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**BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: July 6, 2020**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Bob Scott, Ben Astorino, John Tracy, Jean Schultz, John Strobl, David Niemotko, Ed Garling

**BOARD SUPPORT:** Carrie Scali (*OC Planning*)

**GUESTS:**

**MOTIONS:**

- 1. To accept the June meeting summary. John Strobl motioned, David Niemotko seconded and it passed unanimously.**
- 2. To choose Joanna Ogrodnik as the recipient of the internship gift. David Niemotko motioned, John Strobl seconded and it passed unanimously.**
- 3. To accept the alternate member position contingent on attorney clarification. Ben Astorino motioned, David Niemotko seconded and it passed unanimously.**
- 4. To choose Noel Arnold to fulfill the vacant positioned subject to approval at the annual dinner. John Strobl motioned, Ben Astorino seconded and it passed unanimously.**

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The fourth Board Meeting of 2020, and the second virtually held due to the COVID-19 pandemic, opened with the passing of the June meeting summary. David Niemotko motioned to accept the summary, John Strobl seconded and it passed unanimously.

The meeting moved on with discussing an open item from the June meeting. A letter was to be drafted with supportive words to be sent to all scholarship applicants. Carrie was tasked with compiling this letter to be forwarded to the board to be approved via email prior to being sent out.

The meeting continued with choosing an internship applicant to be the recipient of the \$500.00 gift. After discussing the choices, a motion was made by David Niemotko, seconded by John Strobl and passed unanimously to choose Joanna Ogrodnik. It was further mentioned that the Board should find a way to promote the positive mission of supporting the scholarship and internship recipients as the normal platforms were removed this year. Carrie mentioned she could work with her Department and possibly with Justin Rodriguez to have a post blasted out on the County's social media.

Carrie then provided an update on the dues that have been received since the June meeting. A total of 22 municipalities had sent their dues in as of the meeting date totaling \$2,750.00.

The next order of business was discussing the proposal written by John Tracy to add an alternate member to the bylaws. In hopes of always holding a quorum by adding the alternate member position, John Tracy volunteered to write up the requirements of the position. It was further discussed by the

board that the member must be present at all meetings, and hold a current position with a municipal board. A motion to accept the alternate position subject to contingent attorney clarification was made by Ben Astorino, seconded by David Niemotko and passed unanimously. It was mentioned that Crawford McCloud of the Town of Hamptonburgh would be offered the alternate position. John Strobl also made a motion for Noel Arnold of the Town of Hamptonburgh to fulfill the current vacancy subject to approval at the annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Ben Astorino and passed unanimously.

Ben Astorino then motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:15 PM, John Strobl seconded and it passed unanimously.

**Upcoming Events and Important Dates to Remember:**

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| Monday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup> :   | Board Meeting |
| Monday, September (TBD):           | Board Meeting |
| Monday, October 5 <sup>th</sup> :  | Board Meeting |
| Monday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Board Meeting |