

**Long Island Village Clerks and Treasurers Association  
Regular Meeting**

**Virtual Meeting Hosted via Zoom  
Thursday, March 18, 2021  
12:00 PM**

**President Dave Fraser – Present**  
**1st Vice President Liz Gaynor – Present**  
**2nd Vice President Ronnie Shatzkamer – Present**  
**Secretary Chrissy Kiernan – Present**  
**Treasurer Barbara Kelly – Present**  
**Association Counsel Bob Smith – Present**  
**Nassau Director Joanna Palumbo – Present**  
**Nassau Director Vacancy**  
**Suffolk Director Denise Mordente – Present**  
**Suffolk Director Nicole Rhodes – Absent**  
**Executive Committee John Mirando – Absent**  
**Executive Committee Marianne Lobaccaro– Present**

At approximately 12:00p.m., President Fraser started the virtual March General Meeting by inviting Marianne Lobaccaro to lead with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Fraser then began with a roll call of the Executive Board.

**MINUTES OF THE 1/14/21 GENERAL MEETING** – On motion by Marianne Lobaccaro, seconded by Barbara Kelly, the minutes of the January 14, 2021 regular meeting, as circulated by Secretary Kiernan, were unanimously approved.

**MINUTES OF THE 2/11/21 GENERAL MEETING** – On motion by Ronnie Shatzkamer, seconded by Barbara Kelly, the minutes of the February 11, 2021 regular meeting, as circulated by Secretary Kiernan, were unanimously approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORTS OF 1/31/21 and 2/28/21** – On motion by Marianna Lobaccaro, seconded by Ronnie Shatzkamer, the Treasurers Reports of January 31, 2021 and February 28, 2021, as circulated by Treasurer Kelly, were unanimously approved.

**ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY AMENDMENT TO THE LIVCTA EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY-**

A proposed resolution prepared by Association Counsel Bob Smith to include an authorization of an additional annual scholarship award sum of \$500.00 for 2021 for any active member seeking reimbursement toward education was circulated amongst the Executive Board.

Association Counsel Bob Smith read the proposed resolution aloud:

“For educational activities or events occurring during calendar year 2021, the Association shall be authorized to make an additional one-time scholarship reimbursement award of up to \$500 to any Active Member, in addition to any other scholarship reimbursement permitted pursuant to Article XI, Section 2 of the Association’s By-laws.”

On motion by Liz Gaynor, seconded by Barbara Kelly, it was unanimously resolved that the Association approves the Temporary Amendment to the LIVCTA Educational Reimbursement Policy pursuant to Article XI, Section 2 of the Associations By-laws read aloud by counsel.

**EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIPS** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Liz Gaynor reported that she has been actively involved with the Education Committee of the New York State Association of City & Village Clerks. The Education Committee is working toward providing two educational institutes for Clerks pursuing their CMC or MMC accreditation from July 12-16 and from July 19-23 from 8am-12:30pm daily. A list of classes will be provided, as well as additional information including cost and registration details on the LIVCTA.com website once they become available. Liz further reported that the virtual classes held in January, February, and March were well attended with 35 participants in each class.

**BY LAWS** – Nothing to report.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Treasurer Kelly reported that new membership forms will be circulated after June 1, 2021.

**FINANCE** – Nothing to report.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE** – Associate Member Tom Cartwright (Munistat) and his wife welcomed their first baby!

**GOLF COMMITTEE**- Secretary Kiernan reported that the LIVCTA Golf Outing is close to being sold out and to email her at [clerk@baxterestates.org](mailto:clerk@baxterestates.org) if you are interested in participating, taking a tee sign or a sponsorship.

**MARCH ON HUNGER** – President Fraser reported on behalf of Associate Member Phil Westerman, Arthur J. Gallagher, that the March On Hunger received \$3,600+ donations, representing 117% of our donation target. Five cases of food pallets were collected which represented 80% of our food collection target. Thank you to all who participated!

**DENTAL/VISION COOPERATIVE** – Secretary Kiernan reported that she is still working on getting villages to participate in the New York State Village Dental & Vision Cooperative. If your village is interested in joining, please email Chrissy at [clerk@baxterestates.org](mailto:clerk@baxterestates.org).

**PROPOSED NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION TO AMEND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL)** - Association Counsel Bob Smith and Past LIVCTA President/NYS Association of City & Village Clerks President Joe Scalero reported that there are changes to FOIL being considered by the New York State Legislature. Both the New York State Association of Towns and the New York State Association of City & Village Clerks are opposed

to the changes in legislation citing reasons of unreasonable penalties and the unfair requirement to pay attorney fees for FOIL applicants under certain circumstances. The New York State Trial Lawyers have cited that the changes proposed would help local journalism which is said to have been impacted by current FOIL laws.

**NYCOM UPDATE BY PETER BAYNES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE OF MAYORS (NYCOM)** - Peter Baynes provided a report and Q&A on the New York State Budget, pending legislation as it relates to municipalities, and distribution of funds for cities and villages as it relates to the federal American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 signed by President Biden.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - Marianne Lobaccaro reported that the Nominating Committee will be circulating a slate of officers at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 - TOPIC: MANAGING YOUR BUDGET WHEN REVENUE SHORTFALLS ARE REALIZED WITH SPEAKER DAN AQUILANO, OFFICE OF STATE COMPTROLLER TOM DINAPOLI, EXAMINER AND HEAD OF THE LOCAL OFFICIAL TRAINING UNIT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY**

There being no further business, upon a motion by Barbara Kelly, seconded by Joe Scalero, it was unanimously resolved to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chrissy Kiernan  
Secretary