAGES	11,134,212	2,736,012	2,366,668	2,418,603
OTHER SALARY & WAGES	5,470,770	1,358,042	1,310,433	1,348,118
<b>TOTAL SALARY &amp; WAGES</b>	<b>44,461,078</b>	<b>11,076,616</b>	<b>10,083,686</b>	<b>10,079,937</b>
FRINGE BENEFITS	44,997,305	11,323,634	9,912,865	9,890,213
SERVICES	17,303,680	4,397,513	4,343,800	3,230,831
PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION	0	0	0	0
FUEL & LUBRICANTS	4,686,749	1,140,497	730,888	807,721
PARTS & REPAIRS	6,644,114	1,647,163	1,548,393	1,486,272
OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	6,265,067	1,467,533	1,081,829	1,192,987
UTILITIES	1,259,750	242,650	216,351	213,630
CASUALTY & LIABILITY COSTS	3,602,047	896,909	836,856	832,309
TAXES	15,300	0	0	0
INTEREST EXPENSE	0	0	69,928	89,623
LEASE & RENTALS	653,500	162,721	153,488	126,670
EXPENSE TRANSFERS	(1,732,196)	(433,044)	(351,346)	(293,514)
DEPRECIATION: PRIVATE CAPITAL	4,984,508	1,246,127	1,369,933	1,131,859
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	968,351	222,855	312,615	277,180
SPONSOR DISALLOWED EXPENSES	0	0	0	0
ALLOWANCE FOR PROFIT	0	0	0	0
ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION COSTS	5,573,537	1,328,924	1,154,005	1,831,625
<b>A. TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>139,682,789</b>	<b>34,720,098</b>	<b>31,463,291</b>	<b>30,897,343</b>
PASSENGER REVENUE	14,768,403	3,472,833	3,268,029	3,556,863
SPECIAL REIMBURSEMENTS	0	0	0	0
CHARTER/CONTRACT REVENUE	8,807,778	2,245,983	2,673,853	2,399,448
NON USER REVENUE	943,552	177,095	1,033,322	858,291
<b>B. TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>24,519,733</b>	<b>5,895,911</b>	<b>6,975,204</b>	<b>6,814,602</b>
FEDERAL SECTION 5307	16,474,134	4,118,534	4,118,532	4,037,772
FEDERAL SECTION 5311	83,430	20,858	20,856	20,250
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
<b>C. TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>16,557,564</b>	<b>4,139,391</b>	<b>4,139,388</b>	<b>4,058,022</b>
STOA REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH	3,403,000	850,750	850,749	850,749
STOA NOT REQUIRING MATCH	67,034,452	16,758,613	16,758,609	15,354,951
OTHER STATE FUNDS	2,059,276	514,819	514,818	504,720
<b>D. TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>72,496,728</b>	<b>18,124,182</b>	<b>18,124,176</b>	<b>16,710,420</b>
REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH TO STOA	3,469,420	867,355	867,354	867,354
LOCAL VOLUNTARY FUNDS	23,191,300	5,819,784	6,061,802	5,734,223
LOCAL MORTGAGE TAX	8,624,541	2,480,964	2,100,605	2,679,390
<b>E. TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b>35,285,261</b>	<b>9,168,103</b>	<b>9,029,761</b>	<b>9,280,967</b>
<b>F. TOTAL SUBSIDIES (C+D+E)</b>	<b>124,339,553</b>	<b>31,431,676</b>	<b>31,293,325</b>	<b>30,049,409</b>
<b>G. LOCAL MATCH FROM OPERATOR</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>H. TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUBSIDIES (B+F+G)</b>	<b>148,859,286</b>	<b>37,327,587</b>	<b>38,268,529</b>	<b>36,864,011</b>
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0	0
<b>(SURPLUS) OR DEFICIT (A. LESS H.)</b>	<b>(9,176,497)</b>	<b>(2,607,489)</b>	<b>(6,805,238)</b>	<b>(5,966,668)</b>

**TRANSIT OPERATION DATA FORM (A-1)****URBAN - BUS**

EXPENSES, REVENUE AND SUBSIDY	2024 or SFY 24-25 ESTIMATE	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD BUDGET	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD ACTUAL	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2023 YTD ACTUAL
OPERATOR SALARY & WAGES	27,538,983	6,903,074	6,333,652	6,281,461
VEHICLE MAINT SALARY & WAGES	11,007,460	2,704,865	2,339,726	2,406,437
OTHER SALARY & WAGES	5,408,491	1,342,582	1,295,515	1,341,337
<b>TOTAL SALARY AND WAGES</b>	<b>43,954,933</b>	<b>10,950,520</b>	<b>9,968,893</b>	<b>10,029,235</b>
FRINGE BENEFITS	44,770,969	11,194,725	9,800,017	9,840,465
SERVICES	17,106,695	4,347,452	4,294,350	3,214,580
PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION	0	0	0	0
FUEL & LUBRICANTS	4,633,395	1,127,514	722,568	803,658
PARTS & REPAIRS	6,568,477	1,628,412	1,530,766	1,478,796
OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	6,193,745	1,450,826	1,069,513	1,186,986
UTILITIES	1,245,409	239,888	213,888	212,555
CASUALTY & LIABILITY COSTS	3,561,041	886,699	827,329	828,122
TAXES	15,126	0	0	0
INTEREST EXPENSE	0	0	69,132	89,172
LEASE & RENTALS	646,061	160,869	151,741	126,033
EXPENSE TRANSFERS	(1,712,477)	(428,114)	(347,346)	(292,038)
DEPRECIATION: PRIVATE CAPITAL	4,927,764	1,231,941	1,354,338	1,126,166
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	957,327	220,318	309,056	275,786
SPONSOR DISALLOWED EXPENSES	0	0	0	0
ALLOWANCE FOR PROFIT	0	0	0	0
ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION COSTS	5,510,088	1,313,796	1,140,868	1,822,411
<b>A. TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>138,378,553</b>	<b>34,324,844</b>	<b>31,105,113</b>	<b>30,741,927</b>
PASSENGER REVENUE	14,749,898	3,468,482	3,263,934	3,553,669
SPECIAL REIMBURSEMENTS	0	0	0	0
CHARTER/CONTRACT REVENUE	8,807,778	2,245,983	2,673,853	2,399,448
NON USER REVENUE	942,370	176,873	1,032,027	857,520
<b>B. TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>24,500,046</b>	<b>5,891,338</b>	<b>6,969,814</b>	<b>6,810,637</b>
FEDERAL SECTION 5307	16,474,134	4,118,534	4,118,532	4,037,772
FEDERAL SECTION 5311	0	0	0	0
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
<b>C. TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>16,474,134</b>	<b>4,118,534</b>	<b>4,118,532</b>	<b>4,037,772</b>
STOA REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH	3,403,000	850,750	850,749	850,749
STOA NOT REQUIRING MATCH	66,950,458	16,737,615	16,737,610	15,341,162
OTHER STATE FUNDS	2,059,276	514,819	514,818	504,720
<b>D. TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>72,412,734</b>	<b>18,103,184</b>	<b>18,103,177</b>	<b>16,696,631</b>
REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH TO STOA	3,469,420	867,355	867,354	867,354
LOCAL VOLUNTARY FUNDS	23,191,300	5,819,784	6,061,802	5,734,223
LOCAL MORTGAGE TAX	8,624,541	2,480,964	2,100,605	2,679,390
<b>E. TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b>35,285,261</b>	<b>9,168,103</b>	<b>9,029,761</b>	<b>9,280,967</b>
<b>F. TOTAL SUBSIDIES (C+D+E)</b>	<b>124,172,129</b>	<b>31,389,820</b>	<b>31,251,470</b>	<b>30,015,370</b>
<b>G. LOCAL MATCH FROM OPERATOR</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>H. TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUBSIDIES (B+F+G)</b>	<b>148,672,175</b>	<b>37,281,158</b>	<b>38,221,284</b>	<b>36,826,007</b>
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0	0
<b>(SURPLUS) OR DEFICIT (A. LESS H.)</b>	<b>(10,293,622)</b>	<b>(2,956,313)</b>	<b>(7,116,171)</b>	<b>(6,084,080)</b>

# TRANSIT OPERATION DATA FORM (A-1)

## RURAL - BUS

EXPENSES, REVENUE AND SUBSIDY	2024 or SFY 24-25 ESTIMATE	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD BUDGET	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD ACTUAL	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2023 YTD ACTUAL
OPERATOR SALARY & WAGES	317,114	79,489	72,933	31,755
VEHICLE MAINT SALARY & WAGES	126,752	31,147	26,942	12,166
OTHER SALARY & WAGES	<u>62,279</u>	<u>15,460</u>	<u>14,918</u>	<u>6,781</u>
<b>TOTAL SALARY &amp; WAGES</b>	<b>506,145</b>	<b>126,096</b>	<b>114,793</b>	<b>50,702</b>
FRINGE BENEFITS	226,336	128,908	112,848	49,748
SERVICES	196,985	50,061	49,450	16,251
PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION	0	0	0	0
FUEL & LUBRICANTS	53,354	12,983	8,320	4,063
PARTS & REPAIRS	75,637	18,751	17,627	7,476
OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	71,322	16,706	12,316	6,001
UTILITIES	14,341	2,762	2,463	1,075
CASUALTY & LIABILITY COSTS	41,006	10,210	9,527	4,187
TAXES	174	0	0	0
INTEREST EXPENSE	0	0	796	451
LEASE & RENTALS	7,439	1,852	1,747	637
EXPENSE TRANSFERS	(19,719)	(4,930)	(4,000)	(1,476)
DEPRECIATION: PRIVATE CAPITAL	56,744	14,186	15,595	5,693
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	11,024	2,537	3,559	1,394
SPONSOR DISALLOWED EXPENSES	0	0	0	0
ALLOWANCE FOR PROFIT	0	0	0	0
ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION COSTS	63,449	15,128	13,137	9,213
<b>A. TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>1,304,236</b>	<b>395,254</b>	<b>358,178</b>	<b>155,415</b>
PASSENGER REVENUE	18,505	4,351	4,095	3,194
SPECIAL REIMBURSEMENTS	0	0	0	0
CHARTER/CONTRACT REVENUE	0	0	0	0
NON USER REVENUE	1,182	222	1,295	771
<b>B. TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>19,687</b>	<b>4,573</b>	<b>5,390</b>	<b>3,965</b>
FEDERAL SECTION 5307	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL SECTION 5311	83,430	20,858	20,856	20,250
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
<b>C. TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>83,430</b>	<b>20,858</b>	<b>20,856</b>	<b>20,250</b>
STOA REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH	0	0	0	0
STOA NOT REQUIRING MATCH	83,994	20,999	20,999	13,789
OTHER STATE FUNDS	0	0	0	0
<b>D. TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>83,994</b>	<b>20,999</b>	<b>20,999</b>	<b>13,789</b>
REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH TO STOA	0	0	0	0
LOCAL VOLUNTARY FUNDS	0	0	0	0
LOCAL MORTGAGE TAX	0	0	0	0
<b>E. TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>F. TOTAL SUBSIDIES (C+D+E)</b>	<b>167,424</b>	<b>41,856</b>	<b>41,855</b>	<b>34,039</b>
<b>G. LOCAL MATCH FROM OPERATOR</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>H. TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUBSIDIES (B+F+G)</b>	<b>187,111</b>	<b>46,429</b>	<b>47,245</b>	<b>38,004</b>
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0	0
<b>(SURPLUS) OR DEFICIT (A. LESS H.)</b>	<b>1,117,125</b>	<b>348,824</b>	<b>310,933</b>	<b>117,411</b>



# TRANSIT OPERATION DATA FORM (A-1)

## LIGHT RAIL

EXPENSES, REVENUE AND SUBSIDY	2024 or SFY 24-25 ESTIMATE	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD BUDGET	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD ACTUAL	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2023 YTD ACTUAL
OPERATOR SALARY & WAGES	1,901,530	460,646	408,144	364,847
VEHICLE MAINT SALARY & WAGES	1,519,367	377,398	362,499	283,796
OTHER SALARY & WAGES	5,917,479	1,456,864	1,500,880	1,489,058
<b>TOTAL SALARY &amp; WAGES</b>	<b>9,338,376</b>	<b>2,294,908</b>	<b>2,271,523</b>	<b>2,137,701</b>
FRINGE BENEFITS	9,191,512	2,241,367	2,012,397	2,049,333
SERVICES	10,529,156	2,500,589	2,413,352	2,089,532
PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION	0	0	0	0
FUEL & LUBRICANTS	28,898	6,791	8,201	7,314
PARTS & REPAIRS	952,300	222,883	165,024	66,446
OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	1,517,100	357,629	254,294	344,437
UTILITIES	1,222,408	313,390	242,150	281,951
CASUALTY & LIABILITY COSTS	2,284,677	568,884	537,391	329,927
TAXES	0	0	0	0
INTEREST EXPENSE	0	0	0	626
LEASE & RENTALS	0	0	0	0
EXPENSE TRANSFERS	1,254,331	313,632	256,411	198,466
DEPRECIATION: PRIVATE CAPITAL	1,855,170	463,793	541,340	400,511
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	90,000	24,465	7,606	12,661
SPONSOR DISALLOWED EXPENSES	0	0	0	0
ALLOWANCE FOR PROFIT	0	0	0	0
ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION COSTS	1,964,784	468,473	406,810	645,685
<b>A. TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>40,228,713</b>	<b>9,776,803</b>	<b>9,116,499</b>	<b>8,564,590</b>
PASSENGER REVENUE	2,528,026	579,834	716,511	583,343
SPECIAL REIMBURSEMENTS	0	0	0	0
CHARTER/CONTRACT REVENUE	978,642	264,233	318,286	266,421
NON USER REVENUE	269,458	91,037	638,590	254,518
<b>B. TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>3,776,126</b>	<b>935,104</b>	<b>1,673,387</b>	<b>1,104,282</b>
FEDERAL SECTION 5307	2,966,523	741,631	741,630	727,089
FEDERAL SECTION 5311	0	0	0	0
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
<b>C. TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>2,966,523</b>	<b>741,631</b>	<b>741,630</b>	<b>727,089</b>
STOA REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH	615,000	153,750	153,750	153,750
STOA NOT REQUIRING MATCH	12,114,660	3,028,665	3,028,659	2,774,988
OTHER STATE FUNDS	370,811	92,703	92,700	90,885
<b>D. TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>13,100,471</b>	<b>3,275,118</b>	<b>3,275,109</b>	<b>3,019,623</b>
REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH TO STOA	548,580	137,145	137,145	137,145
LOCAL VOLUNTARY FUNDS	4,191,199	1,051,769	1,095,507	1,036,304
LOCAL MORTGAGE TAX	1,289,888	365,485	315,613	392,884
<b>E. TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b>6,029,667</b>	<b>1,554,399</b>	<b>1,548,265</b>	<b>1,566,333</b>
<b>F. TOTAL SUBSIDIES (C+D+E)</b>	<b>22,096,661</b>	<b>5,571,148</b>	<b>5,565,004</b>	<b>5,313,045</b>
<b>G. LOCAL MATCH FROM OPERATOR</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>H. TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUBSIDIES (B+F+G)</b>	<b>25,872,787</b>	<b>6,506,252</b>	<b>7,238,391</b>	<b>6,417,327</b>
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0	0
<b>(SURPLUS) OR DEFICIT (A. LESS H.)</b>	<b>14,355,926</b>	<b>3,270,552</b>	<b>1,878,108</b>	<b>2,147,263</b>

# TRANSIT OPERATION DATA FORM (A-1)

## PARATRANSIT

EXPENSES, REVENUE AND SUBSIDY	2024 or SFY 24-25 ESTIMATE	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD BUDGET	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD ACTUAL	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2023 YTD ACTUAL
OPERATOR SALARY & WAGES	4,334,650	1,072,801	1,091,745	1,013,985
VEHICLE MAINT SALARY & WAGES	123,253	36,113	122,275	116,609
OTHER SALARY & WAGES	183,725	45,695	9,542	2,078
<b>TOTAL SALARY &amp; WAGES</b>	<b>4,641,628</b>	<b>1,154,608</b>	<b>1,223,562</b>	<b>1,132,672</b>
FRINGE BENEFITS	4,784,454	1,124,738	1,122,308	1,021,981
SERVICES	1,702,291	420,463	462,943	393,955
PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION	0	0	0	0
FUEL & LUBRICANTS	700,000	183,400	154,148	154,987
PARTS & REPAIRS	376,000	88,866	212,152	95,993
OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	430,328	90,669	122,491	103,549
UTILITIES	104,000	23,764	12,012	13,410
CASUALTY & LIABILITY COSTS	405,201	100,895	173,633	168,128
TAXES	0	0	0	0
INTEREST EXPENSE	0	0	0	0
LEASE & RENTALS	0	0	0	0
EXPENSE TRANSFERS	227,859	56,964	48,631	40,947
DEPRECIATION: PRIVATE CAPITAL	146,321	36,580	30,820	45,697
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	26,173	7,746	7,379	5,564
SPONSOR DISALLOWED EXPENSES	0	0	0	0
ALLOWANCE FOR PROFIT	0	0	0	0
ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION COSTS	98,846	23,568	20,466	32,484
<b>A. TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>13,643,100</b>	<b>3,312,262</b>	<b>3,590,545</b>	<b>3,209,367</b>
PASSENGER REVENUE	717,150	163,510	143,605	138,508
SPECIAL REIMBURSEMENTS	0	0	0	0
CHARTER/CONTRACT REVENUE	0	0	0	0
NON USER REVENUE	0	0	13,064	670
<b>B. TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>717,150</b>	<b>163,510</b>	<b>156,669</b>	<b>139,178</b>
FEDERAL SECTION 5307	336,196	84,049	84,048	82,401
FEDERAL SECTION 5311	0	0	0	0
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
<b>C. TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>336,196</b>	<b>84,049</b>	<b>84,048</b>	<b>82,401</b>
STOA REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH	82,000	20,500	20,499	20,499
STOA NOT REQUIRING MATCH	1,615,288	403,822	403,818	369,996
OTHER STATE FUNDS	42,020	10,505	10,503	10,299
<b>D. TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>1,739,308</b>	<b>434,827</b>	<b>434,820</b>	<b>400,794</b>
REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH TO STOA	82,000	20,500	20,499	20,499
LOCAL VOLUNTARY FUNDS	558,826	140,233	146,067	138,173
LOCAL MORTGAGE TAX	202,335	58,088	49,309	62,698
<b>E. TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b>843,161</b>	<b>218,821</b>	<b>215,875</b>	<b>221,370</b>
<b>F. TOTAL SUBSIDIES (C+D+E)</b>	<b>2,918,665</b>	<b>737,697</b>	<b>734,743</b>	<b>704,565</b>
<b>G. LOCAL MATCH FROM OPERATOR</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>H. TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUBSIDIES (B+F+G)</b>	<b>3,635,815</b>	<b>901,207</b>	<b>891,412</b>	<b>843,743</b>
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0	0
<b>(SURPLUS) OR DEFICIT (A. LESS H.)</b>	<b>10,007,285</b>	<b>2,411,055</b>	<b>2,699,133</b>	<b>2,365,624</b>



**TRANSIT OPERATION DATA FORM (A-1)**  
**NON-METRO**

EXPENSES, REVENUE AND SUBSIDY	2024 or SFY 24-25 ESTIMATE	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD BUDGET	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2024 YTD ACTUAL	1ST QUARTER or JUN 30, 2023 YTD ACTUAL
OPERATOR SALARY & WAGES				
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SAL. & WAGES				
OTHER SALARY & WAGES	47,238,232	11,550,940	11,182,620	10,316,395
<b>TOTAL SALARY &amp; WAGES</b>	47,238,232	11,550,940	11,182,620	10,316,395
FRINGE BENEFITS	26,107,579	6,359,093	6,113,869	5,467,075
SERVICES	32,484,068	8,218,603	8,337,534	5,947,046
PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION	0	0	0	0
FUEL AND LUBRICANTS	997,000	177,467	116,029	93,825
PARTS AND REPAIRS	17,470,074	2,908,934	2,636,832	2,529,168
OTHER MATERIAL & SUPPLIES	1,426,194	337,314	154,408	231,086
UTILITIES	4,395,889	870,950	727,954	634,517
CASUALTY AND LIABILITY COSTS	2,387,272	594,651	488,779	394,260
TAXES	375,684	92,261	68,350	100,173
INTEREST EXPENSE	0	0	0	0
LEASE AND RENTALS	1,588,960	328,976	326,167	293,463
EXPENSE TRANSFERS	(47,072,008)	(11,733,461)	(12,231,208)	(8,687,967)
DEPRECIATION: PRIVATE CAPITAL	6,295,095	1,573,774	1,638,983	1,410,444
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	2,553,960	622,879	578,302	515,184
SPONSOR DISALLOWED EXPENSES	0	0	0	0
ALLOWANCE FOR PROFIT	0	0	0	0
ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION COSTS	(7,637,168)	(1,820,965)	(1,581,281)	(2,509,793)
<b>A TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>88,610,831</b>	<b>20,081,416</b>	<b>18,557,338</b>	<b>16,734,876</b>
PASSENGER REVENUE	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL REIMBURSEMENT	0	0	0	0
CHARTER/CONTRACT REVENUE	0	0	0	0
NON USER REVENUE	0	0	0	0
<b>B TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>108,507,616</b>	<b>25,310,698</b>	<b>24,292,802</b>	<b>22,433,460</b>
FEDERAL SECTION 5307	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL SECTION 5311	0	0	0	0
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	716,142	179,036	1,015,944	2,737,390
<b>C TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING</b>	<b>716,142</b>	<b>179,036</b>	<b>1,015,944</b>	<b>2,737,390</b>
STOA REQUIRING LOCAL MATCH	0	0	0	0
STOA NOT REQUIRING MATCH	0	0	0	0
OTHER STATE FUNDS	0	0	0	0
<b>D TOTAL STATE FUNDING</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH TO STOA	0	0	0	0
LOCAL VOLUNTARY FUNDS	0	0	0	0
LOCAL MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX	0	0	0	0
<b>E TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>F TOTAL GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES (C+D+E)</b>	<b>716,142</b>	<b>179,036</b>	<b>1,015,944</b>	<b>2,737,390</b>
<b>G LOCAL MATCH FROM OPERATOR</b>				
<b>H TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUBSIDIES (B+F+G)</b>	<b>109,223,758</b>	<b>25,489,734</b>	<b>25,308,746</b>	<b>25,170,850</b>
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0	0
<b>(SURPLUS) OR DEFICIT (A. LESS H.)</b>	<b>(20,612,927)</b>	<b>(5,408,318)</b>	<b>(6,751,408)</b>	<b>(8,435,974)</b>

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**  
**APRIL 1, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024**

		FYE24 YTD	APR 2024	FYE25 YTD	TOTAL PROJ	BILLED TO DATE
<b>METRO BUS</b>						
2-2987	ASPHALT PVMNT REHAB FACIL & LOOPS	35,296	1,473	1,473	36,769	36,769
2-3406	FARE COLLECTION SYS UPGR - BUS	953,456	1,361	1,361	954,817	1,527,988
2-3472	COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR TOD CLOSED	82,460	0	0	82,460	80,096
2-3492	COLD SPR STORAGE BLDG (DAIRY BLDG)	220,341	0	0	220,341	212,176
2-3493	AMHERST/BFLO LRRT EXTENSION FYE19	40,748	0	0	40,748	0
2-3516	UTICA STN BUS LOOP REHAB CLOSED	42,551	0	0	42,551	36,018
2-3519	TRAINING CTR @ 247 CAYUGA CLOSED	19,992	0	0	19,992	22,780
2-3520	4TH CNG COMPRESSOR CLOSED	55,945	0	0	55,945	53,454
2-3523	TEN DIESEL BUSES CLOSED	72,572	41,295	41,295	113,867	113,867
2-3526	TEN ELECTRIC BUSES (1ST ORDER)	1,348,311	0	0	1,348,311	1,656,313
2-3534	BUS GARAGE ROOF ASSESSMENT	93,455	1,345	1,345	94,800	94,800
2-3538	BEB CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE	2,326,319	0	0	2,326,319	3,679,809
2-3539	LIFT REBUILD & REPLACEMENTS	56,301	112,603	112,603	168,904	168,904
2-3545	BATTERY ELEC BUSES (14)	815,737	8,747	8,747	824,484	824,484
2-3546	BEB CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE PH II	71,555	0	0	71,555	(1,381,688)
2-3548	ASPHALT PVMNT MAINT	632,424	855	855	633,279	633,279
2-3555	BUS WASH REPL @ 3 GARAGES	63,224	1,396	1,396	64,620	64,620
2-3560	LAND MOBILE RADIO SYS UPGR (EDACS) - BUS	16,330	665	665	16,995	16,995
2-8723	FIRE ALARM UPGRADE ALL GARAGES	140,270	4,876	4,876	145,146	145,146
2-8764	DIVISION ST LINEAR TRANSIT HUB	48,491	514	514	49,005	53,485
2-8765	BUS GARAGE SPRINKLER VALVE REPL	<u>329,037</u>	<u>(22,305)</u>	<u>(22,305)</u>	<u>306,732</u>	<u>306,732</u>
<b>TOTAL METRO BUS</b>		<b>7,464,815</b>	<b>152,825</b>	<b>152,825</b>	<b>7,617,640</b>	<b>8,346,027</b>
<b>METRO RAIL</b>						
2-3485	DL&W TERMINAL (DESIGN/CONSTR)	1,646,205	19,952	19,952	1,666,157	1,666,157
2-3547	UNIV STN BUS LOOP REHAB	1,568,369	1,944	1,944	1,570,313	1,570,313
2-3566	UTICA STN LIMESTONE REPAIR	0	216	216	216	216
2-8743	LRV WHEEL REPLACEMENT/PARTS	0	79,200	79,200	79,200	79,200
2-8750	FREQUENCY SHIFT OVERLAYS	25,079	1,836	1,836	26,915	26,915
2-8767	FASTENER & PAD REPL PHASE 11	84,553	530	530	85,083	85,083
2-8770	HALON SYSTEM REPL	0	47,700	47,700	47,700	47,700
2-8776	RAIL CAR HVAC RETROFIT	52,780	(4,419)	(4,419)	48,361	48,361
2-9110	TRAFFIC ON MAIN - 100-200 BLOCK CLOSED	215,746	0	0	215,746	267,062
2-9192	FASTENER & PAD REPL PHASE 10 CLOSED	32,971	0	0	32,971	35,814
2-9352	FARE COLLECTION SYS UPGR FYE14	1,066,340	1,312	1,312	1,067,652	1,098,985
2-9394	RAIL SHOP FAÇADE REPR	<u>477,950</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>477,950</u>	<u>477,537</u>
<b>TOTAL METRO RAIL</b>		<b>5,169,993</b>	<b>148,271</b>	<b>148,271</b>	<b>5,318,264</b>	<b>5,403,343</b>

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**  
**APRIL 1, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024**

		<b>FYE24 YTD</b>	<b>APR 2024</b>	<b>FYE25 YTD</b>	<b>TOTAL PROJ</b>	<b>BILLED TO DATE</b>
<b>BNIA</b>						
2-2645	EXTERIOR SITE LIGHT UPGR (AIR CARGO) CI	186,025	0	0	186,025	154,207
2-2728	BAGGAGE CLM EXPANSION CLOSED	1,073,168	0	0	1,073,168	(66,094)
2-2731	PARK STRUCTURE ELEVATOR MODERNIZTN	379,301	0	0	379,301	667,393
2-2785	BUELL AVE PARKING LOT	2,305,549	208	208	2,305,757	1,406,065
2-2803	GATE 20 CANOPY REPL	21,690	0	0	21,690	26,773
2-2804	REHAB & RECONSTR R/W 5-23 CLOSED	0	0	0	0	193,574
2-2808	175 AERO BACKUP POWER	465,991	28	28	466,019	466,019
2-2809	CANOPY REPL GATES 16 & 18	0	0	0	0	51,010
2-2814	AIRPORT ECON DEVEL	429,148	0	0	429,148	373,648
2-2841	PASSENGER TML STANDBY POWER EXPANSK	27,364	901	901	28,265	28,265
2-2975	SALT BARN	84,817	(17,713)	(17,713)	67,104	67,104
2-2979	POWER POLES FOR HOLD ROOMS	0	15,180	15,180	15,180	15,180
<b>TOTAL BNIA</b>		<b>4,973,053</b>	<b>(1,396)</b>	<b>(1,396)</b>	<b>4,971,657</b>	<b>3,383,144</b>
<b>NFIA</b>						
2-1505	REMOVE OBSTR PHASE 1 EA CLOSED	0	0	0	0	8,854
2-1526	NFARS COMPATIBLE USE PLAN/MILITARY PL/	4,185	2,611	2,611	6,796	6,796
<b>TOTAL NFIA</b>		<b>4,185</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>6,796</b>	<b>15,650</b>
<b>TRANSPO CTRS - MTC</b>						
2-0743	AHU #7 REPL CLOSED	55,279	0	0	55,279	44,725
2-0762	POLICE OFFICE	87,984	(10,675)	(10,675)	77,309	77,309
2-0763	CHILLER REPLACEMENT	1,525,802	14,401	14,401	1,540,203	1,540,203
2-2982	ELECTRICAL VEHICLE STUDY	79,856	697	697	80,553	80,553
2-8096	EXTERIOR ENHANCMENTS	16,011	2,282	2,282	18,293	18,293
<b>TOTAL TRANSPO CTRS - MTC</b>		<b>1,764,932</b>	<b>6,705</b>	<b>6,705</b>	<b>1,771,637</b>	<b>1,761,083</b>
<b>PROPERTY MGMT</b>						
2-0893	485 PIV 00	102,314	(23,076)	(23,076)	79,238	79,238
<b>CENTRAL ADMIN</b>						
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>						
<b>TAP</b>						
2-0775	POLICE VEHICLES (AVIATION DIV)	36,403	135,998	135,998	172,401	172,401
2-1242	REPLACE GYM EQUIPMENT	2,096	1,368	1,368	3,464	3,464
2-1264	1404 MAIN ST CEILING	79,859	0	0	79,859	75,859
3-1605	TAP - K9 PROJECT (METRO)	1,445,757	180	180	1,445,937	1,447,981
3-1606	TAP - K9 PROJECT (AVIATION)	1,555,124	110	110	1,555,234	1,552,656
<b>TOTAL TAP</b>		<b>3,119,239</b>	<b>137,656</b>	<b>137,656</b>	<b>3,256,895</b>	<b>3,252,361</b>
<b>MIS</b>						
2-1204	BACKUP DATA CTR @ 485 CAYUGA	467,422	0	0	467,422	470,016
2-1221	CONSOLIDATION & REFRESH	997,767	88,144	88,144	1,085,911	1,085,911
<b>TOTAL MIS</b>		<b>1,465,189</b>	<b>88,144</b>	<b>88,144</b>	<b>1,553,333</b>	<b>1,555,927</b>
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL ADMIN</b>		<b>4,584,428</b>	<b>225,800</b>	<b>225,800</b>	<b>4,810,228</b>	<b>4,808,288</b>

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		FYE24 YTD INELIG	MAY 2024 INELIG	FYE25 YTD INELIG	TOTAL PROJ INELIG	BILLED TO DATE INELIG
<b>METRO BUS</b>						
2-2987	ASPHALT PVMNT REHAB FACIL & LOOPS	35,296	1,163	2,636	37,932	37,932
2-3406	FARE COLLECTION SYS UPGR - BUS	953,456	901	2,262	955,718	1,908,365
2-3472	COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR TOD CLOSED	82,460	0	0	82,460	80,096
2-3492	COLD SPR STORAGE BLDG (DAIRY BLDG)	220,341	0	0	220,341	212,198
2-3493	AMHERST/BFLO LRRRT EXTENSION FYE19	40,748	0	0	40,748	0
2-3516	UTICA STN BUS LOOP REHAB CLOSED	42,551	0	0	42,551	36,018
2-3519	TRAINING CTR @ 247 CAYUGA CLOSED	19,991	0	0	19,991	22,780
2-3520	4TH CNG COMPRESSOR CLOSED	55,946	0	0	55,946	53,454
2-3523	TEN DIESEL BUSES CLOSED	72,572	0	41,295	113,867	113,867
2-3524	DL&W MURAL PROJ	26,900	90,344	90,344	117,244	117,244
2-3526	TEN ELECTRIC BUSES (1ST ORDER)	1,348,312	6,842	6,842	1,355,154	1,663,155
2-3529	MISC SUPPORT EQUIP FYE22	621,778	19,702	19,702	641,480	641,480
2-3534	BUS GARAGE ROOF ASSESSMENT	93,455	2,933	4,278	97,733	97,733
2-3538	BEB CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE	2,326,319	0	0	2,326,319	3,679,809
2-3539	LIFT REBUILD & REPLACEMENTS	56,301	0	112,603	168,904	168,904
2-3540	FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS	122,300	24,209	24,209	146,509	146,509
2-3545	BATTERY ELEC BUSES (14)	815,737	0	8,747	824,484	824,484
2-3546	BEB CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE PH II	71,556	0	0	71,556	(1,381,688)
2-3548	ASPHALT PVMNT MAINT	632,424	1,987	2,842	635,266	635,266
2-3549	NON-REVENUE VEHICLES	1,001,487	210,639	210,639	1,212,126	1,212,126
2-3555	BUS WASH REPL @ 3 GARAGES	63,224	21,842	23,238	86,462	86,462
2-3556	REPL HYBRID BUS BATTERIES	50,455	157,592	157,592	208,047	208,047
2-3560	LAND MOBILE RADIO SYS UPGR (EDACS) - BUS	16,330	779	1,444	17,774	17,774
2-8723	FIRE ALARM UPGRADE ALL GARAGES	140,270	4,919	9,795	150,065	150,065
2-8754	GARAGE OVERHEAD DOORS	0	4,660	4,660	4,660	4,660
2-8764	DIVISION ST LINEAR TRANSIT HUB	48,491	1,480	1,994	50,485	54,965
2-8765	BUS GARAGE SPRINKLER VALVE REPL	329,037	51,684	29,379	358,416	358,416
3-1605	K-9 PROJECT SURFACE	<u>1,445,757</u>	<u>2,025,594</u>	<u>2,025,774</u>	<u>3,471,531</u>	<u>3,476,020</u>
<b>TOTAL METRO BUS</b>		<b>10,733,494</b>	<b>2,627,270</b>	<b>2,780,275</b>	<b>13,513,769</b>	<b>14,626,141</b>
<b>METRO RAIL</b>						
2-3485	DL&W TERMINAL (DESIGN/CONSTR)	1,646,205	66,085	86,037	1,732,242	1,732,242
2-3547	UNIV STN BUS LOOP REHAB	1,568,369	625	2,569	1,570,938	1,570,938
2-3566	UTICA STN LIMESTONE REPAIR	0	762	978	978	978
2-8736	UNDER PLATFORM CONDUIT REPL	102,951	10,935	10,935	113,886	113,886
2-8743	LRV WHEEL REPLACEMENT/PARTS	0	0	79,200	79,200	79,200
2-8750	FREQUENCY SHIFT OVERLAYS	25,079	26,821	28,657	53,736	53,736
2-8767	FASTENER & PAD REPL PHASE 11	84,553	12,019	12,549	97,102	97,102
2-8770	HALON SYSTEM REPL	0	0	47,700	47,700	47,700
2-8776	RAIL CAR HVAC RETROFIT	52,780	911	(3,508)	49,272	49,272
2-9110	TRAFFIC ON MAIN - 100-200 BLOCK CLOSED	215,746	0	0	215,746	267,062
2-9192	FASTENER & PAD REPL PHASE 10 CLOSED	32,971	0	0	32,971	35,814
2-9352	FARE COLLECTION SYS UPGR FYE14	1,066,340	849	2,161	1,068,501	1,099,834
2-9394	RAIL SHOP FAÇADE REPR	<u>477,949</u>	<u>2,592</u>	<u>2,592</u>	<u>480,541</u>	<u>480,129</u>
<b>TOTAL METRO RAIL</b>		<b>5,272,943</b>	<b>121,599</b>	<b>269,870</b>	<b>5,542,813</b>	<b>5,627,893</b>

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		FYE24 YTD INELIG	MAY 2024 INELIG	FYE25 YTD INELIG	TOTAL PROJ INELIG	BILLED TO DATE INELIG
<b>BNIA</b>						
2-2645	EXT SITE LIGHT UPGR (AIR CARGO) CLOSED	186,025	0	0	186,025	154,207
2-2728	BAGGAGE CLM EXPANSION CLOSED	1,073,168	0	0	1,073,168	(339,584)
2-2731	PARK STRUCT ELEVATOR MODERNIZTN CLOSED	379,300	0	0	379,300	667,393
2-2785	BUELL AVE PARKING LOT	2,305,549	0	208	2,305,757	1,406,065
2-2803	GATE 20 CANOPY REPL	21,690	0	0	21,690	26,773
2-2804	REHAB & RECONSTR R/W 5-23 CLOSED	0	0	0	0	350,143
2-2808	175 AERO BACKUP POWER	465,991	920	948	466,939	466,939
2-2814	AIRPORT ECON DEVEL	429,149	0	0	429,149	373,648
2-2818	FLOOR CLEANING EQUIP	101,985	82,188	82,188	184,173	184,173
2-2841	PASSENGER TML STANDBY POWER EXPANSION	27,364	499	1,400	28,764	28,764
2-2826	NEW FARM TRACTORS	130,441	144,745	144,745	275,186	275,186
2-2975	SALT BARN	84,817	2,372	(15,341)	69,476	69,476
2-2979	POWER POLES FOR HOLD ROOMS	0	0	15,180	15,180	15,180
2-2992	AIRFIELD LED LIGHTING UPGR	0	13,275	13,275	13,275	13,275
3-1606	K-9 PROJECT AVIATION	<u>1,555,124</u>	<u>2,663,579</u>	<u>2,663,689</u>	<u>4,218,813</u>	<u>4,218,813</u>
<b>TOTAL BNIA</b>		<b>6,760,603</b>	<b>2,907,578</b>	<b>2,906,292</b>	<b>9,666,895</b>	<b>7,910,451</b>
<b>NFIA</b>						
2-1434	DISTANCE TO GO FYE08 CLOSED	1,229	0	0	1,229	2,794
2-1453	PART 77 OBSTRUCTION RMVL PH II CLOSED	28,022	0	0	28,022	29,087
2-1458	GATE 3 WALKWAY & JETBRIDGE FYE11 CLOSED	9,358	0	0	9,358	13,667
2-1505	REMOVE OBSTR PHASE I EA CLOSED	0	0	0	0	8,854
2-1526	NFARS COMPATIBLE USE PLAN/MILIATRY PLAN	<u>4,185</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>3,030</u>	<u>7,215</u>	<u>7,215</u>
<b>TOTAL NFIA</b>		<b>42,794</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>45,824</b>	<b>61,617</b>
<b>TRANSPO CTRS - MTC</b>						
2-0743	AHU #7 REPL CLOSED	55,279	0	0	55,279	50,978
2-0762	POLICE OFFICE	87,984	10,675	0	87,984	87,984
2-0763	CHILLER REPLACEMENT	1,525,802	2,948	17,349	1,543,151	1,543,151
2-2982	ELECTRICAL VEHICLE STUDY	79,856	1,729	2,426	82,282	82,282
2-8096	EXTERIOR ENHANCMENTS	<u>16,011</u>	<u>1,968</u>	<u>4,250</u>	<u>20,261</u>	<u>20,261</u>
<b>TOTAL TRANSPO CTRS - MTC</b>		<b>1,764,932</b>	<b>17,320</b>	<b>24,025</b>	<b>1,788,957</b>	<b>1,784,656</b>
<b>PROPERTY MGMT</b>						
2-0893	485 PIV 00	102,314	0	(23,076)	79,238	79,238
<b>CENTRAL ADMIN</b>						
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>						
<b>TAP</b>						
2-0775	POLICE VEHICLES (AVIATION DIV)	36,403	0	135,998	172,401	172,401
2-1242	REPLACE GYM EQUIPMENT	2,096	0	1,368	3,464	3,464
2-1264	1404 MAIN ST CEILING	<u>75,859</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75,859</u>	<u>75,859</u>
<b>TOTAL TAP</b>		<b>114,358</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>137,366</b>	<b>251,724</b>	<b>251,724</b>
<b>MIS</b>						
2-1204	BACKUP DATA CTR @ 485 CAYUGA	467,422	0	0	467,422	470,016
2-1221	CONSOLIDATION & REFRESH	997,767	0	88,144	1,085,911	1,085,911
2-1243	NFTA PROCESS IMPROVEMENT	<u>414,594</u>	<u>7,995</u>	<u>7,995</u>	<u>422,589</u>	<u>422,589</u>
<b>TOTAL MIS</b>		<b><u>1,879,783</u></b>	<b><u>7,995</u></b>	<b><u>96,139</u></b>	<b><u>1,975,922</u></b>	<b><u>1,978,516</u></b>
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL ADMIN</b>		<b>1,994,141</b>	<b>7,995</b>	<b>233,505</b>	<b>2,227,646</b>	<b>2,230,240</b>

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		FYE24 YTD INELIG	JUN 2024 INELIG	FYE25 YTD INELIG	TOTAL PROJ INELIG	BILLED TO DATE INELIG
<b>METRO BUS</b>						
2-2987	ASPHALT PVMNT REHAB FACIL. & LOOPS	35,296	26	2,662	37,958	470
2-3406	FARE COLLECTION SYS UPGR - BUS	953,456	544	2,806	956,262	1,130
2-3523	TEN DIESEL BUSES CLOSED	72,572	0	41,295	113,867	0
2-3524	ARTWORK	26,900	0	90,344	117,244	0
2-3526	10 ELECTRIC BUSES (1ST ORDER)	1,348,312	0	6,842	1,355,154	0
2-3529	ACQUIRE MISC SUPPORT EQUIP	621,778	106,322	126,024	747,802	17,155
2-3534	BUS GARAGE ROOF ASSESSMENT	93,455	2,257	6,535	99,990	1,814
2-3539	LIFT REBUILD & REPLACEMENTS	56,301	0	112,603	168,904	0
2-3540	FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS	122,300	420	24,629	146,929	225,283
2-3545	BATTERY ELEC BUSES (14 BUSES - 2ND ORDER)	815,737	0	8,747	824,484	0
2-3548	ASPHALT PVMNT MAINT	632,424	641	3,483	635,907	215
2-3549	NON-REVENUE VEHICLES	1,001,487	43,699	254,338	1,255,825	52,994
2-3555	BUS WASH REPL @ 3 GARAGES	63,224	3,329	26,567	89,791	842
2-3556	REPLACE HYBRID BUS BATTERIES	50,455	0	157,592	208,047	0
2-3559	HASTUS SERVER & SOFTWARE UPGR	0	54,485	54,485	54,485	0
2-3560	LAND MOBILE RADIO SYS UPGR (EDACS) - BUS	16,330	1,165	2,609	18,939	1,012
2-8723	FIRE ALARM UPGRADE ALL GARAGES	140,270	4,021	13,816	154,086	981
2-8754	GARAGE OVERHEAD DOORS	0	0	4,660	4,660	0
2-8764	DIVISION ST LINEAR TRANSIT HUB	48,491	300	2,294	50,785	395
2-8765	BUS GARAGE SPRINKLER VALVE REPL	329,037	273,254	302,633	631,670	9,821
3-1605	TAP - K9 PROJECT SURF TRANSP METRO DIV	<u>1,445,757</u>	<u>44,379</u>	<u>2,070,153</u>	<u>3,515,910</u>	<u>45,757</u>
<b>TOTAL METRO BUS</b>		<b>7,873,582</b>	<b>534,842</b>	<b>3,315,117</b>	<b>11,188,699</b>	<b>357,869</b>
<b>METRO RAIL</b>						
2-3485	DL&W TERMINAL (DESIGN/CONSTR)	1,646,205	21,441	107,478	1,753,683	12,694
2-3547	UNIV STN BUS LOOP REHAB	1,568,369	960	3,529	1,571,898	118
2-3566	UTICA STN LIMESTONE REPAIR	0	906	1,884	1,884	1,814
2-8736	LRV TRACTION MOTOR OVERHAUL	102,951	0	10,935	113,886	0
2-8743	LRV WHEEL REPLACEMENT/PARTS	0	0	79,200	79,200	0
2-8750	FREQUENCY SHIFT OVERLAYS	25,079	35,055	63,712	88,791	0
2-8767	FASTENER & PAD REPL PHASE 11	84,553	17,929	30,478	115,031	40,082
2-8770	HALON SYSTEM REPL	0	0	47,700	47,700	0
2-8776	RAIL CAR HVAC RETROFIT	52,780	339	(3,169)	49,611	0
2-9352	FARE COLLECTION SYS UPGR FYE14	1,066,340	544	2,705	1,069,045	807
2-9394	Y&S WINDOWS & FAÇADE REPAIR	<u>477,949</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,592</u>	<u>480,541</u>	<u>24,185</u>
<b>TOTAL METRO RAIL</b>		<b>5,024,226</b>	<b>77,174</b>	<b>347,044</b>	<b>5,371,270</b>	<b>79,700</b>
<b>BNIA</b>						
2-2785	BUELL AVE PARKING LOT	2,305,549	78	286	2,305,835	8,521
2-2808	175 AERO BACKUP POWER	465,991	775	1,723	467,714	313
2-2812	REPLACE AIRFIELD PICKUP TRUCKS	37,962	14,025	14,025	51,987	0
2-2814	AIRPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	429,149	176	176	429,325	0
2-2818	FLOOR CLEANING EQUIPMENT	101,985	0	82,188	184,173	0
2-2826	FARM TRACTORS	130,441	0	144,745	275,186	0
2-2841	PASS TML STANDBY POWER EXPANSION	27,364	1,573	2,973	30,337	438
2-2849	JET BRIDGE FLOORING REPL 11, 20 & 26	0	20,580	20,580	20,580	0
2-2975	SALT BARN	84,817	3,077	(12,264)	72,553	5,935
2-2979	POWER POLES FOR HOLD ROOMS	0	0	15,180	15,180	0
2-2992	AIRFIELD LED LIGHTING UPGRADE	0	0	13,275	13,275	0
3-1606	TAP - K9 PROJECT AVIATION DIVISION	<u>1,555,124</u>	<u>2,405</u>	<u>2,666,094</u>	<u>4,221,218</u>	<u>769</u>
<b>TOTAL BNIA</b>		<b>5,138,382</b>	<b>42,689</b>	<b>2,948,981</b>	<b>8,087,363</b>	<b>15,976</b>
<b>NFLA</b>						
2-1526	NFLA COMPATIBLE USE PLAN MILITARY PLAN	4,185	2,444	5,474	9,659	1,564
<b>TRANSPO CTRS - MTC</b>						
2-0763	CHILLER REPLACEMENT	1,525,802	875	18,224	1,544,026	906
2-0781	COIN ROOM FLOOR	0	10,500	10,500	10,500	0
2-2982	ELECTRICAL VEHICLE STUDY	79,856	72	2,498	82,354	1,478
2-8096	EXTERIOR ENHANCEMENTS	<u>16,011</u>	<u>2,503</u>	<u>6,753</u>	<u>22,764</u>	<u>1,145</u>
<b>TOTAL TRANSPO CTRS - MTC</b>		<b>1,621,669</b>	<b>13,950</b>	<b>37,975</b>	<b>1,659,644</b>	<b>3,529</b>

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<b>PROPERTY MGMT</b>						
2-0893	485 PIV 00	102,314	0	(23,076)	79,238	14,876
<b>CENTRAL ADMIN</b>						
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>						
<b>TAP</b>						
2-0775	POLICE VEHICLES (AVIATION DIV)	36,403	0	135,998	172,401	0
2-1242	REPLACE GYM EQUIPMENT	2,096	0	1,368	3,464	0
2-8083	TASER PURCHASE	<u>74,691</u>	<u>37,346</u>	<u>37,346</u>	<u>112,037</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL TAP</b>		<b>113,190</b>	<b>37,346</b>	<b>174,712</b>	<b>287,902</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>MIS</b>						
2-1221	CONSOLIDATION & REFRESH	997,767	0	88,144	1,085,911	0
2-1243	NFTA PROCESS IMPROVEMENT	<u>414,594</u>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>24,645</u>	<u>439,239</u>	<u>4,136</u>
<b>TOTAL MIS</b>		<b><u>1,412,361</u></b>	<b><u>16,650</u></b>	<b><u>112,789</u></b>	<b><u>1,525,150</u></b>	<b><u>4,136</u></b>
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL ADMIN</b>		<b><u>1,525,551</u></b>	<b><u>53,996</u></b>	<b><u>287,501</u></b>	<b><u>1,813,052</u></b>	<b><u>4,136</u></b>

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

SUBJECT		
COMM. 4M-3	ECWA	2023 & 2024 Unaudited Comparative Financial Statements
		Attachments
25COMM. 4M-3		





## Erie County Water Authority

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### Finance Department

January 30, 2025

Ms. Olivia Owens  
Clerk of the Legislature  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin St.  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Ms. Owens:

Article Five (5), Section 1070 of the Public Authorities Law provides, in part, that the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) shall submit a detailed financial report for the preceding fiscal year.

In compliance with this provision, please find a copy of ECWA's unaudited comparative financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The information contained in the financial statements is subject to audit by the ECWA's independent auditors.

When the audited financial report is issued, it will be posted on our website:  
[www.ecwa.org](http://www.ecwa.org).

Very truly yours,

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joyce Tomaka', is written over a horizontal line.

Joyce Tomaka  
Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure



**ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**  
**UNAUDITED**  
**Statements of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 40,207,399	\$ 32,566,713
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	2,076,500	2,623,421
Unrestricted investments	10,553,783	1,795,775
Restricted investments	481,456	410,725
Customer accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	8,218,098	7,806,420
Lease receivable - current portion	182,174	172,592
Materials and supplies	4,777,255	4,889,877
Accrued revenue	13,300,128	12,080,032
Prepaid expenses and other assets	14,487,803	5,104,164
Total current assets	<u>94,284,596</u>	<u>67,449,719</u>
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	5,481,257	221
Restricted investments	17,860,821	22,316,212
Long term accounts receivable	1,750,656	1,755,160
Lease receivable - long term	1,666,471	1,849,096
Net pension asset	-	-
Capital assets, not being depreciated	59,299,625	72,426,648
Capital assets, being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation	486,487,817	447,833,996
Total noncurrent assets	<u>572,546,647</u>	<u>546,181,333</u>
Total assets	<u>666,831,243</u>	<u>613,631,052</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Post-measurement date retirement contributions	2,216,400	1,907,914
Changes in retirement system assumptions	6,730,272	8,173,866
Actual vs projected other post employment benefit factors	6,829,526	11,393,763
Advanced refunding of Series 2007 Bonds	787,728	853,831
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>16,563,926</u>	<u>22,329,374</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	7,976,801	10,044,823
Advances for construction	1,331,554	1,921,585
Construction retention	3,767,784	3,717,251
Accrued interest on water revenue bonds	138,515	147,015
Accrued liabilities	1,975,239	2,044,674
Compensated absences	1,604,727	1,644,204
Lease liability - current portion	249,102	244,226
Water revenue bonds - current portion	2,412,627	2,352,627
Total current liabilities	<u>19,456,349</u>	<u>22,116,405</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Compensated absences	4,124,290	3,954,915
Lease liability - long term	713,591	962,694
Net pension liability	8,645,881	12,537,921
Long term other post employment benefit liability	60,316,681	61,323,059
Water revenue bonds - long term	41,290,128	43,702,754
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>115,090,571</u>	<u>122,481,343</u>
Total liabilities	<u>134,546,920</u>	<u>144,597,748</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Changes in retirement system assumptions	4,459,220	511,986
Changes in other post employment benefit assumptions	30,326,899	39,234,342
Lease related	1,731,088	1,948,025
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>36,517,207</u>	<u>41,694,353</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	502,084,687	473,852,174
Restricted		
Debt service reserve account	-	-
Debt service account	609,322	411,077
Unrestricted	9,637,033	(24,594,926)
Total net position	<u>\$ 512,331,042</u>	<u>\$ 449,668,325</u>



**ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**  
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**Statements of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating revenue	\$ 128,775,531	\$ 100,596,954
Operating expenses:		
Operation and administration	38,533,454	35,592,006
Maintenance	18,002,488	17,766,583
Depreciation	15,683,115	15,602,714
Other post-employment benefit expense	<u>(3,108,336)</u>	<u>(5,128,888)</u>
Total operating expenses	69,110,721	63,832,415
Operating income	<u>59,664,810</u>	<u>36,764,539</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Interest income on investments	2,586,875	2,227,921
Interest on loans receivable	61,688	66,173
Interest on leases receivable	57,271	46,724
Interest expense	<u>(1,532,768)</u>	<u>(1,514,178)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>1,173,066</u>	<u>826,640</u>
Net income before contribution in aid of construction	60,837,876	37,591,179
Contribution in aid of construction	<u>1,824,841</u>	<u>2,327,121</u>
Change in net position	62,662,717	39,918,300
Net Position - beginning of year	449,668,325	409,750,025
Net Position - end of year	\$ 512,331,042	\$ 449,668,325



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### Statement of Cash Flows Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from customers	\$ 118,262,267	\$ 97,288,229
Payments to contractors	(26,482,052)	(22,511,817)
Payments to employees including fringe benefits	(33,746,797)	(32,432,793)
Net cash provided by operating activities	58,033,418	42,343,619
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(41,159,381)	(53,401,794)
Bond repayment	(2,040,001)	(3,548,385)
Interest paid on revenue bonds	(1,787,791)	(1,789,092)
Advances for construction	(590,030)	556,329
Contribution in aid of construction	1,824,841	2,327,121
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(43,752,362)	(55,855,821)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of investment securities	(116,795,395)	(86,538,479)
Proceeds from sale or maturity of investments	112,364,160	93,675,971
Interest received	2,724,980	2,362,589
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	(1,706,255)	9,500,081
Net increase (decrease) in cash	12,574,801	(4,012,121)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year (including amounts restricted for future construction, debt service reserve, debt service, and customer deposits)	35,190,355	39,202,476
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year (including amounts restricted for future construction, debt service reserve, debt service, and customer deposits)	\$ 47,765,156	\$ 35,190,355

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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023**

(concluded)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:</b>		
Operating income	\$ 59,664,810	\$ 36,764,539
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	15,683,115	15,602,714
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(411,678)	(988,615)
(Increase) decrease in lease receivable	(71,184)	(1,096,599)
(Increase) decrease in material and supplies	112,622	(351,198)
(Increase) decrease in accrued revenue	(1,220,096)	(1,225,087)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(9,344,897)	(478,990)
(Increase) Decrease in long term accounts receivable	4,504	4,346
(Increase) Decrease in deferred outflows of resources	5,699,345	664,928
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(2,068,022)	(1,991,602)
Increase (decrease) in other accrued liabilities	(69,435)	96,206
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences	129,898	54,996
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(3,892,040)	17,303,834
Increase (decrease) in other post employment liability	(1,006,378)	6,698,563
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	(5,177,146)	(28,714,416)
Total adjustments	(1,631,392)	5,579,080
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 58,033,418	\$ 42,343,619

Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

SUBJECT		
COMM. 4M-4	C. DEMPSEY	Resignation Letter from the EC Charter Revision Commission
Attachments		
25COMM. 4M-4		

**Weyant, Erich**

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**From:** Catherine Dempsey <CDempsey@thedempseyfirm.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 10:51 AM  
**To:** Weyant, Erich  
**Subject:** ECCRC

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Hello – Please be advised that I resign from the ECCRC.

Thank you,

Catherine

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Erie County Legislature  
Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

SUBJECT		
COMM. 4M-5	D. SNYDER	Resignation Letter from the EC Charter Revision Commission
Attachments		
25COMM. 4M-5		



**From:** Dawn Snyder  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2025 11:37 AM  
**To:** Shawn Connolly <[connolly.eccrc@gmail.com](mailto:connolly.eccrc@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Greene, Christopher <[Christopher.Greene@erie.gov](mailto:Christopher.Greene@erie.gov)>  
**Subject:** Erie County Charter Review Committee

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Good morning Shawn -

It was a pleasure to meet you this morning, however, this email will serve as my official resignation from the Charter Review Committee. Unfortunately being a School Board Member, which is an elected position, prevents me from being able to serve in this capacity.

I wish you and the committee well as you work through this monumental endeavor.

Good morning Chris -

Thank you for nominating me for this important work. I was saddened when I realized I was unable to serve the county on this committee.

Respectfully -

Dawn Snyder

Erie County Legislature

Meeting Date: 02/27/2025

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SUBJECT

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COMM. 4M-6

ASSEMBLYMEMBER  
SEMPOLINSKI

Response to Letter from EC Legislature

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Attachments

25COMM. 4M-6

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JOE SEMPOLINSKI  
Assemblyman 148<sup>th</sup> District  
Allegany, Cattaraugus, and  
Steuben Counties

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February 19, 2025

Hon. Olivia M. Owens, Clerk of the Legislature  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Ms. Owens,

Thank you for forwarding me the Erie County Legislature's Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to increase the amount of funding allocated to the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program in the 2026 New York State Budget. I appreciate you taking the time to forward this important resolution to me.

Please share with the members of the Erie County Legislature that I have sent a letter to Governor Hochul and legislative leaders urging them to add an additional \$250 million to the state budget for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS).

This is a safety issue, it's a quality-of-life issue and it's an economic development issue. Local roads account for 87 percent of New York's road system. The job of maintaining those roads falls to our local highway departments. It's imperative that our local highway and department of public works crews have the resources they need to do that work.

My thanks to you and the members of the Erie County Legislature for all you do for your constituents. Please accept my best wishes, and feel free to contact me again if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Joe Sempolinski  
Member of Assembly  
148<sup>th</sup> District

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