

# Treasurer

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## FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - FINANCE February 15, 2022 AT 10:30AM

### ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Ciotoli, Roberts, Monell, Brown, Mullen, Weston, Hollenbeck, Standinger

Staff: McFadden, DeWind, Jerzak, Chandler, Haskell, Freyvogel

Absent: Sauerbrey

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee were read and a motion to approve by Legislator Mullen, seconded by Legislator Weston and unanimously carried.

**FINANCIAL:** Treasurer McFadden reported the YTD budget was tracking well. He stated he would be following up with IDA on status of 2022 PILOT payments, which have not yet been received.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A five year sales tax history chart was reviewed and showed an 8 million dollar increase in collections over five years. Treasurer McFadden attributed this to internet sales tax and stimulus money from 2021. Total sales tax collected for 2021 was 28M, the county retained 21M and the Towns and Villages received 7M. Richford used a Sales Tax credit of 120K to reduce their 2021 county levy, and received anything collected over this in January 2022.  
: Gaming revenue came in at 1.5M for 2021 far exceeding the budgeted 200K, which was budgeted during the time the Casino was closed due to COVID.  
: E911 trends were shared with the Legislature. 2021 revenue was just under 200K.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Treasurer McFadden shared the status of special franchise tax collection for all Towns. Little remains unpaid mostly churches and a few small utility companies.  
: A new sales tax distribution formula was completed for 2022 using the most current census results. Formulas are based on population and taxable value. The village of Owego has lost population and tax base due to FEMA tear downs and large amount of tax exempt property; this causes their distribution percentage to decrease.  
: The Federal Government's 2022 revenue and spending pie chart was shared. Treasurer McFadden highlighted how much revenue was covered by borrowing. At some point cuts will need to be made and we will most likely see it impact Federal Aid.

**PERSONNEL:** Treasurer McFadden introduced the proposal for Purchasing Officer by giving a brief recap on what has transpired the last few months, and noting that the Treasurer's Office has identified some departments that are not following the County purchasing policy. The proposal was then moved to executive session.

**RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Legislator Mullen, seconded by Legislator Roberts to move into Executive Session at 11:01 a.m. to discuss employee's position/salary. Eight Legislators present, with Legislator/Chair Sauerbrey being absent. County Attorney DeWind and Legislative Clerk Haskell remained in attendance. Legislator Roberts motioned to adjourn Exec Session at 11:10 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:10 am