

**Herkimer County Legislature  
Highways  
Committee Meeting  
Thursday, April 9, 2020  
Via Teleconference  
9:30 a.m.**

**Persons Attending:**

Raymond Smith (Chairman, Highways)  
Peter Campione (Highways committee member)  
Mark Gaworecki (Highways committee member)  
John P. Stephens (Highways committee member)  
Robert J. Schrader (Highways committee member)  
Patrick Russell (Highways committee member)  
Vincent J. Bono, Chairman of the Legislature  
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator  
Brandy Serow, Secretary to Co. Administrator  
Lorraine Lewandrowski, Assistant County Attorney  
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer  
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer  
Mark Nagele, Highway Superintendent  
**(Non Committee Members signed in)**  
Legislator Gregory Malta, Sr.  
Legislator Bob D. Hollum  
Legislator Raymond Johnson  
Legislator William Keeler, Sr.  
Legislator John L. Brezinski  
Legislator Peter F. Manno  
Legislator Kurt J. Ackerman  
Legislator Ray Donley  
Legislator Frederick J. Shaw, Jr.  
Legislator William Weakley

**Absent:**

N/A

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

**Items Discussed:**

**HIGHWAYS:**

1. Summer Intern Discussion in Highway
2. Approve renewal of lease agreement with National Grid for a portion of the Highway garage
3. Other

**Committee Vote Record:**

**HIGHWAYS:**

Mr. Bono asked Mr. Smith if he wanted to start the Summer Intern discussion in Highway. Mr. Smith stated "Yes. Our first item on the agenda is Summer Interns for the Highway. May I have a motion to continue that?"

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Bono, Item #1 was voted on and approved.  
Unanimous.

Mr. Smith stated "The second item on the agenda is approving the renewal of a lease agreement with National Grid for a portion of land they rent from us in the back yard of our Highway garage. Yesterday I had a discussion with Mark Nagele and I guess he talked with Lorraine and they are willing to negotiate with National Grid for a new price and before we go to that I would like to ask Lorraine a question. Lorraine, since the Corona pandemic is in effect, there is a moratorium on raising rent. Does that moratorium apply to us?"

Lorraine responded "I would have to research that."

Mr. Bono stated "He doesn't think it is about raising rent, it's about paying rent that you are implying. She will do research and get back."

Mr. Smith stated "We can go forward and get the answer to that question later but we really need to look into that. So, here is my Resolution, I would like to propose that we go forward with a new lease agreement with National Grid for 5 years and that Lorraine or Mark be our representatives to negotiate a new contract and the legislative guidelines for that new contract is \$80 per month more than what we are receiving right now. So with that thought in mind I will make a motion and I need a second."

Item #2 – On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #2 was voted on, approved, and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Smith Stated "The Resolution passes provided that Lorraine look into this to see if we are effected by the moratorium."

Item #3 – N/A

At 9:38 a.m., on motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Campione, the Highway Committee was adjourned.