

## **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**May 8, 2023**

**5:30 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
- 3. Community Safety and Security Committee Agenda**
- 4. Refuse District Committee Agenda**
- 5. Infrastructure Committee Agenda**
- 6. Treasurer's Office**
  - a. Distribution of Mortgage Tax
  - b. Purchase of In Rem Property
- 7. Human Resources**
  - a. Waiver of Residency Requirement for Positions Experiencing Recruitment Difficulties
- 8. Legislature**
  - a. Resolution calling on the New York State Department of Health to Work with Local Community to Address the Closing of Eastern Niagara Hospital
- 9. Information and Adjournment**



## COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE AGENDA May 8, 2023

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

3. Sheriff

**Res. – Accept FY19 Tactical Team Targeted Grant Budget Modification.**

**Res. – Budget Modification – Accept 2023 Marine Canal Patrol Grant.**

**Res. – Burrows Sole/Single Source Designation for Radio System Consultant.**

**Res. – Motorola Solutions Phase 2A Change Order No. 1**

**Committee Approval – To Apply for East Hill Foundation Grant**



## **REFUSE DISTRICT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**May 8, 2023  
5:30 PM  
Courthouse Chambers**

1. Call to Order by Chairman Legislator Will Collins
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2023
3. Approval of Thirteenth Amendment to Contract between Niagara County Refuse Site Trust and Parsons Environment & Infrastructure Group Inc.
4. Approval: Declare surplus fire rated storage buildings located at Niagara Falls and North Tonawanda
5. Informational: Leachate Disposal
6. Adjournment



**INFRASTRUCTURES COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**NIAGARA COUNTY COURT HOUSE**  
**LOCKPORT, NEW YORK**  
**MONDAY May 8, 2023**  
**MEETING NO. 5**  
**5:30 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Meeting Minutes – Approval**

- a. April 17, 2023

**3. Environmental/Solid Waste - Approval**

- a. Thirteenth Amendment to Contract between Niagara County Refuse Site Trust and Parsons Environmental & Infrastructure Group Inc. – Project Management Services
- b. Solar Panel Local Law #4 – Modification

**4. Environmental/Solid Waste – Informational**

- a. NYS Climate Related Policy Proposals

**5. Parks – Approval**

- a. Pendleton Lions Club Fishing Derby (West Canal Marina)
- b. Professional Discflect Association Tournament (West Canal Marina)
- c. Concert to Celebrate the Life of Ron Altbach (Krull Park Amphitheater)
- d. Squalla Disc Golf Open (Royalton Ravine 8/19 and Burmaster Park 8/20)

**6. Engineering – Approval**

- a. Amend Contract
  - i. Jacques Rd over Eighteen Mile Creek and West Somerset Rd over Fish Creek Consultant (Amendment 1)
- b. NYSDOT Federal Project
  - i. Jacques Rd over Eighteen Mile Creek and West Somerset Rd over Fish Creek Local Project Agreement
- c. Award of Contract
  - i. Highway Facility-Feasibility Study and Master Plan
  - ii. Project FIFI – Consultant Award
- d. Change Order
  - i. Purple Heart Veterans Monument Change Order No. 1 (Final)
  - ii. Krull Park Shoreline Rehabilitation Project Design Services Contract Change Order No. 4

**6. Engineering – Informational**

- a. EPN 2206 - Slayton Settlement Rehabilitation from Lake Ave to Harrington Rd (Bids due on 5/11/23; Voted on, at the Committee of the Whole on 5/16/23)
- b. EPN 2124 – Jacques / 18 Mile Creek and West Somerset / Fish Creek Bridge Maintenance Project (Bid on 5/25/23)
- c. EPN 2207 – Culvert Replacement 2023 (Bids due on 6/1/23)

**7. Highway – Approval**

- a. Create and Fill CDL Training Position



## Administration Committee

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**Today's Date:** April 24, 2023

**Department Submitting agenda item:** Treasurer's Office

**Date of Committee Meeting:** May 8, 2023

**Title:** Distribution of Mortgage Tax

**Brief Summary**      Distribution of mortgage tax collected

**If this item pertains to a position(s), it must be sent to the Human Resources Department to be reviewed and approved before going to the Administration Committee.**

**Please provide date approved:** N/A

**Action Requested:** Approval

**Associated Costs:**

**Benefits & Risks:**

## DISTRIBUTION OF MORTGAGE TAX

WHEREAS, Niagara County has received mortgage tax monies for the period October, 2022 through March, 2023 in the amount of \$3,366,765.17 and

WHEREAS, the Recording Officer has previously distributed \$874,657.48 to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, \$735,395.32 to the State Mortgage Tax Agency, and retained \$126,416.43 for approved county administrative expenses, and

WHEREAS, that Recording Officer has remitted the remaining monies collected to the County Treasurer for distribution to various Niagara County towns, villages and cities, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$1,630.295.94** reflects mortgage tax monies for the period October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 to be distributed, and the same be and hereby is, apportioned as follows among the various towns, villages and cities of the County of Niagara:

TOWNS	Cambria	\$ 57,912.36
	Hartland	24,461.86
	Lewiston	114,682.23
	Lockport	207,835.99
	Newfane	60,267.26
	Niagara	83,201.97
	Pendleton	113,719.46
	Porter	47,735.09
	Royalton	40,766.53
	Somerset	16,557.15
	Wheatfield	184,700.58
	Wilson	49,438.17
VILLAGES	Middleport (Hartland)	\$ 378.47
	Middleport (Royalton)	2,539.10
	Lewiston	14,177.97
	Youngstown	9,002.50
	Barker	1,129.73
	Wilson	5,423.33

CITIES	Lockport	\$ 167,537.88
	Niagara Falls	198,723.47
	North Tonawanda	<u>230,104.84</u>
	TOTAL:	\$1,630,295.94

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be, and hereby is, directed to pay the various towns, village treasurers, and city treasurers the amounts recorded above and that this document shall be sufficient authorization to the County Treasurer to make the payments in accordance with the above direction.

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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION

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CHAIRMAN

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MAJORITY LEADER

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MINORITY LEADER





## Administration Committee

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**Today's Date:** April 26, 2023

**Department Submitting agenda item:** Treasurer's Office

**Date of Committee Meeting:** May 8, 2023

**Title:** Purchase of In REM Properties

**Brief Summary**      approval of sale of In REM properties

**If this item pertains to a position(s), it must be sent to the Human Resources Department to be reviewed and approved before going to the Administration Committee.**

**Please provide date approved:** N/A

**Action Requested:** Approval

**Associated Costs:**

**Benefits & Risks:**

## **PURCHASE OF IN REM PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, online bidding took place from April 10, 2023 commencing at noon through April 25, 2023, at 10:00 am for the public auction for the sale of properties acquired by the County of Niagara by its In Rem Action, and

WHEREAS, as a result of said auction, the attached list of properties were struck down to each of the named individuals for the price indicated for each parcel, said price being the highest bid price received, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the purchase offers set forth in the attached list be, and the same hereby are, accepted and the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to execute suitable quit-claim deeds, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, upon the receipt by the County Treasurer of the entire balance due on the purchase price of said properties, at which time said deeds, as provided in the terms of sale shall be recorded in the Niagara County Clerk's Office in the name of the respective purchaser.

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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NC IN REM 2020 AUCTION  
INDEX #173464/2020

LOT#	SERIAL#	SBL#	PURCHASOR	BID PRICE
1	2020-006	91.00-1-15	Steve Willms	\$12,900.00
2	2018-005	105.00-1-77	Chandra Bambah	\$510.00
4	2020-025	88.00-1-29	Your Aunt Tillie, LLC	\$60,200.00
5	2020-055	14.12-1-3	Michael J Neal	\$46,500.00
6	2020-061	25.00-1-28.1	Chad Wayne Moden	\$14,800.00
7	2020-069	38.12-1-76	Charles Beyer III	\$1,050.00
9	2020-074	52.00-1-23	Kibaman, LLC	\$41,500.00
10	2020-079	67.04-1-1	Charles Beyer III	\$19,400.00
11	2020-085	130.15-3-19	Sonny Butski	\$3,400.00
13	2020-108	144.26-3-21.2	Michael Bevill	\$7,300.00
14	2020-109	144.26-3-49	John A Faso	\$3,750.00
15	2020-111	144.26-3-52	Kashar Choudhry	\$24,900.00
16	2020-114	144.26-5-49	Asif Hasan Khan	\$15,100.00
17	2020-124	146.13-2-8	Gunwant Sodhi	\$5,500.00
18	2020-127	146.13-2-94	Gunwant Sodhi	\$3,550.00
19	2020-129	146.17-4-6	Asif Hasan Khan	\$1,700.00
20	2020-130	146.17-4-23	Mohammed Zeidan	\$2,025.00
21	2020-133	146.17-4-66	Syed Holdings, LLC	\$810.00
22	2020-134	146.17-5-55	Gurbachan Singh	\$4,300.00
23	2020-135	146.17-5-56	Gurbachan Singh	\$4,300.00
24	2020-136	146.17-5-61	Syed Holdings, LLC	\$1,575.00
25	2020-138	137.03-1-9.2	Nikolay Blyashuk	\$32,400.00
26	2020-139	137.03-1-9.12	Joseph F Panepento	\$20,400.00
28	2020-165	61.00-1-64	Ryan Bullis	\$5,900.00
29	2020-166	61.00-1-65	Ryan Bullis	\$5,900.00
30	2018-215	85.16-1-17	KNS Retail, Inc.	\$48,700.00
31	2020-174	97.12-1-54.1	Charles Hinks	\$15,300.00
33	2020-179	99.00-1-66.2	Michael T Molnar	\$5,300.00
34	2018-228	99.00-1-83	Asif Hasan Khan	\$18,000.00
36	2019-196	30.00-1-44	Christopher J Cain	\$17,000.00
37	2020-207	164.03-1-5.4	Dean E Robideau	\$10,300.00
38	2020-210	176.12-5-16	William R Schielke	\$12,500.00
40	2020-219	62.04-3-14	Tom Durow	\$36,200.00
				\$502,970.00



## Administration Committee

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**Today's Date:** 5/1/2023

**Department Submitting agenda item:** Human Resources

**Date of Committee Meeting:** 5/8/2023

**Title:** WAIVER OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL POSITIONS

**Brief Summary:** Waiving Niagara County residency requirement for professional and technical positions in Health, IT, Mental Health, Public Works, and the Sheriff's Office due to recruitment difficulty.

**If this item pertains to a position(s), it must be sent to the Human Resources Department to be reviewed and approved before going to the Administration Committee.**

**Please provide date approved:** N/A

**Action Requested:** Approval

**Associated Costs:** None

**Benefits & Risks:** Increase recruitment efforts and allow departments to hire the best qualified candidates for hard to fill positions.

WAIVER OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR POSITIONS EXPERIENCING RECRUITMENT  
DIFFICULTIES

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Personnel Officer and Human Resources Director have reviewed recruitment trends over the last five years and have recognized a tremendous decrease in the number of qualified candidates applying for certain professional and technical positions in County Departments including Information Technology, Mental Health, Public Health, Public Works, and the Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, Legislative Resolution #243-80 established a policy that candidates be a resident of Niagara County at time of appointment; #211-82 permits the Health Department to hire applicants residing outside Niagara County for professional positions where no applications have been received from a qualified County resident; and #L-012-98 resolved that every exempt and unclassified employee shall maintain permanent Niagara County residency, and

WHEREAS, County Departments have requested and been granted residency waivers when a demonstrated recruitment difficulty exists, and

WHEREAS, in order to expand the recruitment field and to streamline the recruitment process, the Personnel Officer and Human Resources Director recommend that the residency requirement be waived where there is a demonstrated recruitment difficulty, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County residency requirement be waived for the following job classifications,

Information Technology – All technical job classifications

Mental Health Department – All titles that require advanced degrees or a professional license, plus Crisis Services and Community Mental Health Aide positions

Public Health Department – all titles related to engineering, sanitation and health technician positions, plus Care Services Coordinator - EIP

Public Works Department – All titles related to engineering and environmental science

Sheriff's Office – All Forensic job classifications, Helicopter Mechanic, and Helicopter Pilot  
and be it further

RESOLVED, that all departments should continue to give Niagara County residents preference in hiring decisions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all Niagara County departments may waive residency in order to accept a lateral transfer, and be it further

RESOLVED, that as the Personnel Officer adopts new job classifications within these departments, residency may be waived for similar professional and/or technical titles and for others where a demonstrated recruitment difficulty exists, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be reviewed by the Niagara County Personnel Officer and Human resources Director on an annual basis to ensure that this residency waiver policy is still required and that any revisions to this policy be submitted to the legislature for their action.

# NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators William J. Collins, Anthony J. Nemi, Richard E. Abbott, Michael A. Hill and Shawn A. Foti DATE: 04/25/23 RESOLUTION # IL-043-23

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
			Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: Administration _____ Committee _____

## A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO WORK WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CLOSING OF EASTERN NIAGARA HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, Eastern Niagara Hospital has announced that it will cease operation on June 17, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Catholic Health is in the process of constructing a new Emergency Room micro hospital, but that facility is not expected to be ready until the fall of this year, and

WHEREAS, that creates a serious lack of emergency medical care for thousands of residents in Eastern Niagara County, which has already been impacted by the reduction of medical facilities with the closure of Newfane Hospital several years ago and now the closing of ENH, and

WHEREAS, this closure will be right at the height of accidents and other injuries associated with summer activities and will require others seeking immediate medical care, like rape victims, to have to travel a significant distance for rape kits or wait hours for a SANE nurse to arrive at another hospital in western Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, while the Mayor of Lockport has convened stakeholder groups to work toward possible short-term solution until the matter is addressed, the New York State Department of Health has not engaged in these conversations, and

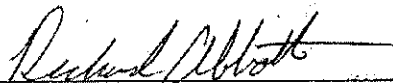
WHEREAS, the Mayor of Lockport sent a letter to Governor Hochul on March 17, 2023 requesting the state's help in identifying possible actions to deal to address this most pressing issue, and shockingly, has yet to receive any feedback or response to that letter, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature calls on Governor Hochul and the New York State Department of Health to join with other stakeholders in identifying potential solutions to the lack of emergency care in eastern Niagara County between the time Eastern Niagara Hospital closes and the new Catholic Health facility opens, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Hochul, the New York State Department of Health and the Niagara County delegation to the New York State Legislature.

  
LEGISLATOR WILLIAM J. COLLINS

  
LEGISLATOR ANTHONY J. NEMI

  
LEGISLATOR RICHARD E. ABBOTT

  
LEGISLATOR MICHAEL A. HILL

  
LEGISLATOR SHAWN A. FOTI