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<b>Committee Chair's Agenda</b>			
1. <a href="#"><u>DEC gives \$1.4M to communities (urban forestry projects)</u></a>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>10:45 AM Soil &amp; Water w/A. Fagan</b>			
1. <b>Professional Service Contract \$5,001 or greater:</b> Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <b>Wyoming County Soil &amp; Water Conservation District</b> , 36 Center Street, Suite D, Warsaw, NY 14569, for Agriculture District review services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.		Motion: Kehl Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 3 Brick, Becker, Jacoby	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
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<b>3. Resolution:</b> Clerk to the Board Directed to Publish Notice of 30 –Day Review of Agriculture District #5.		Motion: Granger Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 3 Brick, Becker, Jacoby	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
<b>4. Review of Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement &amp; Control Program (Round 24) Grant Close-Out</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#"><u>Wilmar Farm Waste Storage System</u></a></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>5. Review of CAFO Waste Storage &amp; Transfer System Program (Round 2) Grant Close-Out</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#"><u>Pingrey Farm II Waste Storage &amp; Transfer System</u></a></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<i>At 10:49 AM Supervisor Brick, T/Perry entered the meeting during the below agenda item.</i>			
<b>6. Review of Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (SFY 2017-2018) Grant Close-Out</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#"><u>FL/LOWPA 17-18 Final Report</u></a></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>7. SWCD Activities Updates:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the process of closing out 6 other grants.</li> <li>• Working on state reports</li> <li>• New full time Technician                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Former Summer Intern</li> <li>○ Taking initiative on Water Quality Monitoring. Will reach out to S. Perkins at the Wyo. Co. Water Resource Agency to see if we can help each other...</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Supervisor Klein, T/Castile questioned District Manager Fagan on “Net Carbon Zero.” He wondered if the agency has received any inquiries or if there has been any discussion on future projects. District Manager Fagan explained he hadn’t heard anything yet, but shared information on a project at Table Rock Farms that could be similar through a Climate Resiliency grant.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>'Net zero'</b> means that any emissions are balanced by absorbing an equivalent amount from the atmosphere. In order to meet the 1.5°C global warming target in the Paris Agreement, global <b>carbon</b> emissions should reach <b>net zero</b> around mid-century.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>10:30 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell</b>			
1. <a href="#"><u>November 2020 Monthly Update</u></a>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <a href="#"><u>Letter dated December 10, 2020 to Clerk Ketchum from Karin Klos and family of Warsaw...</u></a>	<i>Committee Chair Berwanger read the letter out loud for committee members to hear...</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>11:15 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith</b>			
1. <i>From 11/24/20 Committee...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#"><u>Report on Grape butterfly infestation otherwise known as the spotted lanternfly and General Update.</u></a></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Ag. &amp; Farmland Protection Board w/B. Kehl &amp; A. Brunner</b>			
1. <i>Appointment:</i> <b>Wyoming County Ag &amp; Farmland Protection Board</b> Farm Member <i>Vacant unexpired four (4) year term effective through December 31, 2023 (formerly held by Walt McCormick)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roger Almeter, 2755 North Sheldon Road, Strykersville, NY 14145</li> </ul>	<b>AG &amp; FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD ARE APPOINTMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, THEY DO NOT REQUIRE A RESOLUTION</b>	Motion: Klein Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 3 Brick, Becker, Jacoby	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>APPROVED</b>
<b>Fair Association w/M. Roche</b>			
1. <i>General Update (when available):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervisor Roche, T/Eagle reported that he will assemble a small committee to work on the completion of the barn in anticipation of a fair in 2021.</li> <li>Supervisor Brick, T/Perry suggested a fund raising campaign that would target the stimulus checks people are expecting from the federal government...</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>Dairy Industry w/S. Klein</b>			
<b>1. General Update (when available):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uncertainty – is the word of the day...</li> <li>• Domestic and Export dairy sales are up 1.2%</li> <li>• A lot of dairies participating in Feed America programs</li> <li>• Pizza sales are skyrocketing</li> <li>• Markets and pricing are in a dive, maybe a deep dive                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Milk pricing currently in the \$18.00/ct. wt. range; predicting somewhere in the \$14.00/ct. wt. around April, May, June...</li> <li>○ It's all about supply and demand</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ag. Producers have been relying on crop insurance to mitigate and even out pricing for years.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supply increase 3%</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Net increase 17K head Nationally; largest increase since 2014.</li> <li>• Dry ice shortage                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supplies 350K lbs. of dry ice to the dairy industry on a weekly basis</li> <li>○ Struggling to keep up with dairy and supplies to the healthcare industry.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Meat packers are concerned over 2<sup>nd</sup> wave will shut them down causing shortages at the grocery stores.</li> <li>• Schools are shut down                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 403M gals. of milk used through the school systems every single year</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Committee Chair Berwanger commented that you can't watch a news cast without hearing about some sort of food distribution event.</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Conservation w/</b>			
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<i>Green Energy Committee</i>			
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Signature of Committee Chairman: p/A. D. Berwanger & B. Becker (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, January 27, 2021 @ 10:30 AM.**

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