



# *County of Schenectady*

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**NOVEMBER 2023**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

DATE: 3 November 2023  
TO: Honorable Schenectady County Legislators  
FROM: Geoffrey T. Hall; Clerk of the Legislature  
SUBJECT: Committee Meetings  
Wednesday, October 8, 2023  
620 State Street  
Legislative Chambers  
Sixth Floor – 7:00 PM

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# Schenectady County Legislature

Committee on Environmental Conservation, Renewable Energy and Parks

Hon. Sara Mae Pratt, Chair

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Phone: (518) 388-4280 Fax: (518) 388-4591

DATE: November 3, 2023  
TO: Honorable Schenectady County Legislators  
FROM: Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Committee on Environmental Conservation, Renewable Energy and Parks  
Honorable Sara Mae Pratt, Chair  
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m  
Schenectady County Office Building,  
Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Co-Sponsor</b>
ECREP	14 A RESOLUTION REGARDING PESTICIDE USE AT CERTAIN COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY	Legislator Pratt	

**LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FORM**

**Date:** 11/3/2023  
**Reference:** Environmental Conservation, Renewable Energy and Parks  
**Dual Reference:**  
**Initiative:** ECREP 14

**Title of Proposed Resolution:**

A RESOLUTION REGARDING PESTICIDE USE AT CERTAIN COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

**Purpose and General Idea:**

Provides Authorization For Legislative Resolution to Eliminate the Use of Pesticides at Certain County-Owned Properties.

**Summary of Specific Provisions:**

Authorizes a resolution from the Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council (SCEAC) requesting that the County Legislature phase out the use of pesticides at certain County-Owned properties. Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council (SCEAC), is requesting to phase out the usage of outdoor pesticides primarily focusing on areas where children frequent such as the libraries. SCEAC will coordinate with the County Managers Office to engage in educational outreach to inform the public on the negative health effects that pesticides have on humans and animals.

**Effects Upon Present Law:**

None.

**Justification:**

Rory Fluman, County Manager, indicates, that addressing the issue of pesticides would be in line with similar public health issues that the County has undertaken such as the campaign to address lead poisoning, and would further the County’s commitment towards the health and well-being of our residents.

**Sponsor: Legislator Pratt**

**Co-Sponsor:**

# COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY




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**To:** Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Legislature

**From:** Rory Fluman, County Manager 

**CC:** Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
Alissa Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

**Date:** November 3, 2022

**Re:** Authorization for Legislative Resolution to Eliminate the Use of Pesticides at  
Certain County-Owned Properties

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Attached is a resolution from the Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council (SCEAC), requesting the County Legislature phase out pesticide usage at all county-owned properties with a priority focus on areas that children frequent like the libraries. To assist in these efforts, SCEAC will coordinate with the County Manager's Office to engage in educational outreach to inform the public on the negative health effects that pesticides have on humans and animals.

Attached is a copy of the bill language.

I recommend your approval.



**SCHENECTADY COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Resolution Number 2023-6 (September 26th, 2023)**

**RECOMMENDING THE ELIMINATION OF PESTICIDE USE IN CERTAIN  
COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES**

**WHEREAS**, In accordance Section 80.05. *Powers and duties of the council* Subsection A. *Advise the County Legislature* of the Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council (SCEAC) Enabling Legislation details one of the powers and duties of the Council “Advise the Legislature on matters affecting the preservation, development, and use of the natural and man-made features and conditions of the County insofar as they have a bearing on environmental quality.”;

**WHEREAS**, In accordance Section 80.05. *Powers and duties of the council* Subsection B. *Study Environmental Problems* of the SCEAC Enabling Legislation details one of the powers and duties of the Council “Study activities, projects and operations which affect the County environment to determine where major threats to environmental quality exist and recommend remedial policies and procedures with a view toward enhancing the long-range value of the environment to the people of the County.”;

**WHEREAS**, In accordance Section 80.05. *Powers and duties of the council* Subsection C. *Inform the Public* of the SCEAC Enabling Legislation details one of the powers and duties of the Council “Develop and conduct a program of public information in the County which shall be designed to foster an increased understanding of the nature of environmental problems on the part of the County residents, and an increased appreciation of the considerable efforts which are required to solve them. Toward this end, conduct such activities as, prepare and distribute written materials; conduct seminars, courses, special meetings; sponsor public projects, workshops, symposia; prepare public displays; prepare regular newspaper columns; and engage in such other activities deemed appropriate by the council in accord with the purposes of this local law.”;

**WHEREAS**, It was brought to our attention at a SCEAC meeting on June 14th by Dr. Ashok Ramasubramanian, a Faculty member at Union College and member of the Niskayuna Conservation Advisory Council, and Ellen Daviero, a member of the Niskayuna Conservation Advisory Council, "of the potential health concerns posed by insecticides, herbicides and fungicides, hereinafter referred to generally as pesticides, particularly in relation to children and pets;

**WHEREAS**, Research such as, Roberts, James R., et al. “Pesticide Exposure in Children.”

*American Academy of Pediatrics*, 1 Dec. 2012, and Takashima-Uebelhoefer, Biki, et al. "Household Chemical Exposures and the Risk of Canine Malignant Lymphoma ..." *Environmental Research*, Elsevier, 2012, provides support for the public health concerns brought up by Dr. Ashok Ramasubramanian and Ellen Daviero;

**WHEREAS**, Addressing the issue of pesticides in county-owned locations would be in line with similar public health issues that County has undertaken such as the campaign to address lead poisoning and would further the County's commitment towards the health and well being of residents;

**WHEREAS**, This elimination is intended to apply to outdoor pesticide use in county owned facilities;

**WHEREAS**, the primary aim of this resolution is to reduce or eliminate synthetic broadleaf herbicides application as a matter of routine, the use of pesticides for indoor pest control is not affected by this resolution. Insecticide application to address infestation by insects (e.g., dangerous stinging insects) is also not affected by this resolution.

**WHEREAS**, SCEAC recommends against routine application of broadleaf synthetic herbicides for weed control of lawns for primarily aesthetic purposes, we understand that future situations will likely arise where exceptions will need to be considered, e.g., for the control of invasive species. A subcommittee of the SCEAC shall be formed for prompt consideration of such requests. Data from federal and state governments and scientific literature will be used to adjudicate such requests. Requests to use alternative products, e.g., those being marketed as organic and safe, may also be submitted to the subcommittee.

**WHEREAS**, SCEAC and its members are willing to assist the County where appropriate in outreach, education and policy development to address the potential public health concerns that pesticide use poses;

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT**, SCEAC recommends the County take action on phasing out pesticide use at all county-owned properties with a priority focus on those areas frequented by children such as Public Library facilities;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, SCEAC, in collaboration with the County Manager's Office and members of the public, will engage in an educational outreach campaign to inform the public on the potential dangers pesticide use poses and the effort the County is undertaking to eliminate pesticide use at its properties;

Moved By Heather Ipsen Seconded By: Portia Zwicker

Voting in favor 4 Abstaining 0 Voting Opposed 0 Absent 2

**SCEAC Co-Chair:** *Portia Zwicker*

**Portia Zwicker**

**SCEAC Co-Chair:** *Heather Ipsen*

**Heather Ipsen**

**SCEAC Staff:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Charlie Davidson**



# Schenectady County Legislature

Committee on Health, Housing and Human Services

Hon. Michelle Ostrelich, Chair

6th Floor County Office Building 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12305

Phone: (518) 388-4280 Fax: (518) 388-4591

DATE: November 3, 2023  
TO: Honorable Schenectady County Legislators  
FROM: Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Committee on Health, Housing and Human Services  
Honorable Michelle Ostrelich, Chair  
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m  
Schenectady County Office Building,  
Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Co-Sponsor</b>
HHHS 24	A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	Legislator Ostrelich	

**LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FORM**

**Date:** 11/3/2023  
**Reference:** Health, Housing and Human Services  
**Dual Reference:** Ways and Means  
**Initiative:** HHHS 24

**Title of Proposed Resolution:**

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**Purpose and General Idea:**

Provides Authorization to Create and Eliminate Positions at the Department of Social Services.

**Summary of Specific Provisions:**

Authorizes the elimination of the position of Director of Accounting Systems (DSS) (\$90,283) and the creation of Assistant Director of Accounting (DSS) (JC-8 \$85,000) in the Department of Social Services.

**Effects Upon Present Law:**

The County of Schenectady's Department of Finance provides the following amendment to the 2023 Operating Budget to accommodate staffing changes within the Department of Social Services.

Establish and Increase Appropriation Code By:

A516010.111	Personnel Services – Assistant Director of Accounting	\$85,000
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Decrease Appropriation Code By:

A516010.111	Personnel Services – Director of Accounting Systems	\$90,283
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I recommend that this budget amendment be presented to the Schenectady County Legislature for consideration.

**Justification:**

Brandy Hillard-Bouldin, Commissioner of Social Services, indicates that after reviewing the organizational structure, the position of Assistant Director of Accounting would best fill the new systems that are being developed to provide analytical data fiscal regulatory requirements, and support to the financial function improvements functions needed in the department. The salary for the new position would call for a decrease in the new appropriation of \$5,283

**Sponsor: Legislator Ostrelch**

**Co-Sponsor:**



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**To:** Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Legislature

**From:** Rory Fluman, County Manager 

**CC:** Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
Alissa Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Brandy Hillard-Bouldin, Director of Social Services  
Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance  
Joe McQueen, Director of Human Resources

**Date:** November 3, 2023

**RE:** Authorization to Create Eliminate and Create Positions at the Department of Social Services

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Attached is a memorandum from Brandy Hillard-Bouldin, Director of Social Services, requesting authorization to eliminate the position of Director of Accounting Systems and create the position of Assistant Director of Accounting (DSS) (JC-8). As Ms. Hillard-Bouldin indicates, the department needs a position that can support the newly developed processes that provide analytical data, fiscal regulatory requirements and support financial function improvements at DSS with a \$5,283 annual savings.

The attached memoranda from Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance, and Joe McQueen, Director of Human Resources, detail the actions necessary to create the position.

I recommend your approval.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**



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Brandy Hillard-Bouldin  
*Commissioner*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Rory Fluman, County Manager  
**FROM:** Brandy Hillard Bouldin, Commissioner  
**DATE:** October 17, 2023  
**RE:** Personnel Request

I would respectfully request the creation of a new management level position within the Department of Social Services. The proposed position would be that of an Assistant Director of Accounting DSS. This position would report directly to the Director of Financial Management. Presently the organizational structure within the Department is such that as new systems are being developed to provide analytical data, fiscal regulatory requirements, and support to financial function improvement, the position would be in direct support of these processes.

Under our proposal we would eliminate the current position of Director of Accounting Systems. The funds in the appropriation line (A.51.6010.01378) would be transferred to the newly created position of Assistant Director of Accounting (DSS) with the appropriation line yet to be determined. Recognizing the salary for the new position would call for a decrease in the new appropriation of \$5,283. If you should have any questions regarding the proposal, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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County Finance

# Memo

**TO:** Rory Fluman, County Manager  
**FROM:** Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance *JK*  
**DATE:** October 30, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Budget Amendment – Department of Social Services – Creation and Elimination of Various Positions

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The County of Schenectady's Department of Finance provides the following amendment to the 2023 Operating Budget to accommodate staffing changes within the Department of Social Services.

Establish and Increase Appropriation Code By:

A516010.111	Personnel Services – Assistant Director of Accounting	<u>\$85,000</u>
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Decrease Appropriation Code By:

A516010.111	Personnel Services – Director of Accounting Systems	<u>\$90,283</u>
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I recommend that this budget amendment be presented to the Schenectady County Legislature for consideration.

# Memo

**To:** Rory Fluman, County Manager

**From:** Joe McQueen, Director of Human Resources

**Date:** October 31, 2023

**Re:** Elimination and Creation of Positions in the Department of Social Services

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The Schenectady County Department of Social Services has requested the elimination of the position Director of Accounting Systems and the creation of the position Assistant Director of Accounting (DSS).

I recommend the creation of the position Assistant Director of Accounting (DSS) at a JC8.

All necessary action needed to be taken by the Civil Service Commission will occur at the November 21, 2023 commission meeting.

Thank you.



# Schenectady County Legislature

Committee on Military Affairs Veterans

Hon. Holly Vellano, Chair

6th Floor County Office Building 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12305

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DATE: November 3, 2023  
TO: Honorable Schenectady County Legislators  
FROM: Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Committee on Military Affairs Veterans  
Honorable Holly Vellano, Chair  
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m  
Schenectady County Office Building,  
Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Co-Sponsors</b>
MAV	2 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS	Legislator Vellano	

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**LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FORM**

**Date:** 11/3/2023  
**Reference:** Military Affairs and Veterans  
**Dual Reference:**  
**Initiative:** MAV 2

**Title of Proposed Resolution:**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

**Purpose and General Idea:**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

**Summary of Specific Provisions:**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

**Effects Upon Present Law:**

None.

**Justification:**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

**Sponsor:** Legislator Vellano

**Co-Sponsor:**



## **RESOLUTION -23**

*Sponsored by Legislator Vellano:*

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Schenectady County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, this community seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, and an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during this transition from military to civilian life, and are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schenectady County Legislature greatly appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, this body hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the Schenectady County Legislature encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6, 2023 to November 12, 2023.



# Schenectady County Legislature

Committee on Public Safety and Firefighting

*Hon. Thomas Constantine, Chair*

6th Floor County Office Building 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12305

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DATE: November 3, 2023  
TO: Honorable Schenectady County Legislators  
FROM: Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Public Safety and Firefighting  
Honorable Thomas Constantine, Chair  
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.  
Schenectady County Office Building,  
Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Co-Sponsors</b>
PSF	10 A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY TO THE DUANESBURG VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS, INC.	Legislator Constantine	

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**LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FORM**

**Date:** 11/3/2023  
**Reference:** Public Safety and Firefighting  
**Dual Reference:**  
**Initiative:** PSF 10

**Title of Proposed Resolution:**

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY TO THE DUANESBURG VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS, INC.

**Purpose and General Idea:**

Provides Authorization of Foreclosed Property Transfer to the Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corps. d/b/a Duanesburg Ambulance.

**Summary of Specific Provisions:**

Authorizes the transfer of tax foreclosed property SBL: 66.00-2-15 lot size 1.9+/- acres from the County of Schenectady to Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corps. d/b/a Duanesburg Ambulance via Quit Claim Deed.

**Effects Upon Present Law:**

None.

**Justification:**

County Chairman, Tony Jasenski and County Legislator Holly Vellano have requested that the County Legislature tramt the referenced property to DVAC. This property is adjacent to the Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Located at 130 Cole Road in Duanesburg. The property size is +/- 1.9 acres and is assessed a valuation of \$51,000. The DVAC plans to utilize this house for administrative offices, training space, and lodging for first responders. This donation will significantly enhance the ability of the DVAC to provide life-saving services and will make a meaningful impact in the community.

**Sponsor: Legislator Constantine**

**Co-Sponsor:**

# COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY




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**To:** Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Legislature

**From:** Rory Fluman, County Manager 

**CC:** Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
Alissa Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Christopher Gardner, County Attorney

**Date:** November 3, 2023

**Re:** Authorization to Transfer Foreclosed Property to the Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corps. via Quit-Claim Deed

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Attached is a memorandum from Christopher Gardner, County Attorney, requesting authorization to transfer the foreclosed property located at 130 Cole Rd in the Town of Duanesburg to the Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corps (DVAC). The 1.9 acres property has a house located on it which DVAC intends to utilize for administrative work, trainings, and lodging first responders. As this property was obtained through the tax foreclosure process, Mr. Gardner indicates that it can therefore be transferred through a quit-claim deed.

I recommend your approval.

**COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY  
Inter-Department Correspondence Sheet**

**To:** Rory Fluman, County Manager

**From:** Christopher H. Gardner, County Attorney *CHG*

**Dated:** October 31, 2023

**Re:** Transfer of Tax Foreclosed Property (SBL: 66.00-2-15) (Lot Size 1.9 +/- acres)  
From The County of Schenectady to Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corps.  
d/b/a Duanesburg Ambulance via Quit Claim Deed

**cc:** Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
M. Joe Landry, Counsel to the Legislature  
Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance  
Paul Romano, Director of Real Property Tax Service Agency  
Charles Davidson, Sustainability Coordinator, County Managers Office  
Marylou Riddle, Executive Secretary, Office of the County Manager  
Frank Salamone, First Deputy County Attorney  
Erin Laiacona, Director of Public Communications

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County Legislative Chairman, Tony Jasenski and County Legislator Holly Vellano have requested that the County Legislature transmit the above-referenced property to the Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corps. d/b/a Duanesburg Ambulance (DVAC).

This property is adjacent to the Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corps. located at 130 Cole Road in Duanesburg. The property's lot size is +/- 1.9 acres and it has an assessed valuation of \$51,000. The property has a house located on it, which needs some work.

Robert Cuttita, Chairman of the Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corps. informed me that DVAC intends to utilize the house for administrative offices, training space and lodging for first responders. Cuttita stated: "This generous donation will significantly enhance our ability to provide life-saving services and will make a meaningful impact on the lives of our fellow citizens."

This property was obtained through the tax foreclosure process. Accordingly, it can be transferred through a Resolution of the County Legislature, and such transfer will be through a quit-claim deed.

In conjunction with the County's purchase of the Duanesburg YMCA and sale of this property to Chris and Lauren Davis, to be reopened, DVAC, Schenectady County is making significant investments in the Duanesburg Community.

CHG/kah

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County Finance

# Memo

**TO:** Rory Fluman, County Manager

**FROM:** Paul G. Romano, Director  
Real Property Tax Service Agency

**CC:** Jaclyn L. Falotico, Commissioner of Finance

**DATE:** November 2, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Property Transfer to Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

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Schenectady County has acquired 8374 Duanesburg Rd. (SBL #66.00-2-15) located in the Town of Duanesburg through the Article 11 tax foreclosure proceedings.

County Officials have determined the best use of this property would be to transfer it to the Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corp. which is located at 130 Cole Rd. directly next to it so they can expand their operations.

Enabling the County to transfer this property would benefit the local Duanesburg community by helping DVAC and also decrease neighborhood blight once the property is fixed up.

Attached is an aerial view of the property.

We are looking for authorization from the Legislature to transfer this property to the Duanesburg Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (DVAC).

Thank you for your consideration.





# Schenectady County Legislature

## Committee on Tourism, Arts and Special Events

*Hon. Cathy Gatta, Chair*

6th Floor County Office Building 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12305

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DATE: November 3 2023  
TO: Honorable Schenectady County Legislators  
FROM: Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Committee on Tourism, Arts and Special Events  
Honorable Cathy Gatta, Chair  
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m  
Schenectady County Office Building,  
Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Co-Sponsors</b>
TASE 0	INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM TODD GAROFANO REGARDING DISCOVER SCHENECTADY	Legislator Gatta	
TASE 3	A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF A TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR SCHENECTADY COUNTY	Legislator Gatta	

**LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FORM**

**Date:** 11/3/2023  
**Reference:** Tourism, Arts and Special Events  
**Dual Reference:**  
**Initiative:** TASE 0

**Title of Proposed Resolution:**

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM TODD GAROFANO REGARDING  
DISCOVER SCHENECTADY

**Purpose and General Idea:**

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM TODD GAROFANO REGARDING  
DISCOVER SCHENECTADY

**Summary of Specific Provisions:**

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM TODD GAROFANO REGARDING  
DISCOVER SCHENECTADY

**Effects Upon Present Law:**

None.

**Justification:**

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM TODD GAROFANO REGARDING  
DISCOVER SCHENECTADY

**Sponsor:** Legislator Gatta

**Co-Sponsor:**



**LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FORM**

**Date:** 11/3/2023  
**Reference:** Tourism, Arts and Special Events  
**Dual Reference:**  
**Initiative:** TASE 3

**Title of Proposed Resolution:**

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF A TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR SCHENECTADY COUNTY

**Purpose and General Idea:**

Designates the Schenectady County Tourism and Convention Bureau as Schenectady County's Tourism Promotional Agency (TPA) for 2024.

**Summary of Specific Provisions:**

Authorizes the Schenectady County Tourism and Convention Bureau to coordinate and work with the New York State Tourism Matching Funds Program (I Love NY).

**Effects Upon Present Law:**

None.

**Justification:**

The Schenectady County Legislature approved the creation and funding of this entity as part of the 2017 budget approval process and the County Manager has recommended continued funding as part of the 2024 budget. Schenectady County has a unique opportunity through the Schenectady County Tourism and Convention Bureau to continue to advance tourism, convention sales, and special events in partnership with our local arts, entertainment, and business community.

**Sponsor:** Legislator Gatta

**Co-Sponsor:**



# Schenectady County Legislature

Committee on Ways and Means

Hon. Philip Fields, Chair

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Committee on Ways and Means  
Honorable Philip Fields, Chair  
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m  
Schenectady County Office Building,  
Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor

<u>Item</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Co-Sponsors</u>
WM	9 A RESOLUTION CORRECTING CLERICAL ERRORS ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX ROLL OF PRINCETOWN	Legislator Fields	
WM	10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION OF \$1,587,764.66 TO THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	Legislator Fields	

Item	Title	Sponsor	Co-Sponsors
WM	11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS RECEIVED AT PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF QUITCLAIM DEEDS	Legislator Fields	
HHHS	24 A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	Legislator Ostrelch	

**LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FORM**

**Date:** 11/3/2023  
**Reference:** Ways and Means  
**Dual Reference:** Ways and Means  
**Initiative:** WM 9

**Title of Proposed Resolution:**

A RESOLUTION CORRECTING CLERICAL ERRORS ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX ROLL OF PRINCETOWN

**Purpose and General Idea:**

Provides Authorization to Correct Tax Roll in The Town of Princetown

**Summary of Specific Provisions:**

The Real Property Tax Services Agency has received one (1) application for correction of the tax roll of Real Property Taxes for the Town of Princetown. The applicant named in the attached memo is entitled to a correction or refund of the taxes levied pursuant to the definitions of Section 550 of the Real Property Tax Law.

**Effects Upon Present Law:**

The Real Property Tax Service Agency has received one (1) application for correction of the tax roll from the Town of Princetown. The attached memorandum from Paul Romano, Director of Real Property Tax Service Agency, provides the necessary detail to approve this request as the applicant is entitled to a correction or refund of the taxes levied pursuant to the definitions of Section 550 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The Department of Finance recommends that this item be presented to the County Legislature for its consideration.

**Justification:**

Paul Ramono, Director of Real Property, communicated that the applicant owns a property that was demolished due to fire damage. The assessed value was never adjusted, resulting in a higher tax bill. They are therefore eligible for \$3,402.84 in taxes to be refunded as well as necessary to correct the tax rolls.

**Sponsor: Legislator Fields**

**Co-Sponsor:**

# COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY




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**To:** Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Legislature

**From:** Rory Fluman, County Manager 

**CC:** Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
Alissa Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance  
Paul Romano, Director of Real Property Tax Service Agency

**Date:** March 31, 2023

**RE:** Authorization to Correct Tax Roll in the Town of Princetown

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The Real Property Tax Service Agency has an application requiring legislative approval for tax corrections in the Town of Princetown. The applicant owns a property that was demolished due to fire damage. The assessed value was never adjusted, resulting in a higher tax bill. They are therefore eligible for \$3,402.84 in taxes to be refunded.

Attached is a memorandum from Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance, detailing the properties and the level and nature of the corrections.

I recommend your approval.

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# Memo

**TO:** Rory Fluman, County Manager

**FROM:** Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance *ff*

**DATE:** October 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Application for Corrected Tax Roll  
(Town of Princetown)

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The Real Property Tax Service Agency has received one (1) application for correction of the tax roll from the Town of Princetown. The attached memorandum from Paul Romano, Director of Real Property Tax Service Agency, provides the necessary detail to approve this request as the applicant is entitled to a correction or refund of the taxes levied pursuant to the definitions of Section 550 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The Department of Finance recommends that this item be presented to the County Legislature for its consideration.

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# Memo

**TO:** Jaclyn L. Falotico, Commissioner of Finance  
**FROM:** Paul G. Romano, Director  
Real Property Tax Service Agency  
**DATE:** October 24, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Applications for Refund on Tax Roll (1)  
(Town of Princetown)

The Real Property Tax Service Agency has one (1) application requiring legislative approval for correction to the 2023 Town and County General Tax Bills from the Town of Princetown. The applicant named below is entitled to a refund of the taxes levied pursuant to the definitions of Section 550 of the Real Property Tax Law.

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>OWNER S/B/L</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF TAXES BILLED</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF TAXES DUE</u>
Princetown	Simmons, Richard W. 55.-1-12	Error in Essential Fact	\$ 4,225.28	\$ 822.44
			Amount to <u>Refund</u> = \$ 3,402.84	

(Home was demolished due to fire damage and assessed value was never adjusted. The new assessed value is \$8,000.)

**LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FORM**

**Date:** 11/3/2023  
**Reference:** Ways and Means  
**Dual Reference:** Ways and Means  
**Initiative:** WM 10

**Title of Proposed Resolution:**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION OF \$1,587,764.66 TO THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

**Purpose and General Idea:**

Provides Authorization for the Semi-Annual Mortgage Recording Tax Distribution.

**Summary of Specific Provisions:**

Authorizes semi-annual mortgage tax distribution to the City, Towns, and Villages for the period of April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023, tentative distributions pending State Approval: Village of Delanson \$1,894.17. Town of Duanesburg \$68,325.44. Village of Scotia \$29,235.36. Town of Glenville \$298,848.90. Town of Niskayuna \$297,805.35. Town of Princetown \$28,514.26. Town of Rotterdam \$354,968.70. City of Schenectady \$508,172.48. The total distribution would be \$1,587,764.66

**Effects Upon Present Law:**

Calculation of the Semi-Annual Mortgage Recording Tax Distribution to the City, Towns and Villages for the period of April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023 has been completed by the County Clerk's Office and the Department of Finance.

The tentative distribution, pending State approval, is as follows:

Village of Delanson	\$ 1,894.17
Town of Duanesburg	68,325.44
Village of Scotia	29,235.36
Town of Glenville	298,848.90
Town of Niskayuna	297,805.35
Town of Princetown	28,514.26



Town of Rotterdam	354,968.70
City of Schenectady	<u>508,172.48</u>
Total	\$1,587,764.66

The Department of Finance requests legislative authorization to distribute \$1,587,764.66 in Mortgage Recording Tax to the municipalities within the County in the amounts identified above.

**Justification:**

Effectuates mortgage tax distribution in accordance with the law.

**Sponsor: Legislator Fields**

**Co-Sponsor:**

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**To:** Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Legislature

**From:** Rory Fluman, County Manager 

**CC:** Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
Alissa Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance

**Date:** November 31, 2023

**Re:** Semi-Annual Mortgage Tax Distribution

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Attached is a memorandum from Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance, requesting authorization to distribute \$1,587,764.66 in semi-annual mortgage tax proceeds to the City, Towns, and Villages for the period of April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023. Ms. Falotico's memorandum details the revenue distribution to each municipality.

I recommend your approval.

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# Memo

**TO:** Rory Fluman, County Manager  
**FROM:** Jaclyn L. Falotico, Commissioner of Finance *RF*  
**CC:** Cara Ackerley, County Clerk  
Robert Zych, Director of Treasury Systems  
**DATE:** October 27, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Semi-Annual Mortgage Recording Tax Distribution

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Calculation of the Semi-Annual Mortgage Recording Tax Distribution to the City, Towns and Villages for the period of April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023 has been completed by the County Clerk's Office and the Department of Finance.

The tentative distribution, pending State approval, is as follows:

Village of Delanson	\$ 1,894.17
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Total	\$1,587,764.66

The Department of Finance requests legislative authorization to distribute \$1,587,764.66 in Mortgage Recording Tax to the municipalities within the County in the amounts identified above.

**LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FORM**

**Date:** 11/3/2023  
**Reference:** Ways and Means  
**Dual Reference:** Ways and Means  
**Initiative:** WM 11

**Title of Proposed Resolution:**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS RECEIVED AT PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF QUITCLAIM DEEDS

**Purpose and General Idea:**

Provides Authorization to Sell County-Owned Property Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of the October 20, 2023 Public Auction.

**Summary of Specific Provisions:**

These properties were acquired through tax delinquency and the foreclosure process. The auction ran from September 25, 2023 and ended October 20, 2023, the Finance Department held an online public auction of county-owned properties acquired through tax delinquency and foreclosure. The auction contained 22 parcels, all of which sold.

**Effects Upon Present Law:**

None.

**Justification:**

Sale proceeds for the auction totaled \$972,000 and will be used to offset the tax delinquencies associated with the foreclosed properties sold at the auction.

**Sponsor: Legislator Fields**

**Co-Sponsor:**

# COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY



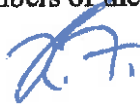
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**To:** Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Legislature

**From:** Rory Fluman, County Manager 

**CC:** Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance  
Paul Romano, Director of Real Property Tax Service Agency

**Date:** November 3, 2023

**Re:** Authorization to Sell County-Owned Property Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of the October 20, 2023 Public Auction

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From September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 through October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Finance Department held an online version of the County's Annual Public Auction of County owned properties acquired through the foreclosure procedure.

All properties sold resulted in a total bid sale of \$972,000. The proceeds from the Auction are used to offset prior delinquencies owed on these properties.

The attached listing details the properties auctioned, bidder's name and bid price for each of the properties that received bids.

As set forth in the Public Auction's Terms and Conditions of Sales, I am requesting authorization from the County Legislature to accept the bids set forth and finalize the sale of the 22 properties to the highest bidder resulting in the properties return to the tax rolls.

This was a very successful auction. I recommend your approval.

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# Memo

**TO:** Rory Fluman, County Manager

**FROM:** Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance *hf*

**CC:** Paul Romano, RPTSA Director  
Robert Zych, Director of Treasury Systems

**DATE:** October 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** 2023 Tax Foreclosure Auction Results

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The Schenectady County Department of Finance held an online public auction of properties acquired through the County's tax delinquency and foreclosure process. The auction began September 25<sup>th</sup> and ended October 20, 2023 with 22 lots auctioned, all of which sold.

As Paul Romano, Director of Real Property Tax Service Agency, indicates in the attached memorandum, sale proceeds for the auction totaled \$972,000 which will be used to offset tax delinquencies associated with the foreclosed properties. The County will hold the remaining funds in escrow pending further guidance from New York State in accordance with the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Tyler v. Hennepin County, Minnesota.

A listing is attached providing details relating to the properties auctioned by the County, the name of the winning bidder, and the winning bid price for each parcel. The Department of Finance respectfully requests legislative authorization to accept the bids and finalize the sale of these properties.

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# Memo

**TO:** Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance

**FROM:** Paul G. Romano, Director  
Real Property Tax Service Agency

**CC:** Robert Zych, Director of Treasury Systems

**DATE:** October 23, 2023

**SUBJECT:** 2023 Schenectady County Public Auction – Successful Bidders

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The Finance Department held an online public auction of properties acquired through the Article 11 tax foreclosure proceedings. The live bidding ended on October 20th, 2023. Of the 22 properties offered for sale, the County received bids on all 22 resulting in a total bid sale of \$972,000.

The attached listing details the properties auctioned, winning bidder's name and winning bid price for each property.

As set forth in the Public Auction's Terms and Condition of Sale, we are requesting authorization from the County Legislature to accept the bids attached and finalize the sale of the 22 properties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Enclosures

**2023  
SCHENECTADY COUNTY  
FALL PUBLIC AUCTION  
BIDDER'S LIST**

<b>LOT #</b>	<b>SBL/ADDRESS</b>	<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>WINNING SALE PRICE</b>
<b><u>TOWN OF DUANESBURG</u></b>			
1	33.00-2-26 - State Highway 30	Irena Wisniewska	\$ 4,000.00
2	42.00-2-11 - 7056 State Highway 30	Gary DiCocco	\$ 35,000.00
3	59.00-2-5.1 - Schoharie Tpke.	Krista Conrick	\$ 15,000.00
6	66.00-6-38 - 9320 Duanesburg Rd.	Luis A. Rosado	\$ 94,000.00
7	67.00-1-2.21 - 7289 Duanesburg Rd.	Roxanne Martin	\$ 5,000.00
8	67.00-3-9.1 - Duanesburg Rd.	Robert Dettmer	\$ 6,000.00
9	67.05-2-11 - 6921 Duanesburg Rd.	James A. Porcaro	\$ 36,000.00
<b><u>TOWN OF GLENVILLE</u></b>			
10	3.-1-27.1 - 3069 Touareuna Rd.	Bonnie Austin	\$ 68,000.00
11	13.-1-3.2 - 5106 Amsterdam Rd.	Kyle Schultz	\$ 37,000.00
12	21.3-1-17.1 - Ridge Rd.	Zach Zeh	\$ 6,000.00
14	22.11-1-23 - Mayfair Dr.	Syed Quadri	\$ 5,000.00
15	30.13-3-37 - Ballston Rd.	Irena Wisniewska	\$ 5,000.00
16	38.11-4-20 - 518 Elliott St.	Joe O'Neill	\$ 115,000.00
<b><u>TOWN OF NISKAYUNA</u></b>			
17	60.15-1-49 - 213 Fagan Ave N	Justin Sanders	\$ 10,000.00
<b><u>TOWN OF ROTTERDAM</u></b>			
19	48.20-7-20 - 2126 Gray St.	John Miley	\$ 92,000.00
22	58.8-6-26 - 2035 Westside Ave.	Gary Costanzo	\$ 18,000.00
23	58.8-8-23 - 2906 Guilderland Ave.	Syed Quadri	\$ 101,000.00
24	58.8-9-3 - 1117 Floral Ave	Gary DiCocco	\$ 80,000.00
25	58.11-6-14 - 1473 Fern Ave	Matt O'Connor	\$ 119,000.00
26	59.5-2-7.1 - Westside Ave	Steven Daigle	\$ 5,000.00
27	59.5-2-7.2 - Parker St.	Avinash Lachman	\$ 36,000.00
28	59.9-2-6 - 1830 Helderberg Ave.	Harripersaud Sookdowar	\$ 80,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ <u>972,000.00</u></b>