

Treasurer

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FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - FINANCE August 12th, 2025 AT 10:30AM

ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Monell, Sauerbrey, Roberts, Brown, Standinger, Ciotoli, Aronstam, Bunce

Staff: McFadden, DeWind, Haskell, Schurter, Parke, Holbrook, Freyvogel, Bailey, Chandler

Absent: Flesher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of July 15th Finance Committee were read and a motion to approve by Legislator Ciotoli, seconded by Legislator Brown and unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL: YTD budget was presented and Treasurer McFadden highlighted that both the tax advertising and the interest & penalty line have surpassed their budgeted amounts.

: Treasurer McFadden presented the 2026 budget, which includes an expected increase in revenue of \$30K and various expense increases due to rising prices of services and commodities.

: The Housing and Solar PILOT projection for 2026 was shared. A brief discussion about the advantages of solar PILOTs took place.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: 6 months of Sales Tax payments to Towns and Villages were shared, an overall increase of 7.23% of 2024.

: New York State and Local Retirement System has sent their estimated 2026 bills, and Tioga County received an estimate of \$4,099,441.

: Treasurer McFadden shared the requested assessments reduction by Leprino, which has been on-going for 7 years. If their request is granted the County refund is estimated at \$275K. Legislator Aronstam asked in the County should consider getting involved in the lawsuit.

: Treasurer McFadden announced that the outside auditors will present the 2024 exit conference at the next scheduled finance meeting on September 16th.

PERSONNEL: A resolution to appoint a new accountant was presented.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: H28- Authorize Appointment of Accountant Treasurer's Office