

**SECOND DAY
ANNUAL SESSION
November 22, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman of the Board, Lawrence Dolhof.

Roll Call: All Legislators were present, except Legislator Moser and there were 30 other persons present. Legislator Moser entered the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Chairman Dolhof asked Legislator Hathway for the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Dolhof opened the public hearing on the 2023 Tentative Lewis County Budget at 5:02 p.m.

Mr. Jonathan Miller, President of the Lewis County Historical Society spoke about the Historical Society's request for an additional \$15,000.00 in the 2023 County Budget. He explained how he had spent most of his adult life outside of Lewis County but is glad to be back and introduced his board members, Arlene Hall, Bob Meekins, Jake Steria, Cole Mullin, Mary Kelly, Kay Young, Peter Hayes, and Deb Bernard, with most of them in attendance because they feel strongly about the mission of the Historical Society and for support of the request. Mr. Miller stated that he had reached out to most every legislator and thanked them for taking the time to wade through the materials he had emailed out.

The request of the additional \$15,000.00 is for operational expenses as most all of the grants they receive are project related or restricted funding. In this day and age, it is almost impossible to function completely as a volunteer organization. Everything that the Historical Society is doing is for Lewis County. The research center that is being operated out of the Historical Society has people coming from all over to research information. This year the Historical Society was officially requested to the Historian for the county and is excited and anxious about fulfilling this role, however they need more funding in order to adequately meet this need. Mr. Miller concluded with thanking the board for their past support and asked for their support of the request for an additional \$15,000.00.

Legislator Chartrand questioned if the Historical Society would be hosting the Christmas Tree event this year as he and his wife always enjoyed it, Mr. Miller replied that due to lingering concerns with Covid-19 they wouldn't be, but people are able to still stop by and enjoy the trains and purchase a decorated tree.

Eileen Mathys, Croghan Free Librarian and representative of the North Country Library System thanked the board for their continued support. She explained that when most people think of a library, they think of a room full of books and the need to be quiet, but libraries are vibrant multifaceted places. They offer crafts, arts, and many other educational programs. Their space can be used for meetings, tech access, tech help among many other things. She went on to explain that there are other activities that are held there like game nights and story walks, just

proving that a library is no longer just a quiet room of books. She concluded by thanking the board for their continued support.

Ms. Kelly Kuntz, Cornell Cooperative Extension, thanked the legislators for their continued support of the Parent Education Program which she handles and has expanded, and for all the support on behalf of all the programs and operations of the Lewis County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Chairman Dolhof declared the November 1, 2022 meeting minutes approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE:

The Finance and Rules Committee had met and recommended to waive the rules to allow action on late resolutions.

Signed by: Thomas Osborne
Phil Hathway
Jeffrey Nellenback
Jessica Moser
Joshua Leviker

Dated: November 22, 2022

Legislator Virkler moved to waive the rules, seconded by Legislator Leviker and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Legislator Hathway spoke about the Tug Hill event in Diana, quoting Town Supervisor Zach Smith as saying, “we got a year’s worth of snow in 24 hours.” The situation was very serious and required a serious response, and that is what they got! Immediately the Harrisville Fire Department and Rescue Squad were on the scene responding to many accidents and incidents throughout the town. They helped open doors to houses where people had been stranded for three days. Legislator Phil gave deep appreciation and gratitude to the Town of Diana Highway Department; Town of Diana Highway Superintendent, Chuck Langs; Town of Diana supervisor, Zach Smith; Town of Pitcarin Highway Department; Lewis County Highway Department; Lewis County Emergency Management Director, Bob Mackenzie; Lewis County Manager, Ryan Piche, who was on the situation right from the start coordinating County response; Lewis County Search & Rescue; Town of West Turin; Town of Martinsburg; Town of Croghan; NY State Police; NYS DEC; Lewis County Sheriff; Lewis County Corrections; NYS Forest Rangers; Star Lake Fire & Rescue; Long Pond Snowmobile Club; and all the unheralded citizens who assisted, and in many cases neighbors helping neighbors.

He went on to explain that it wasn’t just clearing the roads. It was the many hours and miles doing wellness checks. On Lake Bonaparte there are many private roads and hunting camps that are secluded and occupied this time of year. One camp was 6 miles in the woods that had hunters stranded and a local trucking company and logging business helped to get them out. This event proves that when people work together good things happen, and it’s also a great example of character of the people in his little part of the North country. Legislator Hathway

concluded by stating “Regarding the hunting camps, a lot of the pick-ups are still there and so are the deer.”

Mr. Scott Doyle, Supervisor for the Town of Denmark stated that he has received many calls from his constituents, all of which have been in opposition to the Rails to Trails project. He appreciates all the work that goes into this type of project and his Town board has not taken a position on the topic yet. Most of the concerns from residents were concerning the possibility of the trails being motorized and open for ATV’s and snowmobiles. Until there is more clarification on what each section of trail will be used for, he feels that he needs to be in support of his constituents.

Mrs. Rebecca Gilbert, Town of New Bremen, stated that she was in support of the Rails to Trails project and felt that even though there is negativity out there against it, there are many people who support it. She has kids ranging in age from 14 down to 1 and it is very dangerous to go for a walk on the side of the road. This trail system would make a huge difference for young families to be able to walk and bike with their children in a safe place. She encouraged the Board to move forward in this project.

Mr. Calvin Company, Town of Croghan, stated that he is a big supporter of the Rails to Trails initiative. He explained that he has lived in other parts of the country and enjoyed biking on converted rail corridors into safe trails. He does encourage the trails to be non-motorized for a safer experience, but to have 30 miles of trails for walking, hiking, and biking would be great. The bike club that he is currently part of as well as other organizations could hold events that would bring in money to the county and be such a huge benefit to student runners and the elderly to have a safe place to run and walk.

Mr. Al Scouten, Village of Port Leyden, stated that he is not in favor of the Rails to Trails project and questioned whether the legislators even reached out to their constituents to see what they have to say on the subject. He felt that the “polls” that were used to determine interest in this project aren’t reliable or accurate. In 2012 and 2013, the Village of Port Leyden looked into replacing all sidewalk infrastructure and at that time the price tag was about \$1 million dollars. The Village sent out a mailing to each resident with the information and cost and asked them to respond with a simple yes or no if the project should move forward, most answered no. The county should use this extra funding to help the Villages and Hamlets in the county repair and replace all the sidewalks so that residents have a safe place to walk and jog. He concluded by stating that he isn’t in favor with spending this much money on the Rails to Trails project and that legislators should be representing the taxpayers.

Mr. Michael Young, Village of Lowville, stated that he has been a lifelong resident in the county. Many know that he has dedicated his heart and soul to improve the quality of life for all who call Lewis County home. Twenty years ago, he thought the proposal to convert existing railroad beds and tracks to public recreational multi-use trails, both motorized and non-motorized, was a good idea. And he still does!

He feels the neglected corridors, left as is, will continue to erode and leave a scar on the environment and the natural beauty of our home. “It’s not the look we need if we want to attract

families and young professional, new and expanding businesses, and provide a wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities for everyone; including those who live here and those who come to visit. As our county representatives, you are entrusted to maintain fiscal responsibility, improve services, and seek opportunities to enhance our quality of life, not only today, but in the years to come. The Rails to Trails plan will do that, it's roughly a 30-mile journey to an improved future with each section being developed independently to meet the needs of each particular community" said Mr. Young.

He voiced his frustration by some opposing the rails to trails plan, citing a media report, that certain individuals of this group have refused to share information from our county officials with others in their own group. The county leaders have expressed their willingness to listen and have admitted to not having all the answers yet, and in the spirit of transparency have offered to meet with those on both sides of the issue. "All across the county, communities have and continue to take deteriorating and abandoned rail lines and find new uses for them. If we won't invest in our collective future, who will, it's time to see down these tired, worn-out tracks and realize the opportunities available to improve our communities for years to come" said Mr. Young.

Chairman Dolhof closed the public hearing on the 2023 Tentative Lewis County Budget with no other comments at 5:36 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES:

A letter was received from Martie McDowell thanking the Board for holding the November 9th meeting on Rails to Trails and stated her support for a trail running from the fairgrounds to Castorland for hikers, cyclists, and skiers.

An email was received from Brenda Painter in support for the Rails to Trails project citing the much-needed economic boost to our economies during the winter and the opportunities for other money generating events utilizing the trails.

An email was received from Titus Zehr in opposition of purchasing the rail corridors citing the price of \$2.5 million, that very few people will use it, and that it will not bring in any businesses to the county. He went on to suggest using the money to give taxpayers a sales tax break, adding a couple new deputies to the Sheriff's office, and giving back to the fire departments who do more in the community than anyone.

An email was received from Calvin Company in support of the Rails to Trails citing that he has ridden several rail trails in other parts of the US and strongly believes this is an amazing opportunity for Lewis County to have a safe space for walking, running, and cycling.

RESOLUTIONS:

**LOCAL LAW (INTRODUCTORY NO. 6 -2022)
COUNTY OF LEWIS**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LEWIS COUNTY LOCAL LAW 9 – 2006:
A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION
AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE
UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE**

BE IT ENACTED by Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis, as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This local law shall be known as **“THE AMENDED LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE”**.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE, INTENT AND STATUTORY AUTHORITY

This local law provides for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the Uniform Code) and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code (the Energy Code) in Lewis County. Lewis County Local Law 9 of the year 2006 requires updated amendments to reflect the addition of certain provision changes made to Part 1203 of Title 19 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, which contain the minimum standards for each local government to provide in the administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code.

This local law is enacted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law (“MHL”) § 10(1)(i), which provides that a county may adopt local laws relating to its property, affairs or government provided it is not inconsistent with the provisions of the constitution or any general law. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Code and Energy Code and other state laws, or other section of this local law, all buildings, structures, and premises; regardless of use or occupancy, are subject to the provisions of this local law.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

In this local law:

“Building Permit” shall mean a permit issued pursuant to section 5 of this local law. The term “Building Permit” shall also include a Building Permit which is renewed, amended or extended pursuant to any provision of this local law.

“Board of Legislators” shall mean the Board of Legislators for the County of Lewis.

“Certificate of Occupancy” shall mean a certificate issued pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 8 of this local law.

“Code Enforcement Officer” shall mean the Code Enforcement Officer appointed pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 4 of this local law.

“Code Enforcement Personnel” shall include the Code Enforcement Officer and all Inspectors.

“Compliance Order” shall mean an order issued by the Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to subdivision (a) of section 16 of this local law.

“Energy Code” shall mean the State Energy Conservation Construction Code, as currently in effect and as may be amended from time to time.

“Inspector” shall mean an inspector appointed pursuant to subdivision (d) of section 4 of this local law.

“Operating Permit” shall mean a permit issued pursuant to section 10 of this local law. The term “Operating Permit” shall also include an Operating Permit which is renewed, amended or extended pursuant to any provision of this local law.

“Permit Holder” shall mean the person to whom a Building Permit has been issued.

“Person” shall include an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, estate, trust, association, or any other legal or commercial entity of any kind or description.

“Stop Work Order” shall mean an order issued pursuant to section 7 of this local law.

“Temporary Certificate” shall mean a certificate issued pursuant to subdivision (d) of section 8 of this local law.

“Uniform Code” shall mean the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, as currently in effect and as may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 4. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND INSPECTORS

(a) The office of Code Enforcement Officer is hereby created. The Code Enforcement Officer shall administer and enforce all the provisions of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code and this local law. The Code Enforcement Officer shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) to receive, review, and approve or disapprove applications for Building Permits, Certificates of Occupancy, Temporary Certificates and Operating Permits, and the plans, specifications and construction documents submitted with such applications;

(2) upon approval of such applications, to issue Building Permits, Certificates of Occupancy, Temporary Certificates and Operating Permits, and to include in Building Permits, Certificates of Occupancy, Temporary Certificates and Operating Permits such terms and conditions as the Code Enforcement Officer may determine to be appropriate;

(3) to conduct construction inspections, inspections to be made prior to the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy, Temporary Certificates and Operating Permits, fire safety and property maintenance inspections, inspections incidental to the investigation of complaints, and all other inspections required or permitted under any provision of this local law;

(4) to issue Stop Work Orders;

(5) to review and investigate complaints;

(6) to issue orders pursuant to subdivision (a) of section 15 (Violations) of this local law;

(7) to maintain records;

(8) to collect fees as set by the Board of Legislators;

(9) to pursue administrative enforcement actions and proceedings;

(10) in consultation with the County Attorney, to pursue such legal actions and proceedings as may be necessary to enforce the Uniform Code, the Energy Code and this local law, or to abate or correct conditions not in compliance with the Uniform Code, the Energy Code or this local law; and

(11) to exercise all other powers and fulfill all other duties conferred upon the Code Enforcement Officer by this local law.

(b) The Code Enforcement Officer shall be appointed by the Board of Legislators. The Code Enforcement Officer shall possess background experience related to building construction or fire prevention and shall, within the time prescribed by law, obtain such basic training, in-service training, advanced in-service training and other training as the State of New York shall require for code enforcement personnel; and the Code Enforcement Officer shall obtain certification

from the State Fire Administrator pursuant to the Executive Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(c) In the event that the Code Enforcement Officer is unable to serve as such for any reason, an individual shall be appointed by the Code Enforcement Officer to serve as Acting Code Enforcement Officer. The Acting Code Enforcement Officer shall, during the term of his or her appointment, exercise all powers and fulfill all duties conferred upon the Code Enforcement Officer by this local law.

(d) One or more Inspectors may be appointed the Code Enforcement Officer to act under the supervision and direction of the Code Enforcement Officer and to assist the Code Enforcement Officer in the exercise of the powers and fulfillment of the duties conferred upon the Code Enforcement Officer by this local law. Each Inspector shall, within the time prescribed by law, obtain such basic training, in-service training, advanced in-service training and other training as the State of New York shall require for code enforcement personnel, and each Inspector shall obtain certification from the State Fire Administrator pursuant to the Executive Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(e) The compensation for the Code Enforcement Officer and Inspectors shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Legislators.

(f) Notwithstanding the residency requirements contained in Public Officers Law ' 3, neither the Code Enforcement Officer nor any inspector employed hereunder shall be required to be a resident of the County of Lewis as a qualification of employment provided that he or she is a resident of a county that is contiguous to Lewis County within one (1) month of the date of appointment. If the person appointed as Code Enforcement Officer or inspector ceases to be a resident of either the County of Lewis or a contiguous county, the appointee shall be deemed to have voluntarily resigned from his or her office and the employment of such person shall terminate.

(g) Neither the Code Enforcement Officer nor any inspector shall engage in any activity inconsistent with his or her duties or with the interests of Lewis County hereunder; nor shall he or she, during the term of his or her employment, be engaged directly or indirectly in any building business, in the furnishing of labor, materials or appliances for the construction, alteration or maintenance of a building or the preparation of plans of specifications thereof within the County of Lewis, excepting that this provision shall not prohibit any such individual from such activities in connection with the construction of a building or structure owned by him or her or any member of his or her immediate family, and not constructed for sale. This provision shall not apply to support staff notwithstanding their employment in the Office of Code Enforcement, subject to the provisions of the Lewis County Code of Ethics.

(h) The Code Enforcement Officer and any inspector employed hereunder shall be full time employees and shall devote their full professional time and effort to the duties of the office or position, which shall include a minimum of 40 hours per week. Furthermore, because towns and villages within Lewis County have the option of delegating the authority of enforcing the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code to Lewis County, which includes the collection of fees for such services, the Board of Legislators finds that it would be a conflict of interest for the Senior Code Enforcement Officer and/or the assistant code enforcement officer to be engaged in the ownership, management operation or participation of any business for compensation (in whatever form) that provides building inspection and/or code enforcement for any municipality within Lewis County. Therefore it shall be deemed a term and condition of employment that the Code Enforcement Officer and the inspector(s) shall not, without the prior written consent of the Board of Legislators: own, operate, manage, finance, join, control, or participate in the ownership, management, operation, financing or control of, or be connected as a shareholder, director, officer, partner, principal, agent or enterprise engaged in the inspection of buildings and/or structures for the purpose of enforcing the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code by or for any municipality within Lewis County.

SECTION 5. BUILDING PERMITS

(a) Building Permits Required. Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b) of this section, a Building Permit shall be required for any work which must conform to the Uniform Code and/or the Energy Code, and as said code(s) may be amended, including, but not limited to, the construction, enlargement, alteration, improvement, removal, relocation or demolition of any building or structure or any portion thereof, and the installation of a solid fuel burning heating appliance, chimney or flue in any dwelling unit. No person shall commence any work for which a Building Permit is required without first having obtained a Building Permit from the Code Enforcement Officer.

(b) Exemptions. No Building Permit shall be required for work in any of the following categories:

(1) construction or installation of one story detached structures associated with one- or two-family dwellings or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) which are used for tool and storage sheds, playhouses or similar uses, provided the gross floor area does not exceed 144 square feet (13.88 square meters);

(2) installation of swings and other playground equipment associated with a one- or two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses);

(3) installation of swimming pools associated with a one- or two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) where such pools are designed for a water depth of less than 24 inches and are installed entirely above ground;

(4) installation of fences which are not part of an enclosure surrounding a swimming pool;

(5) construction of retaining walls unless such walls support a surcharge or impound Class I, II or IIIA liquids;

(6) construction of temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery;

(7) installation of window awnings supported by an exterior wall of a one- or two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses);

(8) installation of partitions or movable cases less than 5'-9" in height;

(9) painting, wallpapering, tiling, carpeting, or other similar finish work;

(10) installation of listed portable electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation or cooling equipment or appliances;

(11) replacement of any equipment provided the replacement does not alter the equipment's listing or render it inconsistent with the equipment's original specifications; or

(12) repairs, provided that such repairs do not involve (i) the removal or cutting away of a loadbearing wall, partition, or portion thereof, or of any structural beam or load bearing component; (ii) the removal or change of any required means of egress, or the rearrangement of parts of a structure in a manner which affects egress; (iii) the enlargement, alteration, replacement or relocation of any building system; or (iv) the removal from service of all or part of a fire protection system for any period of time.

(c) Exemption not deemed authorization to perform non-compliant work. The exemption from the requirement to obtain a building permit for work in any category set forth in subdivision (b) of this section shall not be deemed an authorization for work to be performed in violation of the Uniform Code or the Energy Code.

(d) Applications for Building Permits. Applications for a Building Permit shall be made in writing on a form provided by or otherwise acceptable to the Code Enforcement Officer. The application shall be signed by the owner of the property

where the work is to be performed or an authorized agent of the owner. The application shall include such information as the Code Enforcement Officer deems sufficient to permit a determination by the Code Enforcement Officer that the intended work complies with all applicable requirements of the Uniform Code and the Energy Code. The application shall include or be accompanied by the following information and documentation:

(1) a description of the proposed work;

(2) the tax map number and the street address of the premises where the work is to be performed;

(3) the occupancy classification of any affected building or structure;

(4) where applicable, a statement of special inspections prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Code; and

(5) at least 2 sets of construction documents (drawings and/or specifications) which (i) define the scope of the proposed work; (ii) are prepared by a New York State registered architect or licensed professional engineer where so required by the Education Law; (iii) indicate with sufficient clarity and detail the nature and extent of the work proposed; (iv) substantiate that the proposed work will comply with the Uniform Code and the Energy Code; and (v) where applicable, include a site plan that shows any existing and proposed buildings and structures on the site, the location of any existing or proposed well or septic system, the location of the intended work, and the distances between the buildings and structures and the lot lines.

(e) Construction documents. Construction documents will not be accepted as part of an application for a Building Permit unless they satisfy the requirements set forth in paragraph (5) of subdivision (d) of this section. Construction documents which are accepted as part of the application for a Building Permit shall be marked as accepted by the Code Enforcement Officer in writing or by stamp. One set of the accepted construction documents shall be retained by the Code Enforcement Officer, and one set of the accepted construction documents shall be returned to the applicant to be kept at the work site so as to be available for use by the Code Enforcement Personnel. However, the return of a set of accepted construction documents to the applicant shall not be construed as authorization to commence work, nor as an indication that a Building Permit will be issued. Work shall not be commenced until and unless a Building Permit is issued.

(f) Issuance of Building Permits. An application for a Building Permit shall be examined to ascertain whether the proposed work is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Uniform Code and Energy Code. The Code

Enforcement Officer shall issue a Building Permit if the proposed work is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Uniform Code and Energy Code.

(g) Building Permits to be displayed. Building permits shall be visibly displayed at the work site and shall remain visible until the authorized work has been completed.

(h) Work to be in accordance with construction documents. All work shall be performed in accordance with the construction documents which were submitted with and accepted as part of the application for the Building Permit. The Building Permit shall contain such a directive. The Permit Holder shall immediately notify the Code Enforcement Officer of any change occurring during the course of the work. The Building Permit shall contain such a directive. If the Code Enforcement Officer determines that such change warrants a new or amended Building Permit, such change shall not be made until and unless a new or amended Building Permit reflecting such change is issued.

(i) Time limits. Building Permits shall become invalid unless the authorized work is commenced within 6 months following the date of issuance. Building Permits shall expire 36 months after the date of issuance. A Building Permit which has become invalid, or which has expired pursuant to this subdivision may be renewed upon application by the Permit Holder, payment of the applicable fee, and approval of the application by the Code Enforcement Officer.

(j) Revocation or suspension of Building Permits. If the Code Enforcement Officer determines that a Building Permit was issued in error because of incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete information, or that the work for which a Building Permit was issued violates the Uniform Code or the Energy Code, the Code Enforcement Officer shall revoke the Building Permit or suspend the Building Permit until such time as the Permit Holder demonstrates that (1) all work then completed is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Code and the Energy Code and (2) all work then proposed to be performed shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Code and the Energy Code.

(k) Fee. The fee specified in or determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 17 (Fees) of this local law must be paid at the time of submission of an application for a Building Permit, for an amended Building Permit, or for renewal of a Building Permit.

SECTION 6. CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS.

(a) Work to remain accessible and exposed. Work shall remain accessible and exposed until inspected and accepted by the Code Enforcement Officer or by an Inspector authorized by the Code Enforcement Officer. The Permit Holder shall

notify the Code Enforcement Officer when any element of work described in subdivision (b) of this section is ready for inspection.

(b) Elements of work to be inspected. The following elements of the construction process shall be inspected where applicable:

- (1) work site prior to the issuance of a Building Permit;
- (2) footing and foundation;
- (3) preparation for concrete slab;
- (4) framing;
- (5) building systems, including underground and rough-in;
- (6) fire resistant construction;
- (7) fire resistant penetrations;
- (8) solid fuel burning heating appliances, chimneys, flues or gas vents;
- (9) Energy Code compliance; and

(10) a final inspection after all work authorized by the Building Permit has been completed.

(c) Inspection results. After inspection, the work or a portion thereof shall be noted as satisfactory as completed, or the Permit Holder shall be notified as to where the work fails to comply with the Uniform Code or Energy Code. Work not in compliance with any applicable provision of the Uniform Code or Energy Code shall remain exposed until such work shall have been brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Code and the Energy Code, reinspected, and found satisfactory as completed.

(d) Fee. The fee specified in or determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 17 (Fees) of this local law must be paid prior to or at the time of each inspection performed pursuant to this section.

SECTION 7. STOP WORK ORDERS.

(a) Authority to issue. The Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to issue Stop Work Orders pursuant to this section. The Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a Stop Work Order to halt:

(1) any work that is determined by the Code Enforcement Officer to be contrary to any applicable provision of the Uniform Code or Energy Code, without regard to whether such work is or is not work for which a Building Permit is required, and without regard to whether a Building Permit has or has not been issued for such work, or

(2) any work that is being conducted in a dangerous or unsafe manner in the opinion of the Code Enforcement Officer, without regard to whether such work is or is not work for which a Building Permit is required, and without regard to whether a Building Permit has or has not been issued for such work, or

(3) any work for which a Building Permit is required which is being performed without the required Building Permit, or under a Building Permit that has become invalid, has expired, or has been suspended or revoked.

(b) Content of Stop Work Orders. Stop Work Orders shall (1) be in writing, (2) be dated and signed by the Code Enforcement Officer, (3) state the reason or reasons for issuance, and (4) if applicable, state the conditions which must be satisfied before work will be permitted to resume.

(c) Service of Stop Work Orders. The Code Enforcement Officer shall cause the Stop Work Order, or a copy thereof, to be served on the owner of the affected property (and, if the owner is not the Permit Holder, on the Permit Holder) personally or by registered mail / certified mail. The Code Enforcement Officer shall be permitted, but not required, to cause the Stop Work Order, or a copy thereof, to be served on any builder, architect, tenant, contractor, subcontractor, construction superintendent, or their agents, or any other Person taking part or assisting in work affected by the Stop Work Order, personally or by registered mail / certified mail; provided, however, that failure to serve any Person mentioned in this sentence shall not affect the efficacy of the Stop Work Order.

(d) Effect of Stop Work Order. Upon the issuance of a Stop Work Order, the owner of the affected property, the Permit Holder and any other Person performing, taking part in or assisting in the work shall immediately cease all work which is the subject of the Stop Work Order.

(e) Remedy not exclusive. The issuance of a Stop Work Order shall not be the exclusive remedy available to address any event described in subdivision (a) of this section, and the authority to issue a Stop Work Order shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the right and authority to pursue any other remedy or impose any other penalty under section 16 (Violations) of this local law or under any other applicable local law or State law. Any such other remedy or penalty may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, at the time of, or after the issuance of a Stop Work Order.

SECTION 8. CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

(a) Certificates of Occupancy required. A Certificate of Occupancy shall be required for any work which is the subject of a Building Permit and for all structures, buildings, or portions thereof, which are converted from one use or occupancy classification or subclassification to another. Permission to use or occupy a building or structure, or portion thereof, for which a Building Permit was previously issued shall be granted only by issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

(b) Issuance of Certificates of Occupancy. The Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a Certificate of Occupancy if the work which was the subject of the Building Permit was completed in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Code and Energy Code and, if applicable, that the structure, building or portion thereof that was converted from one use or occupancy classification or subclassification to another complies with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Code and Energy Code. The Code Enforcement Officer or an Inspector authorized by the Code Enforcement Officer shall inspect the building, structure or work prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. In addition, where applicable, the following documents, prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Code by such person or persons as may be designated by or otherwise acceptable to the Code Enforcement Officer, at the expense of the applicant for the Certificate of Occupancy, shall be provided to the Code Enforcement Officer prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy:

- (1) a written statement of structural observations and/or a final report of special inspections, and
- (2) flood hazard certifications.

(c) Contents of Certificates of Occupancy. A Certificate of Occupancy shall contain the following information:

- (1) the Building Permit number, if any;
- (2) the date of issuance of the Building Permit, if any;
- (3) the name, address and tax map number of the property;
- (4) if the Certificate of Occupancy is not applicable to an entire structure, a description of that portion of the structure for which the Certificate of Occupancy is issued;
- (5) the use and occupancy classification of the structure;
- (6) the type of construction of the structure;

(7) the assembly occupant load of the structure, if any;

(8) if an automatic sprinkler system is provided, a notation as to whether the sprinkler system is required;

(9) any special conditions imposed in connection with the issuance of the Building Permit; and

(10) the signature of the Code Enforcement Officer issuing the Certificate of Occupancy and the date of issuance.

(d) Temporary Certificate. The Code Enforcement Officer shall be permitted to issue a Temporary Certificate allowing the temporary occupancy of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, prior to completion of the work which is the subject of a Building Permit. However, in no event shall the Code Enforcement Officer issue a Temporary Certificate unless the Code Enforcement Officer determines (1) that the building or structure, or the portion thereof covered by the Temporary Certificate, may be occupied safely, (2) that any fire- and smoke-detecting or fire protection equipment which has been installed is operational, and (3) that all required means of egress from the building or structure have been provided. The Code Enforcement Officer may include in a Temporary Certificate such terms and conditions as he or she deems necessary or appropriate to ensure safety or to further the purposes and intent of the Uniform Code. A Temporary Certificate shall be effective for a period of time, not to exceed six (6) months, which shall be determined by the Code Enforcement Officer and specified in the Temporary Certificate. During the specified period of effectiveness of the Temporary Certificate, the Permit Holder shall undertake to bring the building or structure into full compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Code and the Energy Code.

(e) Revocation or suspension of certificates. If the Code Enforcement Officer determines that a Certificate of Occupancy or a Temporary Certificate was issued in error because of incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete information, and if the relevant deficiencies are not corrected to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer within such period of time as shall be specified by the Code Enforcement Officer, the Code Enforcement Officer shall revoke or suspend such certificate.

(f) Fee. The fee specified in or determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 17 (Fees) of this local law must be paid at the time of submission of an application for a Certificate of Occupancy / Certificate of Compliance or for Temporary Certificate.

SECTION 9. NOTIFICATION REGARDING FIRE OR EXPLOSION.

The chief of any fire department providing fire fighting services for a property within the County shall promptly notify the Code Enforcement Officer of any fire or explosion involving any structural damage, fuel burning appliance, chimney or gas vent.

SECTION 10. OPERATING PERMITS.

(a) Operating Permits required. Operating Permits shall be required for conducting any process or activity or for operating any type of building, structure, or facility listed below:

(1) Manufacturing, storing or handling hazardous materials in quantities exceeding those listed in the applicable Maximum Allowable Quantity tables found in Chapter 50 of the 2020 New York State Fire Code, or as it may be amended.

(2) Buildings, structures, facilities, processes, and/or activities that are within the scope and/or permit requirements of the chapter or section title of the 2020 New York State Fire Code as adopted and amended as follows:

- i. Chapter 22, "Combustible Dust-Producing Operations" Facilities where the operation produces combustible dust.
- ii. Chapter 24, "Flammable Finishes" Operations utilizing flammable or combustible liquids, or the application of combustible powders regulated by Chapter 24 of the FCNYS.
- iii. Chapter 25, "Fruit and Crop Ripening" Operating a fruit or crop ripening facility or conducting a fruit-ripening process using ethylene gas.
- iv. Chapter 26, "Fumigation and Insecticidal Fogging" Conducting fumigation or insecticidal fogging operations in buildings, structures, and spaces, except for fumigation or insecticidal fogging performed by the occupant of a detached one-family dwelling.
- v. Chapter 31, "Tents, Temporary Special Event Structures, and Other Membrane Structures" Operating an air-supported temporary membrane structure, a temporary special event structure, or a tent where approval is required pursuant to Chapter 31 of the FCNYS.
- vi. Chapter 32, "High Piled Combustible Storage" High Piled Combustible storage facilities with more than 500 square feet (including aisles) of high piled storage.

- vii. Chapter 34, “Tire Rebuilding and Tire Storage” Operating a facility that stores more than 2500 cubic feet of scrap tires and tire byproducts or operating a tire rebuilding plant.
- viii. Chapter 35, “Welding and other Hot Work” Performing public exhibitions and demonstrations where hot work is conducted, use of hot work, welding, or cutting equipment, inside or on a structure, except an operating permit is not required where work is conducted under the authorization of a building permit or when performed by the occupant of a detached one- or two- family dwelling.
- ix. Chapter 40, “Sugarhouse Alternative Activity Provisions” Conducting an alternative activity at a sugarhouse.
- x. Chapter 56, “Explosives and Fireworks” Possessing, manufacturing, storing, handling, selling, or using explosives, fireworks, or other pyrotechnic effects materials except the outdoor use of sparkling devices as defined in Penal Law Section 270.
- xi. Section 307, “Open Burning, Recreational Fires and Portable Outdoor Fireplaces” Conducting open burning, not including recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces.
- xii. Section 308, Open Flames” Removing paint with a torch, or using open flames, fire, and burning in connection with assembly areas or educational occupancies.
- xiii. Section 319, “Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles” that are equipped with **Gas fired** appliances that produce smoke or grease-laden vapors

(3) Energy Storage systems, where the system exceeds the values shown in Table 1206.1 of the 2020 New York State Fire Code as amended or exceeds the permitted aggregate ratings in section R327.5 of the Residential Code.

(4) Buildings containing one or more assembly areas with an occupant load of 100 or greater.

(5) Outdoor Events where the planned attendance exceeds 1,000 persons.

(6) Facilities that store, handle, or use hazardous production materials specific to solid, liquid, or gases associated with semiconductor manufacturing which exhibit or are listed as having a degree-of-hazard rating of 3 or 4 in health, flammability or instability.

(7) Parking Garages, when above or below grade and used for the parking or storing of vehicles exempting one, and two family and town houses accessory structures.

(8) Buildings whose use or occupancy classification may pose a substantial potential hazard to public safety, as determined by the authority having authority or by Resolution of the legislative body.

Any person who proposes to undertake any activity or to operate any type of building listed in this subdivision (a) shall be required to obtain an Operating Permit prior to commencing such activity or operation.

(b) Applications for Operating Permits. An application for an Operating Permit shall be in writing on a form provided by or otherwise acceptable to the Code Official. Such application shall include information as the Code Official deems sufficient to permit a determination by the Code Enforcement Officer that quantities, materials, and activities conform to the requirements of the Uniform Code. If the Code Official determines that tests or reports are necessary to verify conformance, such tests or reports shall be performed or provided by such person or persons as may be designated by or otherwise acceptable to the Code Enforcement Officer, at the expense of the applicant, Owner / Operator.

(c) Inspections. The Code Enforcement Officer or an Inspector authorized by the Code Enforcement Officer shall inspect the subject premises prior to the issuance of an Operating Permit.

(d) Multiple Activities. In any circumstance in which more than one activity listed in subdivision (a) of this section is to be conducted at a location, the Code Enforcement Officer may require a separate Operating Permit for each such activity, or the Code Enforcement Officer may, in his or her discretion, issue a single Operating Permit to apply to all such activities.

(e) Duration of Operating Permits. Operating Permits shall remain in effect until reissued, renewed, revoked, or suspended.

(f) Revocation or suspension of Operating Permits. If the Code Enforcement Officer determines that any activity or building for which an Operating Permit was issued does not comply with any applicable provision of the Uniform Code, such Operating Permit shall be revoked or suspended.

(g) Fee. The fee specified in or determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 17 (Fees) of this local law must be paid at the time submission of an application for an Operating Permit, for an amended Operating Permit, or for reissue or renewal of an Operating Permit.

SECTION 11. FIRE SAFETY AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

(a) Inspections required. Fire safety and property maintenance inspections of buildings and structures shall be performed by the Code Enforcement Officer or an Inspector designated by the Code Enforcement Officer at the following intervals:

(1) Fire safety and property maintenance inspections of buildings or structures which contain an area of public assembly shall be performed at least once every twelve (12) months.

(2) Fire safety and property maintenance inspections of buildings or structures being occupied as dormitories shall be performed at least once every twelve (12) months.

(3) Fire safety and property maintenance inspections of all multiple dwellings not included in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this subdivision, and all non-residential buildings, structures, uses and occupancies not included in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this subdivision, shall be performed at least once every thirty-six (36) months.

(b) Inspections permitted. In addition to the inspections required by subdivision (a) of this section, a fire safety and property maintenance inspection of any building, structure, use, or occupancy, or of any dwelling unit, may also be performed by the Code Enforcement Officer or an Inspector designated by the Code Enforcement Officer at any time upon:

(1) the request of the owner of the property to be inspected or an authorized agent of such owner;

(2) receipt by the Code Enforcement Officer of a written statement alleging that conditions or activities failing to comply with the Uniform Code or Energy Code exist; or

(3) receipt by the Code Enforcement Officer of any other information, reasonably believed by the Code Enforcement Officer to be reliable, giving rise to reasonable cause to believe that conditions or activities failing to comply with the Uniform Code or Energy Code exist;

provided, however, that nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as permitting an inspection under any circumstances under which a court order or warrant permitting such inspection is required, unless such court order or warrant shall have been obtained.

(c) OFPC Inspections. Nothing in this section or in any other provision of this local law shall supersede, limit or impair the powers, duties and responsibilities of

the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control (“OFPC”) and the New York State Fire Administrator under Executive Law section 156-e and Education Law section 807-b. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary:

(1) the Code Enforcement Officer shall not perform fire safety and property maintenance inspections of a building or structure which contains an area of public assembly if OFPC performs fire safety and property maintenance inspections of such building or structure at least once every twelve (12) months;

(2) the Code Enforcement Officer shall not perform fire safety and property maintenance inspections of a building or structure occupied as a dormitory if OFPC performs fire safety and property maintenance inspections of such building or structure at least once every twelve (12) months;

(3) the Code Enforcement Officer shall not perform fire safety and property maintenance inspections of a multiple dwelling not included in paragraphs (1) or (2) of subdivision (a) of this section if OFPC performs fire safety and property maintenance inspections of such multiple dwelling at intervals not exceeding the interval specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of this section; and

(4) the Code Enforcement Officer shall not perform fire safety and property maintenance inspections of a non-residential building, structure, use or occupancy not included in paragraphs (1) or (2) of subdivision (a) of this section if OFPC performs fire safety and property maintenance inspections of such non-residential building, structure, use or occupancy at intervals not exceeding the interval specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of this section.

(d) Fee. The fee specified in or determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 17 (Fees) of this local law must be paid prior to or at the time each inspection performed pursuant to this section. This subdivision shall not apply to inspections performed by OFPC.

Section 12. CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA.

(a) The Code Official shall determine the climatic and geographic design criteria for buildings and structures constructed within Lewis County as required by the Uniform Code. Such determinations shall be made in the manner specified in the Uniform Code using, where applicable, the maps, charts, and other information provided in the Uniform Code. The criteria to be so determined shall include but shall not necessarily be limited to, the following:

(1). Design criteria to include ground snow load; wind design loads; seismic category, potential damage from weathering, frost, and termite; winter design

temperature. whether ice barrier underlayment is required; the air freezing index; and the mean annual temperature.

(2). Heating and cooling equipment design criteria for structures within the scope of the Residential Code of New York State. Design criteria shall include the data identified in the Design Criteria Table found in Chapter 3 of the Residential Code.

(3). Flood hazard areas, flood hazard maps, and supporting data. The flood hazard map shall include, at a minimum, special flood hazard areas as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Flood Insurance Study for the community, as amended or revised with:

- i. Accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Map (FEMA) or FEMA Firmette mapping;
- ii. Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM);
- iii. Related supporting data along with any revisions thereto.

(b) The Code Enforcement Officer shall prepare a written record of the climatic and geographic design criteria determined pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section, shall maintain such record within the office of the Code Official and shall make such record available to the public.

SECTION 13. COMPLAINTS

The Code Enforcement Officer shall review and investigate written complaints which allege or assert the existence of conditions or activities that fail to comply with the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, this local law, or any other local law, ordinance or regulation adopted for administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code or the Energy Code. The Code Enforcement Officer may investigate verbal complaints which allege or assert the existence of such violation(s), provided that such investigation(s), if any, shall be conducted solely at his or her discretion. The process for responding to a complaint (verbal or written) shall include such of the following steps as the Code Enforcement Officer may deem to be appropriate:

(a) performing an inspection of the conditions and/or activities alleged to be in violation, and documenting the results of such inspection;

(b) if a violation is found to exist, providing the owner of the affected property and any other Person who may be responsible for the violation with notice of the violation and opportunity to abate, correct or cure the violation, or otherwise proceeding in the manner described in section 16 (Violations) of this local law;

(c) if appropriate, issuing a Stop Work Order;

(d) if a violation which was found to exist is abated or corrected, performing an inspection to ensure that the violation has been abated or corrected, preparing a final written report reflecting such abatement or correction, and filing such report with the complaint.

SECTION 14. RECORD KEEPING.

(a) The Code Enforcement Officer shall keep permanent official records of all transactions and activities conducted by all Code Enforcement Personnel, including records of:

- (1) all applications received, reviewed and approved or denied;
- (2) all plans, specifications and construction documents approved;
- (3) all Building Permits, Certificates of Occupancy, Temporary Certificates, Stop Work Orders, and Operating Permits issued;
- (4) all inspections and tests performed;
- (5) all statements and reports issued;
- (6) all complaints received;
- (7) all investigations conducted;
- (8) all other features and activities specified in or contemplated by this local law, including; and
- (9) all fees charged and collected.

(b) All such records shall be public records open for public inspection during normal business hours. All plans and records pertaining to buildings or structures, or appurtenances thereto, shall be retained for at least the minimum time period so required by State law and regulation.

SECTION 15. PROGRAM REVIEW AND REPORTING

(a) The Code Enforcement Officer shall annually submit to the Board of Legislators a written report and summary of all business conducted by the Code Enforcement Officer and the Inspectors, including a report and summary of all transactions and activities described in section 14 (Record Keeping) of this local law and a report and summary of all appeals or litigation pending or concluded.

(b) The Code Enforcement Officer shall annually submit to the Secretary of State, on behalf of the County of Lewis, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, a report of the activities of the County of Lewis relative to administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code.

(c) The Code Enforcement Officer shall, upon request of the New York State Department of State, provide to the New York State Department of State, from the records and related materials the County of Lewis is required to maintain, excerpts, summaries, tabulations, statistics and other information and accounts of the activities of the County in connection with administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code and Energy Code.

SECTION 16: VIOLATIONS

(a) Compliance Orders. The Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to order in writing the remedying of any condition or activity found to exist in, on or about any building, structure, or premises in violation of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, or this local law, and as they may be amended. Upon finding that any such condition or activity exists, the Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a Compliance Order. The Compliance Order shall (1) be in writing; (2) be dated and signed by the Code Enforcement Officer; (3) specify the condition or activity that violates the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, or this local law; (4) specify the provision or provisions of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, or this local law which is/are violated by the specified condition or activity; (5) specify the period of time which the Code Enforcement Officer deems to be reasonably necessary for achieving compliance; (6) direct that compliance be achieved within the specified period of time; and (7) state that an action or proceeding to compel compliance may be instituted if compliance is not achieved within the specified period of time. The Code Enforcement Officer shall cause the Compliance Order, or a copy thereof, to be served on the owner of the affected property personally or by registered mail/certified mail. The Code Enforcement Officer shall be permitted, but not required, to cause the Compliance Order, or a copy thereof, to be served on any builder, architect, tenant, contractor, subcontractor, construction superintendent, or their agents, or any other Person taking part or assisting in work being performed at the affected property personally or by registered mail / certified mail; provided, however, that failure to serve any Person mentioned in this sentence shall not affect the efficacy of the Compliance Order.

(b) Appearance Tickets. The Code Enforcement Officer and each Inspector are authorized to issue appearance tickets for any violation of the Uniform Code.

(c) Civil Penalties. In addition to those penalties proscribed by State law, any Person who violates any provision of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code or this local law, or any term or condition of any Building Permit, Certificate of Occupancy, Temporary Certificate, Stop Work Order, Operating Permit or other notice or order

issued by the Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to any provision of this local law, shall be liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$200 for each day or part thereof during which such violation continues. The civil penalties provided by this subdivision shall be recoverable in an action instituted in the name of the County of Lewis.

(d) Injunctive Relief. An action or proceeding may be instituted in the name of the County of Lewis, in a court of competent jurisdiction, to prevent, restrain, enjoin, correct, or abate any violation of, or to enforce, any provision of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, this local law, or any term or condition of any Building Permit, Certificate of Occupancy, Temporary Certificate, Stop Work Order, Operating Permit, Compliance Order, or other notice or order issued by the Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to any provision of this local law. In particular, but not by way of limitation, where the construction or use of a building or structure is in violation of any provision of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, this local law, or any Stop Work Order, Compliance Order or other order obtained under the Uniform Code, the Energy Code or this local law, an action or proceeding may be commenced in the name of the County of Lewis, in the Supreme Court or in any other court having the requisite jurisdiction, to obtain an order directing the removal of the building or structure or an abatement of the condition in violation of such provisions. No action or proceeding described in this subdivision shall be commenced without the appropriate authorization from the Chairman of the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis.

(e) Remedies Not Exclusive. No remedy or penalty specified in this section shall be the exclusive remedy or remedy available to address any violation described in this section, and each remedy or penalty specified in this section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the other remedies or penalties specified in this section, in section 7 (Stop Work Orders) of this local law, in any other section of this local law, or in any other applicable law. Any remedy or penalty specified in this section may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any other remedy or penalty specified in this section, in section 7 (Stop Work Orders) of this local law, in any other section of this local law, or in any other applicable law. In particular, but not by way of limitation, each remedy and penalty specified in this section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the penalties specified in subdivision (2) of section 381 of the Executive Law, and any remedy or penalty specified in this section may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any penalty specified in subdivision (2) of section 381 of the Executive Law.

SECTION 17: FEES

A fee schedule shall be established by resolution of the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis. Such fee schedule may thereafter be amended from time to

time by like resolution. The fees set forth in, or determined in accordance with, such fee schedule or amended fee schedule shall be charged and collected for the submission of applications, the issuance of Building Permits, amended Building Permits, renewed Building Permits, Certificates of Occupancy, Temporary Certificates, Operating Permits, fire safety and property maintenance inspections, and other actions of the Code Enforcement Officer described in or contemplated by this local law.

SECTION 18. INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS

The Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis may, by resolution, authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to enter into an agreement, in the name of the County of Lewis, with other governments to carry out the terms of this local law, provided that such agreement does not violate any provision of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, Part 1203 of Title 19 of the NYCRR, or any other applicable law, as any or all may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 19. PARTIAL INVALIDITY

If any section of this local law shall be held unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective, in whole or in part, such determination shall not be deemed to affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law.

SECTION 20. REPEALER

This local law shall be deemed to amend Local law No. 9- 2006 *in toto*, and upon its effective date shall supersede and replace said local law in all respects.

SECTION 21. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

RESOLUTION NO. 275 - 2022
FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW
(INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 6 - 2022), COUNTY OF LEWIS

Introduced by Legislator Ian Gilbert, Chair of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, there will be presented and introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators to be held on November 22, 2022, a proposed Local Law entitled "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LEWIS COUNTY LOCAL LAW 9 - 2006 PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That a public hearing will be held on December 6, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., before the Lewis County Board of Legislators on the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse, New York, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York.

Section 2. That at least five (5) days notice of such hearing shall be given by the Clerk of this Board by the due posting thereof upon the bulletin board of the Lewis County Court House, Lowville, New York, and by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspaper of the County.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Moser, and adopted on the 22nd day of November, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 276 - 2022
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY
(CERTAIN RAIL LINE CORRIDORS)
FROM GENESEE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION CO., INC.

Introduced by Legislator Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, Genesee Valley Transportation Co., Inc. (GVT), having a principal address at One Mill Street, Suite 101, Batavia, NY, 14020, is a railroad holding company for Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railroad Corporation (MA&N) and the Lowville & Beaver River Railroad Company (L&BR), and the fee title owner of railroad corridors in the County of Lewis; and

WHEREAS, after numerous years of discussion, negotiations and mediation, GVT has offered to convey to the County of Lewis, in fee simple absolute by quitclaim deed, approximately 31 miles of its railroad corridor holdings in Lewis County, consisting of approximately 18.3 miles from Lowville to Carthage, 10.9 miles from Lowville to Croghan, 8 miles in the Village of Lowville, and 0.5 miles in the Village of Lyons Falls, inclusive of the all track, Other Track Materials (OTM), buildings and improvements thereon, (except for GVT having the right to remove and retain all signals, crossing protection and railroad switches), in consideration of the County's payment of the sum of \$2,500,000.00 to GVT, in accordance with the outline set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding reached by the parties at mediation on October 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law § 215, the Board of Legislators is empowered with the authority to acquire real and personal property for county public purposes. The County's acquisition of these properties is for the public purpose of development of multi-use recreational trails; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to set forth its approval for the acquisition of the identified railroad corridor property, and the development of same to recreational trails;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

Section 1. The Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby approves and authorizes the acquisition of approximately 31 miles of railroad corridor property and improvements thereon from GVT, identified as approximately 18.3 miles from Lowville to Carthage, 10.9 miles from Lowville to Croghan, 8 miles in the Village of Lowville, and 0.5 miles in the Village of Lyons Falls, inclusive of the all track, Other Track Materials (OTM), buildings and improvements thereon, and identified by parcels listed in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into between the parties on October 11, 2022.

Section 2. That the County's obligation to close and accept title to the Property, together with other conditions of sale shall be set forth in a more formal and detailed contract of sale, which incorporates the terms set forth in the MOU. Said transfer and payment is subject to and contingent upon obtaining all applicable and necessary Federal State and local approvals. GVT shall apply and complete all necessary filings for approvals from the Surface Transportation Board; the costs and fees for which shall be borne by GVT; and

Section 3. That the Board of Legislators directs the appropriate County personnel to initiate and undertake all necessary preliminary steps for the public purpose intended by and for this acquired property, including but not limited to environmental assessments and searches, engineering assessments, and grant funding sources

Section 4. Title to the property shall be transferred to the County in fee simple absolute by means of a Quitclaim Deed.

Section 5. That the Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such writings, documents or instruments necessary to fulfill the intent of this Resolution on such form(s) and upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Section 4. Title to the property shall be transferred to the County in fee simple absolute by means of a Quitclaim Deed.

Section 5. That the Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver such writings, documents or instruments necessary to fulfill the intent of this Resolution on such form(s) and upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

Section 6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Moser, and adopted on the 22nd day of November, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 277 - 2022
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE CONDUCT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND
ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS
AND EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Osborne, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, the governing body has met and considered the 2023 Tentative County Budget and has conducted a public hearing thereon as required by Section 359 of the County Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That the Tentative Budget as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts as set forth in the "Adopted" column of such budget be and hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, and the salaries and wages set forth in Schedule 5 of that budget shall be and hereby are fixed at the amount shown therein, or by employees' contract effective January 1, 2023.

Moved by Legislator Virkler, seconded by Legislator Leviker.

Legislator Chartrand moved to authorize a one-time payment to the Lewis County Historical Society in the amount of \$15,000.00 by transferring the funds from the Legislative Special Contingency account line to the Historical Society account line in the 2022 budget, seconded by Legislator Leviker and carried. Legislator Hathway was opposed.

The resolution was then adopted pursuant to the following roll call vote on the 22nd day of November 2022:

AYES: Virkler, Chartrand, Gilbert, Osborne, Leviker, Moroughan, Nellenback, Hathway, Moser, and Dolhof

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 278 - 2022
ASSESSING AND LEVYING AMOUNT OF TAX CALLED FOR
UNDER THE COUNTY BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
ON THE 22nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022
AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER COUNTY LAW

Introduced by Legislator Thomas Osborne, Chair of the Finance & Rules Committee.

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators of the County of Lewis by Resolution No. 277 - 2022 adopted on the 22nd day of November 2022, has adopted a County Budget for fiscal year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Legislators by Resolution No. 277 - 2022 adopted on the 22nd day of November 2022, has made appropriations for the conduct of Lewis County Government for fiscal year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That there be, and hereby is, assessed and levied upon and against the taxable property of the County of Lewis liable therefore the sum of \$18,792,878.00.

Moved by Legislator Gilbert, seconded by Legislator Virkler, and adopted pursuant to the following roll call vote on the 22nd day of November 2022:

AYES: Osborne, Hathway, Nellenback, Virkler, Leviker, Moser, Moroughan, Gilbert, Chartrand, and Dolhof.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Dolhof, at the request of Treasurer, Eric Virkler, stated that resolution 276-2022 “Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Real Property (Certain Rail Line Corridors) From Genesee Valley Transportation Co., Inc.” was adopted as part of the slate earlier in the meeting.

At 5:44 p.m. with no other business to come before the board Legislator Hathway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Osborne, and carried.