

VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT

"To provide a high quality of life for all residents, exercising fiscal responsibility and preserving Brockport's unique heritage and historic character."

VILLAGE BOARD - MEETING AGENDA

Monday, March 7, 2016 7:00pm

Location: Village Hall conference room

- **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE:** please silence cell phones & electronic devices
- **MOMENT OF SILENCE:** to honor those who serve our Country, enforce our laws, & respond to emergencies
- **BROCKPORT HISTORICAL MOMENT:**
- **OATH OF OFFICE:** none
- **CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS:** none

- **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** none
 - Note: Proposed Local Law – adding a Parks chapter to the Brockport Village Code – public hearing of 12/21/15 carries over to a future meeting – date to be determined
- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** 5 minute limit per person / state name & address for record & speak directly to entire Board / share if this is a prepared statement & submit hard copy to Clerk after reading (& electronically next day)
- **GUESTS:**
 - Ramel Holliday – SUNY College at Brockport student – Fyfe for Wryte

- **CONSENSUS ITEMS:**
 - Approval of minutes – 2/1/16, 2/15/16, 2/22/16
 - Approval of bills to be paid
- **CLERK REPORT:**
 - Clerk – Leslie Ann Morelli
 - 2016 Events schedule – last chance to submit event information
 - 2016 United Way Campaign – pledge forms due by 3/31/16
 - E-scrap for camp – Sunnking bin in Village Hall parking lot 3/15/16

- **PERSONNEL ITEMS:**
 - Accept resignation of Police Officer Steven Papponetti effective 2/21/16
 - Hire to fill vacancy of Part Time Court Clerk effective 3/10/16
 - Accept resignation of Part Time Court Attendant Chris Iacuzzi effective 4/15/16
 - Authorize vacancy notice for Part Time Court Attendant
 - Re-hire Nicholas Jackson as DPW Seasonal Laborer effective 3/14/16
 - Appoint to fill vacancy on the Emily L. Knapp Museum Board
 - Add to Welcome Center Greeter roster

- **OLD or NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Schedule changes needed:
 - Add 7pm 4/11/16 VB meeting - public hearing on the proposed budget – at Middle School L.G.I.
 - Drop 7pm 5/23/16 VB work session – conference room unavailable due to 5/24 referendum setup
 - Includes cancelling Housing Task Force & Code Review Committee 5/23 eve meetings
 - Close Village Hall to business/employees at 11am 5/24/16
 - Monroe County Sales Tax Distribution for 4th Quarter 2015
 - Treasurer's memo providing updated information regarding budget development
 - Code Review Committee memo re Village Code Chapter 58-11-F(4)(a) - Sidewalk Café
 - Adopt Updated Resolution re Elected & Appointed Officials that are members of NYS Retirement System
 - Bid results – award sale via Auctions International – 1999 310SE John Deere, 2003 Crown Victoria, 1 gasoline pump, 1 diesel pump, metal shop cabinets with bins, light bar, 4 military generators
 - Grants – LGRMIF – authorize application for digitizing property files

- **VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:** (Trustees listed in alphabetical order by last name)
 - Mayor Margaret B. Blackman
 - NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting 2/7-2/9 – report
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 - Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews
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 - Trustee Annette M. Crane
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 - Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen
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 - Trustee John D. LaPierre (excused)
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- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (if needed)

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Upcoming:

Village Board meeting: 7pm Monday, 3/21 (with Attorney & Treasurer & Department Heads)

Village Hall closed for holiday: Friday, 3/25

Village Board work session: 7pm Monday, 3/28 (with Treasurer re budget – if necessary)

Village of Brockport
Budget Preparation Calendar
Fiscal Year June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017
Adopted by Village Board 7/20/15

Monday, November 2, 2015	Treasurer to notify Department Heads & Village Justices (via memo with templates) of the necessity for expense estimates
Monday, December 14, 2015	Department Heads & Village Justices to submit expense estimates to Treasurer
Monday, January 25, 2016- 7pm	Village Board work session - with Treasurer and Department Heads to discuss department budget requests
Monday, February 22, 2016 – 7pm	Village Board work session - with Treasurer to discuss & make revisions to budget requests (if necessary)
Monday, March 7, 2016 – 7pm	Village Board meeting - Treasurer will provide updated information regarding budget development - <i>via memo in packet</i>
Wednesday, March 17, 2016	Treasurer to file tentative budget with Clerk (must by March 20 th)
Monday, March 21, 2016 – 7pm	Village Board meeting - Treasurer will provide updated information regarding budget development
Monday, March 28, 2016 – 7pm	Village Board work session - with Treasurer to discuss and make revisions to tentative budget (if necessary)
Wednesday, March 23, 2016 for March 27, 2016 edition	Clerk to publish notice of receipt of tentative budget from Treasurer & of upcoming public hearing on proposed budget
Monday, April 4, 2016 – 7pm	Treasurer to present proposed budget - public hearing
Monday, April 18, 2016 – 7pm	Village Board meeting – adopt budget (must by May 1 st)



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*Reminder
by 3/11/16*

TO: Village Board, Department Heads, Emily L. Knapp Museum Board, Tree Board, Parks Committee, Walk Bike Brockport Action Group, Brockport Merchants Association, Greater Brockport Chamber of Commerce, BISCO, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Elks, Rotary, Navy Club, Brockport Area Veterans Club, Western Monroe Historical Society, Brockport Community Museum Board, Generation Cool, Seymour Library, Town of Sweden, SUNY College at Brockport, Catholic Migrant Ministry, Greater Brockport Development Corporation, and other event planners I may have missed...

FROM: Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk

RE: 2016 Events Schedule

DATE: January 8, 2016

Happy New Year!

It's time to gather information to be able to put together a 2016 events schedule. The schedule gets posted on the Village website, included in the semi-annual Village newsletter and made available at Village Hall, Welcome Center, Seymour Library, Town Hall, Senior Center, Community Center, etc. It will also be provided to local media for any free publicity they may wish to provide.

We want to include your group's 2016 events if they are to be held within the Village of Brockport limits and open to the public. ***Please refer this to the appropriate person to consult your group and by March 1st email me at lmorelli@brockportny.org with the basic details of your 2016 events (title, day, date, time, contact phone # & website...).***

Keep in mind that some events may need the approval of the Village Board as well as the cooperation of the Department of Public Works, Police Department, or Code Enforcement Office. This is particularly true if it involves a street closure request or the use of Village property or facilities. The Village Board meets at 7pm the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Agenda items are due one week prior. Department Heads (DPW Superintendent, Police Chief, and Code Enforcement Officer) are in attendance at the 3rd Monday meetings. If Main Street (NYS Route 19) closure is requested, please remember that you need to apply to NYS DOT.

If I am not informed about an event, I can't include it in the schedule, so be sure to e-mail me your information by March 1st.

Thank you.

Mayor Margaret B. Blackman
Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews
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February 25, 2016

Dear Village of Brockport Employee:

United Way kicks off their 2016 campaign on March 3rd. Thank you to those who participated in the 2015 campaign. Each year we work toward increasing the Village of Brockport's participation. **A mere \$1.00 per paycheck, totaling \$26 per year, will have very little effect on our lives. However, it can make a tremendous difference to the life of a community member in need.**

We are, therefore, respectfully requesting that each employee consider participating in the United Way campaign through the Village of Brockport, realizing this may be in addition to other giving you may do throughout the year. If you choose payroll deduction, it would be for 6/1/16 through 5/31/17. If you choose a one-time donation, you would attach a check to the completed pledge form.

The donor option form allows each of us to choose a particular organization to funnel our donation to. Simply review all the options on the donor option form, select the ID number for the particular organization you wish your money to be funneled to and indicate the name of the respective organization and their ID number for that organization on the pledge form.

We truly hope each employee can commit a small donation to an organization of your choice. **We have attached a pledge form and a donor option form for you to review, complete and return to any of us by March 31st.**

Respectfully,

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk

Daniel P. Varrenti, Police Chief

Harry G. Donahue, DPW Superintendent

Carl S. Gouveia, Library Director

Mayor Margaret B. Blackman
Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews
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to benefit Camp Good Days and Special Times

ACCEPTABLE ELECTRONICS FOR RECYCLING



<http://sunnking.com/business/e-scrap-for-camp/>

We cannot accept devices containing liquid mercury, freon containing devices/materials, broken CRTs, household hazardous waste, materials containing liquids, yard equipment, gas powered equipment, radioactive materials, PCB containing materials, large appliances (stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers), dry cell batteries, wet cell batteries, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, and cassette tapes.



COMPUTERS & ACCESSORIES:

- Computers (Desktop & Laptop)
- Monitors (Flats screen and CRT)
- Computer accessories (Mice, Keyboards, Webcams, Speakers, Microphones)
- Cables & all IT accessories
- Storage devices (External hard drives, solid state drives, SD cards, memory cards, card readers, ect.)
- Computer power supplies
- Printers (Ink & toner & cartridges)
- Gaming devices
- Network devices
- Computer peripherals
- Circuit boards/cards
- Media speakers
- Scanners

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Rechargeable dry cell batteries (Nickel Cadmium, Nickel Hydride, Lithium Ion)
- Most home appliances (no refrigerators)
- GPS units
- Wires & cables

MOBILE DEVICES:

- Cell phones/Smart phones
- Tablets
- PDA's
- Gaming devices
- MP3 players
- Cameras

DATA CENTER EQUIPMENT:

- Servers
- Storage arrays
- Network related equipment
- Power distribution units
- Routers and switches
- Cabling
- Switchgear
- Panelboard
- Mainframe computer equipment
- Motor generator sets
- Server racks

LAB & MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:

- Defibrillators
- IV pumps
- Spectrometers
- Ultrasound equipment
- Anesthesia units

OFFICE EQUIPMENT:

- Copiers & Multifunction devices
- Fax machines
- Video & audio equipment
- Phone systems
- Projection equipment
- Printers
- Plotters
- Security equipment
- Receivers and transmitters
- Answering machines

ENTERTAINMENT EQUIPMENT:

- Televisions (Flat screen & CRT)
- Stereo equipment
- Hi-Fi speakers
- Video players
- Digital cameras
- Video cameras
- Game consoles
- Accessories & cables
- DJ Equipment

CABLE EQUIPMENT:

- Cable boxes (analog, digital, satellite)

MARCH 15th - Village Hall parking lot

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**PART-TIME COURT ATTENDANT
FOR
BROCKPORT VILLAGE COURT**

Brockport Village Court seeks 1 individual to serve as Court Attendant part time – working with the other Court Attendant, Village Justices, and Court Clerks (all part time). The work involves maintaining order in the courtroom; convening, recessing and making announcements; directing attendees as to courtroom procedures and regulations; seeing that courtroom is ready for proceedings; taking charge of jury; and answering inquiries about courtroom procedures.

Successful candidate should have: working knowledge of courtroom procedures; skill in addressing a group and giving clear, concise directions; ability to follow directions; ability to maintain order and control over a group; ability to observe and analyze problem situations and exercise good judgment when dealing with situations; ability to maintain confidentiality about court cases; ability to deal effectively with the general public; emotional maturity; tact; proper dress; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

Part time, # of hours will vary each week, typically Fridays from 1pm until court adjourns. \$12.50 per hour. No benefits. New York State Retirement System. MUST be a Monroe County resident.

Note: This position is currently classified by Civil Service as competitive. Initial hire will be classified as provisional until an exam is offered. For permanency, provisional hire must take and pass exam being reachable on the certification of eligibles. If the Village's application to have the position re-classified as non-competitive gets approved, the exam will not be necessary.

Employment application can be obtained at Brockport Village Hall
Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
or from the Village website: www.brockportny.org

Completed applications must be turned in with cover letter to:
Leslie Ann Morelli, Brockport Village Clerk
Village of Brockport
49 State Street, Brockport, NY 14420
or lmorelli@brockportny.org

Application deadline: Noon, Wednesday, March 16, 2016



Memo

To: Mayor Blackman, Village Board Trustees
Cc: Leslie Morelli, Dan Hendricks
From: Harry
Date: March 2, 2016

I would like to formally ask that you approve a seasonal position at the next board meeting on March 7th.

With the beginning of the West Ave. water main project only a few weeks from starting, a seasonal position would be very helpful for this project. I have discussed this position with Treasurer Hendricks for funding. We have both agreed that funding would come out of this year's Water fund as that person would be working on the West Ave project. I do have a person interested who worked for us last summer as a seasonal employee. He is the person who stayed on till December to fill the void I had when Jeff was out with his back surgery. I have discussed this hire with both Mayor Blackman and Clerk Morelli. We agree that because we have a returning individual we would not need to post this job.

While this person was off he worked to obtain his Class B permit and is working towards his Class B license. That is not a requirement but I found it interesting that he took it upon himself to go on his own and get this permit. To me it shows that he is very interested in coming back for another season and possibly more in the future. He has expressed interest in coming back as soon as possible. He worked very well with everyone in my department and could be trusted to work on his own as well when needed. His hourly rate would be \$10.00 per hr. and no benefits.

For those of you that don't know, the West Ave. water main project will consist of 1600' of 12" new water main install. It starts in front of the old house that Dr. Bowdler use to have at 33 West Ave. and goes just west of Smith St. where the hospital ties into. Then we will roll into Phase II which starts there and goes all the way to Idlewood Dr. where it completes a looped system.

The County DOT wants to do a paving project for the stretch of West Ave from the roundabout at Main St. to Redman Rd. They have been kind enough to allow us to do our water main replacement project before they do their paving project. We must start soon in order to be out of their way come paving season.



Office of the Controller

Monroe County, New York

Cheryl Dinolfo
County Executive

Anthony Feroce
Controller

February 16, 2016

The Honorable Margaret Blackman, Mayor
Village of Brockport
49 State Street
Brockport, NY 14420

Subject: Monroe County Sales Tax Distribution for Fourth Quarter 2015

Dear Ms. Blackman:

Your village's share of the Fourth Quarter 2015 sales tax receipts is \$413,592.72. This compares to \$401,486.32 distributed for the same quarter in 2014.

A copy of this letter, along with a check representing your village's distribution, has been sent to your Village Treasurer.

Please note, if the New York State Taxation and Finance Department, through its auditing process, uncovers any discrepancies with this quarter's reported amount, the figures may be adjusted thereby affecting future quarterly reporting periods.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (585) 753-1157.

Sincerely,

Anthony Feroce
Controller

xc: Village Treasurer, Village of Brockport

To: Mayor Blackman

From: Daniel P. Hendricks

DPH

Date: March 2, 2016

Re: 2016 -17 Budget

There have been no changes to the budget presented at the February 22, 2016 Village Board Work Session.

Attached is a summary of the information presented.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Village of Brockport

2016-17 Budget - Summary of Information

General Fund Budget Increase	31,930	0.62%
Property Taxes	7,139	0.27%
Property Tax Rate	(0.01)	-0.09%
Water Fund Budget Increase	2,319	0.21%
Water Rates - No Change is Proposed		
Sewer Fund Budget Increase	1,047	0.71%
Sewer Rates - No Change is Proposed		

Village of Brockport

Code Review Committee

Mayor Blackman,

Trustees Andrews, LaPierre, Kristansen, Crane,

23 February, 2016

The Code Review Committee has completed its discussion on the matter of Café Permits and the proposal to expand the area of the sidewalk where they are to be allowed. It is our opinion that it is not in the best interest of the Village, the restaurants or their patrons to expand the useable area of the sidewalks.

This opinion is based on the observation that tables and chairs on the brick area of the downtown sidewalks are close enough to the curb to be hit by swinging car doors, and even cars themselves while people are parking. And then there is the very real danger of vehicles jumping the curb as they pull in to park. So, it is the possibility of personal injury combined with the associated liability that weigh against granting the expansion of the fifty percent rule in §58-11-F (4) (a).

Respectfully,

Art Appleby

Arthur Appleby

CRC Chair

xc: CRC Members,

CEO Miller

Clerk Morelli



Questions? Problem? Help? Bidding support is available M-F from 9 AM-5PM EST. Contact us or call (800) 536-1401 x131. For customer service after 5PM EST and Saturdays 10AM-5PM call 800-536-1401 option 1 from the menu.



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Auction Information

Village of Brockport #7050
Village Board Meeting 2/22/2016

ONLINE-ONLY AUCTION with 16 lots

Auction Bid Gallery

Bidding Starts: Friday, January 29, 2016 at 02:17:00 pm ET

Bidding Ends: Friday, February 12, 2016 between 06:30:00 pm and 06:44:31 pm ET

See individual items for exact closing times

Location: 38 East Ave, Brockport, Monroe, NY 14420

Questions & Inspection: Inspections are available by appointment. Please contact Harry Donahue at 585-637-1060 with questions or to schedule an appointment

Payment Terms Payment will be due immediately upon notification of seller approval by email invoice, after the Seller approves the bids After you receive the invoice, you will have five (5) business days to get your payment mailed to our office, or your account will be suspended, and the item will be awarded to the backup-bidder, or re-listed. Please mail payment in certified funds or money order to: Auctions International, 11167 Big Tree Road, East Aurora, NY 14052. Payment questions? Please Call: 1-800-536-1401 x135 GENERAL QUESTIONS: email service@auctionsinternational.com

Payment Methods: We accept cash, cashier's check, wire/bank transfer and credit cards

Out-of-State Buyers: Buyers outside of New York State need to send us a completed NY State DTF Form before we can remove sales tax from their invoices.

Buyer's Premium: There is a 14% Buyer's Premium in effect for this auction.

Removal Terms This item cannot be shipped. Buyer solely responsible for removal of items from seller's premises within (10) Business Days after bid approval. Buyer must contact the seller to schedule a removal appointment, before access will be granted to the merchandise. All sales are final. No refunds will be issued. Items left on seller's premises after the designated pickup deadline are subject to re-possession by the seller. If you are going to have trouble picking your purchased items up by the deadline, call our office immediately!

Terms of Sale Item(s) sold SUBJECT to seller's approval after bids close. For payments made with cash, money order, ACH check, guaranteed funds (cashiers check, bank check,

Village of Brockport #7050 **Village Board Meeting 2/22/2016**

All items closed

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Sort by Lot Number: lowest first

Grid of 24 auction items including: 1999 John Deere 310SE, 2003 Ford Crown, Star Sabre Roof Mount, Tuthill Diesel Pump w/ New, Tuthill Unleaded, Military Generator, Military Generator, Electric Chair Lift w/ Control, (2) Polaroid Cameras, 2-Bolt Units; 1-Drawer, New Lawson Cabinets; 2, Yellow Bench/Cabinet, (2) Fireproof Cement File, 14 Drawer Floor Cabinet, Walnut Color and Cherry.

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RESOLUTION - VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport, Monroe County, New York state held at Village Hall at 49 State Street Brockport, NY 14420 on March 7, 2016 the following resolution was regularly made, seconded and carried:

PRESENT: Mayor Margaret B. Blackman, Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews, Trustee Annette M. Crane, Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen

EXCUSED: Trustee John D. LaPierre

MOVED BY: Trustee _____ SECONDED BY: Trustee _____ CARRIED _/ _

RESOLVED, to authorize the Village’s grantwriters, J. O’Connell & Associates, to prepare an application due 3/14/16 for an LGRMIF Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund grant to implement a document conversion and access project involving the Building and Code Enforcement Department. Through this project the Village will contract with a qualified and experienced imaging vendor to backfile convert Building and Code Enforcement Department records, including Building Permits and Certificate of Occupancy Issuances and Building Complaints/Violations Records, as well as large format maps.

Note for the record:

J. O’Connell & Associates contact is Tom Lajewski
Building/Code Enforcement Department contact is BI/CEO David Miller
Village Office contact is Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Erica Linden

BY ORDER OF THE Village Board of the Village of Brockport

STATE OF NEW YORK)
County of Monroe) SS:

I Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk of the Village of Brockport, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true transcript of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport, Monroe County, New York on March 7, 2016 as it appears in the minutes of said meeting was regularly called and duly constituted, and that a quorum was present.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Village of Brockport this 8th day of March 2016.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk

Seal

Village of Brockport
Request for Quotations – Imaging
February 29, 2016

The Village of Brockport, located in Monroe County, New York, plans to submit an application to the New York State Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) to secure funding in 2016-2017 for implementation of an Imaging Project for the Building & Code Enforcement Department. The Village must submit price quotations from qualified consultants to justify the money being requested for professional services.

Interested parties are invited to submit a price quote for any or all of the requested services described in the following section of the RFQ.

Please email responses to the Village of Brockport's Grants Consultant by March 7, 2016. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thomas C. Lajewski
J. O'Connell & Associates, Inc.
10646 Main Street
Clarence, NY 14031
tlajewski@grantsareus.com
(716) 759-8580 ext. 209

Responses should include:

A statement of your firm's experience in providing imaging services.

Statement of Services

The Village of Brockport requests price quotations for all of the following services:

1. Digitize approximately 96,000 paper records consisting of Village Building & Code Enforcement Department files (permits, violations, fire safety inspections, etc.) from the 1940's-2016. These records range in size from 3" x 5" to 11" x 15" with approximately 20% in color (photographs, etc.)
2. Digitize approximately 100 paper records consisting of Village Building & Code Enforcement Department site plans and maps. These records range in size from 19.5" x 18.5" to 36" x 24" with approximately 2% in color
3. Indexing images by the following: address; date; tape map; permit; violation; and miscellaneous. There are approximately 1,740 unique addresses; the records will be arranged and grouped by these categories by the Village prior to vendor scanning
4. Optical Character Recognition (OCR) of 96,000 total images (not on maps)
5. Incorporation of digitized images into the Village's BAS Records Management Software
6. Pickup and delivery of records
7. High-speed, sheet-fed desktop scanner for use in Building & Code Enforcement Department

The project must follow these specific guidelines:

- All images will be produced in TIFF or PDF/A format for master and access copy, according to NYSA LGRMIF Imaging and Scanning Guidelines
- All work will meet NYSA LGRMIF guidelines
- Files will be indexed as appropriate for inclusion in the software
- Vendor will be responsible for the quality and completeness of the information produced. The Village requests that the indexed images be produced and delivered in 25% increments to allow for acceptance testing.

The Village of Brockport will be responsible for ordering and preparing the records prior to transfer to the selected vendor. The records will be arranged and grouped by address, as well as categorized by index, such as permit, violation, and misc. The number of documents in each category varies greatly.

The selected vendor must be able to locate and fax a requested record to the Village of Brockport within 24 hours of the request. Due to the nature of the documents being scanned, confidentiality is of paramount importance to the Village of Brockport. The selected vendor must be properly bonded and insured.

February 18, 2016

TO: Village Board and Department Heads

FROM: Margay

RE: NYCOM WINTER LEGISLATIVE MEETING, Feb 7-9 Albany

This annual NYCOM meeting in Albany follows the release of the proposed executive state budget; it begins Sunday evening and continues through Tuesday morning for those attendees who are able to meet with their legislators. See attached program.

I. The Sunday Evening General Session was mostly devoted to briefing on the governor's budget and the implications for local governments. See attached "Briefing on the 2015-16 Executive Budget."

II. Monday Morning

Monday's program began with NYCOM's General Counsel, Wade Beltramo's presentation, "Invasion of the Drones! Be Prepared!" The pdf of the Powerpoint can be downloaded at http://www.nycom.org/images/documents/meeting_handouts/wlm16/Drone_Regulation_Presentation.pdf

Drones (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) are an issue for local governments due to the growing number of registered users nationwide (more than 300,000), and the invasion of privacy, nuisance, and safety threats that they present. The FAA has divided drone users into 3 categories for purposes of regulation: hobbyist, public (governmental) operations, civil operations. Wade noted that local governments should adopt regulations re the operation of drones on municipal lands (a regulation is in place in our proposed park codes). Note: the CGI video on our website was shot using a drone.

Other Monday Morning speakers included the State Comptroller, Assembly Majority Leader, Senate Democratic Conference Leader, Senate Majority Leader, Assembly Minority leader. At the conclusion of morning we were treated to a presentation by Preet Bahara, who famously prosecuted Sheldon Silver and Dean Skelos. At lunch, Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul brought the Governor's pat-on-the-back to local officials message to us.

III. Monday Afternoon Concurrent Sessions I elected to attend "Controlling Streetlights = Controlling Costs" followed by a session on "Innovative Solutions to Dealing with Distressed, Vacant and Abandoned Properties."

A. Streetlights—Chapter 495 of the Laws of 2015, which becomes effective on March

19, 2016, amends the Public Service Law to add a new Section 70-a requiring certain utility tariffs to provide for the establishment of a process to facilitate the transfer of complete systems of street light equipment, including supporting infrastructure; any required street lighting attachment provisions; and related rates and charges.

Presenters included the Deputy Director of Clean Energy from the NYS Department of Public Service (whose powerpoint was too detailed and complex to take notes on, but the link is below). Other presenters were the Mayors of Schenectady and Binghamton whose municipalities had already bought back their streetlights before the new legislation went into effect (See below for Binghamton presentation). I actually learned as much or more from Bob Haak of Danforth about the process, the costs and savings as from these presentations.

http://www.nycom.org/images/documents/meeting_handouts/wlm16/Controlling_Streetlights_-_Controlling_Costs_-_Department_of_Public_Service_Presentation.pdf

http://www.nycom.org/images/documents/meeting_handouts/wlm16/Controlling_Streetlights_-_Controlling_Costs_-_LED_Presentation.pdf

- B. **Distressed, Vacant and Abandoned Properties**—I had been to one of these at a previous NYCOM meeting and didn't find anything new that would apply to Brockport this time. By 4pm Monday afternoon my attention span was being challenged. Here are the links to the presentations, which are worth a quick look:

http://www.nycom.org/images/documents/meeting_handouts/wlm16/Distressed_Abandoned_Properties_Session_-_Center_for_Community_Progress_Presentation.pdf

http://www.nycom.org/images/documents/meeting_handouts/wlm16/Distressed_Abandoned_Properties_Session_-_Center_for_Technology_in_Government_Presentation_on_Code_Enforcement.pdf

http://www.nycom.org/images/documents/meeting_handouts/wlm16/Distressed_Abandoned_Properties_Session_-_Greater_Syracuse_Land_Bank_Presentation.pdf

IV. Other

- A. Monday evening I attended a dinner hosted by Barton and Loguidice on planning, with a discussion of Euclidian vs. form based codes. I've emailed the pdf of the Powerpoint to the Board and to David.
- B. I spoke with Barbara VanEpps, Deputy Director of NYCOM re the SUNY Impact Aid bill which is back in committee in both legislative houses. Monies at the local government table are the smallest (\$11 million proposed for the municipalities that have 4 year SUNY schools), but they are still focused on it and we should keep pushing.

I also connected with Mack Cook, Administrator for the City of Cortland. Cook promoted the bill to Cortland's senator, James Seward, who introduced it into the Senate last year and Barbara Lipton, who introduced it into the assembly. SUNY itself has a hands off policy in regard to the bill. He thinks it has a better chance this year of getting through the legislature. I suggested to Mack that SUNY municipalities should collect the financial information re the cost of the services they supply to their SUNY institutions. He said that as a city administrator he couldn't do much in gathering that information and that it should be driven by the mayors of SUNY municipalities. One mayor needs to take it on and I have a feeling that mayor is me, so I will get to work. Mack did note that the City of Cortland provides approximately \$600,000/year in services to SUNY Cortland via police, fire, DPW, and codes. I also connected with the Mayor of the Village of New Paltz re this issue.

- C. Meeting with Senator Robert Ort, Tuesday February 9. I had scheduled a meeting with Senator Ort to discuss our submission for the boathouse project. I gave him a copy of the FAQs that I prepared for the Parks committee. He said he hoped to be able to fund the various projects from his district that were submitted and would know in a few weeks the status of their funding. We also discussed the dissolution issue in Brockport.

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Innovative Solutions to Dealing with Distressed, Vacant and Abandoned Properties *Ballroom D*

Local officials have been diligently working to address the challenges associated with distressed, vacant, and abandoned properties. Along with a lot of elbow grease, communities throughout New York and the country have been implementing innovative approaches to respond to this intractable problem. This session will provide an overview of land banking in general and New York's land bank program in particular, highlighting the activities of the Greater Syracuse Land Bank. In addition, the session will include a discussion of the Center for Technology in Government's work on developing a regional code enforcement program. Finally, the session will conclude with an overview of innovative practices that are being used in other states to address distressed, vacant, and abandoned properties.

Speakers: *Katelyn Wright, Executive Director, Greater Syracuse Land Bank; Meghan Cook, Program Director, Center for Technology in Government, University at Albany; and Tarik Abdelazim, Associate Director, National Technical Assistance, Center for Community Progress*

Moderator: *Wade Beltramo, NYCOM General Counsel*

Contemporary Issues in Police-Community Relations *Ballroom E*

Trust between law enforcement and the community they serve is essential to the stability of our communities. In 2015, President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing issued a comprehensive report focusing on six major issues currently confronting police departments. This session of highly experienced law enforcement professionals will discuss the "Six Pillars" of the report and offer their insight on ways in which your municipality can set the tone and achieve a collaborative foundation between your department and the community you serve. The session will also address emergency response preparedness and what your municipality should be doing now in order to be prepared if and when tragedy strikes.

Speakers: *Margaret Ryan (Retired Chief, Village of Dryden), Executive Director, NYS Association of Chiefs of Police; Stephen Connor, Assistant Chief, MTA Police, NYSACOP President; and David Zack, Chief, Town of Cheektowaga, NYSACOP 1st Vice President*

5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
ANNUAL RECEPTION *Ballroom A*

EVENING DINNER ON YOUR OWN

MORNING BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

DAY CITY AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS MEET WITH THEIR STATE LEGISLATORS

Sunday, February 7
EVENING

3:00 P.M. NYCOM REGISTRATION DESK OPENS - *Gallery*

5:00 P.M. **OPENING GENERAL SESSION** *Ballroom C*

- Update on State Budget and Important Legislation
- Review of NYCOM's Legislative Program
- Open Discussion of NYCOM Priorities

Speakers: *Mayor Richard B. Milne, NYCOM President, Village of Honeoye Falls; Peter A. Baynes, NYCOM Executive Director; and Barbara J. VanEpps, NYCOM Deputy Director*

6:00 P.M. **SUPER BOWL-THEMED RECEPTION AND DINNER** *Ballroom A*

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7:00 A.M. BREAKFAST - *Ballroom A*

Sponsored by the New York State Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance



7:30 A.M. NYCOM REGISTRATION DESK OPENS - *Gallery*

8:00 A.M. **INVASION OF THE DRONES! BE PREPARED!** *Ballroom C*

2015 was the year of the drones and there doesn't appear to be an end in sight. The popularity of drones has exploded with hobbyists, businesses, and even local governments using small, remote controlled aircraft more than ever before. Advances in battery and video technology have made aerial photography accessible to anyone willing to spend as little as a few hundred dollars. The proliferation of drones has created a host of foreseen and unforeseen challenges for local government officials. This session will provide an overview of federal regulations applicable to hobbyists, businesses and local governments. In addition, the session will address the ability of local government officials to regulate drone use within their municipalities.

Speaker: *Wade Beltramo, NYCOM General Counsel*

Monday, February 8
MORNING

AFTERNOON

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Tuesday, February 9
DAY

9:00 A.M.



STATE COMPTROLLER
THOMAS DINAPOLI

Ballroom C

9:30 A.M.



ASSEMBLY MAJORITY LEADER
JOSEPH MORELLE

Ballroom C

10:00 A.M.



SENATE DEMOCRATIC
CONFERENCE LEADER
ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS

Ballroom C

10:30 A.M.

BREAK - Gallery

11:00 A.M.



SENATE MAJORITY LEADER
JOHN FLANAGAN

Ballroom C

11:30 A.M.



ASSEMBLY MINORITY LEADER
BRIAN KOLB

Ballroom C

12:00 NOON



PREET BHARARA
U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Ballroom C

12:30 P.M.



LUNCH
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
KATHY HOCHUL

Ballroom A

1:30 P.M.

SOLUTION SESSIONS
Municipal Restructuring Partnership: A New Approach to Funding Transformational Governance

The Governor and State Legislature created the Municipal Restructuring Fund in the 2015-16 State Budget and designated the Secretary of State to develop the design and implementation process for this \$25 million initiative. This presentation will cover the development of the program and highlight the application process designed to aid local

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government leaders who have ideas for modernizing and restructuring their local governments.

Speakers: *Mark P. Pattison, Director, Local Government Services and Kyle Wilber, Local Government Efficiency and Regional Programs Manager, NYS Department of State*

Working Through Your MPO to Get Federal/State Highway Funds

In this session, the speaker will provide attendees with an overview of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), including their roles and responsibilities and what products they produce. The speaker will also discuss what transportation and planning funds MPOs administer, as well as who is eligible for these funds and how to apply. Finally, attendees will learn about the various MPOs throughout the State, the roles of local governments in the MPO process and how to get involved as a member, committee member or otherwise.

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Speaker: *Michael V. Franchini, Executive Director, Capital District Transportation Committee*

Controlling Streetlights = Controlling Costs

This session will provide attendees with an overview of the new law that allows local governments to purchase their streetlights from their utility company so that new and more-cost effective technologies can be utilized. In addition, participants will hear from two mayors who are in the midst of exciting and innovative streetlight projects, and how each of those projects will generate savings and improve the quality of life in their communities.

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Speakers: *Mayor Rich David, City of Binghamton; Mayor Gary McCarthy, City of Schenectady; and Peggie Neville, Deputy Director, Office of Clean Energy, NYS Department of Public Service*

2:45 P.M.

BREAK - Gallery

3:15 P.M.

SOLUTION SESSIONS

Help for Fixing Your Pipes: Water/Sewer Infrastructure Funding

The 2015-16 State Budget provided \$200 million for local water and sewer infrastructure projects and the Governor's 2016-17 Executive Budget includes \$100 million more. This session will provide attendees with details on how to apply for these funds, as well as other types of financing opportunities available through the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC). Attendees will also hear about federal funding available for local water, wastewater and stormwater projects and how to access these resources.

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Speakers: *Carole Sitterly, Assistant Finance Manager, Environmental Facilities Corporation and Titus Falkenburg, Community Programs Director, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture*



Briefing on the 2016-17 Executive Budget

AIM Funding – The 2016-17 Executive Budget proposes to preserve AIM funding at current year levels, totaling \$715 million for cities, villages and towns, and continues to exclude New York City from the AIM program. Additionally, the Budget eliminates \$123,000 in Miscellaneous Financial Assistance for the four most recently incorporated villages (Mastic Beach, Woodbury, South Blooming Grove and Sagaponack) as well as the additional \$2 million in per capita aid received this year by the remaining villages in the State. At the same time, the 2016-17 Executive Budget would increase school aid by \$2.1 billion over the next two years.

Transportation Aid – Funding for CHIPS and Marchiselli Aid in the 2016-17 Executive Budget would remain at current year levels of \$438 million and \$39.7 million, respectively. The Budget does not continue the additional \$50 million for severe weather that was included in the 2015-16 State Budget.

The 2016-17 Executive Budget also includes a \$21 billion DOT five-year capital plan to upgrade critical roads, bridges and other vital transportation infrastructure throughout the State, especially upstate. This plan includes \$2.5 billion to fund three new initiatives: BRIDGE NY (\$1 billion), PAVE NY (\$1 billion) and the Extreme Weather Infrastructure Hardening Program (\$500 million). These initiatives would improve the condition of State and local roads and bridges, as well as provide resiliency to those roadways that are particularly susceptible to weather events. It is unclear how this money will be allocated at this time. In addition, the Budget includes a \$700 million investment in Thruway infrastructure that will help pay for the reduction and/or elimination of Thruway tolls for those who use the Thruway most frequently. For everyone else, the tolls will be frozen until 2020.

Water Infrastructure Improvement Funding – The 2016-17 Executive Budget includes an additional \$100 million for the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act which was funded at \$200 million in the current year budget, of which \$50 million has already been allocated to 45 projects. The remaining money will be allocated over the next two years -- \$125 million in 2016 and \$125 million in 2017. Under the terms of the program, the State will pay for up to 60% of the cost of any eligible project. The Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) will administer the program and will establish a process and timeframe under which municipalities can apply. In awarding such state financial assistance, consideration and preference must be given to municipalities that meet the hardship criteria established by the EFC and projects that result in the greatest water quality improvement or greatest reduction in serious risk to public health.

Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC) and the Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI) – The 2016-17 Executive Budget would authorize a sixth round of funding for the Regional Councils totaling \$220 million in competitive resources – \$150 million in new capital funding and \$70 million in tax credits from the Excelsior Jobs Program. In addition, the Executive Budget includes \$200 million to fund top projects for the runners up from the Upstate Revitalization Initiative (Mohawk Valley, North Country, Capital District and Mid-Hudson regions).

Downtown Revitalization Initiative – The 2016-17 Executive Budget includes \$100 million for 10 communities to invest in transformative housing, economic development, transportation and community projects that will attract and retain residents, visitors and businesses. Each of the 10 REDCs would select one community's downtown and each such community's would work with planning experts and State agency personnel to develop and submit a revitalization plan that would highlight a series of coordinated projects that will drive economic activity and population growth in the downtown area. These plans will be submitted as part of the 2016 REDC process. This \$100 million is coming out of the 2015-16 State Budget's \$150 million Municipal Restructuring Fund which is being administered by the Department of State.

Upstate Airport Competition – The 2016-17 Executive Budget would provide \$200 million for an Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition to accelerate investments in commercial passenger and cargo service airports. There are 74 airports deemed eligible and the State would award five such airports approximately \$40 million each. Grants would fund projects that enhance safety, improve operations and access, reduce environmental impact, and create better passenger experiences. The strongest proposals would be those that create jobs, incorporate sustainable "green" building techniques, use renewable energy, demonstrate support from airlines and the community, leverage private investments, and demonstrate cost effectiveness.

Transfer of Canal Corporation – The 2016-17 Executive Budget proposes to transfer the New York State Canal Corporation from the New York State Thruway to the New York Power Authority.

Implementation of 2015-16 Broadband Program – As a condition of the New York State Public Service Commission's approval of the Charter Communications' acquisition of Time Warner Cable on January 8, Charter will be required to upgrade broadband speeds and to expand the availability of high-speed internet service, particularly for low-income consumers. Specifically, the Commission's merger requirements will deliver broadband speed upgrades to 100 Mbps statewide by the end of 2018, and 300 Mbps by the end of 2019. The highest speed currently offered by Time Warner Cable north of New York City is 50 Mbps. It is anticipated that these upgrades will result in more than \$1 billion in direct investments and consumer benefits.

Additionally, the State has issued a \$500 million solicitation for private sector partners to join the New NY Broadband Program, which will expand Internet access in all regions of the state, with a focus on unserved and underserved areas. The program is intended to deliver access to high-speed Internet to every New Yorker by the end of 2018.

Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition – The 2016-17 Executive Budget includes a proposal to challenge counties, cities, villages and towns to develop innovative consolidation action plans yielding significant and permanent property tax reductions. The consolidation partnership that proposes and can implement the greatest permanent reduction in property taxes will receive a \$20 million award.

Aid for Municipalities with Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) – Under current law, 17 municipalities – including the cities of Saratoga Springs and Batavia, as well as the villages of Monticello and Vernon – receive State aid to help offset a portion of the costs associated with being a "host community" for video lottery gaming operations. The 2016-17 Executive Budget would maintain this program at current funding levels.

Consolidation and Restructuring Programs – The 2016-17 Executive Budget includes \$39 million to support the Citizens Empowerment Tax Credits, the Citizen Reorganization Empowerment Grants and the Local Government Efficiency Grants.

- **Citizen Empowerment Tax Credits** – Funding is available to incentivize local government consolidation or dissolution, providing a bonus equal to 15% of the newly combined local government's tax levy. At least 70% of such amount must be used for direct relief to property taxpayers.
- **Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grants** – Funding is available for grants up to \$100,000 for local governments to cover costs associated with studies, plans and implementation efforts related to local government reorganization activities. The local match for planning or study grants initiated by the local government would be 50%. However, upon approval of the local government reorganization, 80% of the local match would be refunded.
- **Local Government Efficiency Grants** – Funding of \$4 million will continue to cover costs associated with local government efficiency projects, such as planning for and/or implementation of a functional consolidation, shared or cooperative services, and regionalized delivery of services. The local match for planning or study grants is 50%. However, if a local government implements a previously completed planning project, the local match for the planning project would be refunded (up to the local share for implementation). The maximum implementation grant award is \$200,000 per municipality/\$1 million per grant, and the maximum planning grant award is \$12,500 per municipality/\$100,000 per grant.

In addition, \$40 million is available for grants awarded by the Financial Restructuring Board through the Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program.

Restore New York – The Executive Budget re-appropriates the \$25 million in unspent Restore New York funding from the 2015-16 Budget, but does not provide an additional appropriation. These funds are intended to fund the demolition, deconstruction, rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of vacant and abandoned properties.

Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) – The Executive Budget would increase the Environmental Protection Fund by \$128 million to \$300 million, including \$33.9 million for the Solid Waste Program, \$76.8 million for the Parks and Recreation Program, \$156.8 million for the Open Space Program, and \$32.5 million for a new Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Program.

Minimum Wage – In 2013, the State enacted legislation to raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$9.00 in 2015. The 2016-17 Executive Budget proposes to raise the State's minimum wage again to \$15.00 by the end of 2018 in New York City and by the end of 2021 for the rest of the State. Specifically, the minimum wage would increase by \$1.50, to \$10.50 in New York City, and by \$0.75, to \$9.75 in the rest of the State, effective July 1, 2016. Incremental increases would continue until the wage reaches \$15.00 in New York City on December 31, 2018 and in the rest of the State on July 1, 2021. These changes do not apply to local governments, as they are only subject to the Federal minimum wage or locally-enacted minimum wage requirements.

Anti-Poverty Initiative – The 2016-17 Executive Budget includes a new Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative modeled after the City of Rochester’s Anti-Poverty Task Force, part of a broad coalition working together to redesign and coordinate efforts to address extreme poverty in the Rochester area. The proposal would provide ten cities with the highest concentrations of poverty \$500,000 each in planning and implementation grants, along with access to a \$20 million grant pool to match private sector and foundation funding. The cities selected for the program include Syracuse, Binghamton, Oneonta, Buffalo, Utica, Elmira, Jamestown, Oswego, Troy and Albany.

Homeless and Affordable Housing – The 2016-17 Executive Budget would establish a \$20 billion, five-year House NY 2020 plan that would provide for investments in affordable housing, housing opportunities and services for the homeless. This would include \$9.7 billion for 94,000 below-market-rate apartments, \$2.6 billion for 6,000 “supportive housing” units and 1,000 new emergency shelter beds. There is currently no breakdown of the distribution of these supportive housing units and shelter beds across the State. Each community providing services will be asked to assess the size and precise needs of each homeless subgroup within its population.

Expansion of the State’s MWBE Requirement – In 2014, Governor Cuomo established a goal requiring that 30% of all State contracts go to minority- and woman-owned enterprises (MWBE). In this year’s State of the State address, the Governor proposed expanding this 30% requirement to include those local government contracts supported by State funding, and to those entities that subcontract with such local governments.

Paid Family Leave – The 2016-17 Executive Budget proposes to provide 12 weeks of employee-funded paid family leave to care for an infant or ill family member. This proposal would be phased in over four years (2018 – 2021), would be financed by an employee payroll deduction not to exceed 60 cents per week, and coverage would be provided by insurance carriers, the State Insurance Fund (SIF), or self-insured employers. Local government employers would have the ability to opt in to coverage through collective bargaining or other agreements.

Increasing the Age of Criminal Responsibility – The Executive Budget would raise the age of juvenile jurisdiction from 16 to 17 on January 1, 2018 and to age 18 on January 1, 2019. Further, the proposal would raise the lower age of juvenile jurisdiction from 7 to 12 on January 1, 2018 for all offenses except homicide and expand Family Court jurisdiction to include youth ages 16 and 17 charged with non-violent felonies, misdemeanors, or harassment or disorderly conduct violations.

Binding Arbitration Extender – The 2016-17 Executive Budget would extend binding arbitration, along with the reforms added in 2013, for three years until July 1, 2019. Specifically, for those municipalities deemed “fiscally eligible,” the arbitration panel is compelled to “first and foremost,” give 70% of its weight and consideration to the local government’s “ability to pay.” The panel must also “recognize and take into account” the constraints imposed by the “2%” property tax cap. A municipality is deemed fiscally eligible if it meets one of the following two criteria:

- A 5-year average full value tax rate in the top 25% statewide (i.e., above \$6.57 per \$1,000)
- A 5-year average General Fund fund balance as a % of General Fund expenditures that is less than 5%

This proposal also includes extending the ability of a “fiscally eligible” municipality to have the State’s Financial Restructuring Board act as an alternative arbitration panel at the joint request of employers and unions that have reached impasse in a contract dispute.

Ethics Reform – The 2016-17 Executive Budget contains a proposal that would limit State legislators outside income to 15% of their base salary, similar to the limit currently imposed upon members of Congress. The 15% would not include pension payments, payments tied to armed service/military service, and/or any royalties from book sales. The Budget would also require that any public official who is convicted of a crime related to public office to forfeit their pension. This proposal would amend the New York State Constitution and therefore be subject to voter approval after the proposal has been passed in two consecutive years by the State Legislature. Finally, the Executive Budget would amend the law regarding political donations from limited liability corporations (LLC's), requiring each LLC that makes an expenditure for political purposes to file with the State Board of Elections and provide the identity of all direct and indirect owners of the membership interests in the LLC.

Modernization of the MTA – The 2016-17 Executive Budget includes a proposal to rapidly redesign and renew 30 existing subway stations across the system. It also includes a number of technology initiatives to bring the system into the 21st century, including expanding Wi-Fi hotspots, accelerating mobile payments and ticketing to replace the MetroCard, and providing USB ports on subway trains, buses and in stations to allow customers to charge their mobile devices.

Early Voting – The 2016-17 Executive Budget includes a proposal to authorize early voting in all special, primary, and general elections. This would require early voting polling sites to be open for a period of 12 days prior to special, primary, and general elections; require that the number of early voting polling sites be based on the number of registered voters in each county, and that each county offer at least one site; and provide that any registered voter in a county can vote at any early voting polling place within their county. DOB estimates this would increase local election costs by \$3 million. In addition, the Executive Budget would permit any qualified person applying for a motor vehicle driver's license, a driver's license renewal or an identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to automatically be registered to vote, unless such qualified person declines such registration.