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Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll:

PRESENT: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Cilley, Morley,
Powers, Sholette, Skamperle and Vaugh

ABSENT: None

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. Steve Rose, 1702 Montgomery Street, addressed Council and requested an update on the recent problems with the Beaverbrook storm sewer drains. Mr. Rose stated the plan with Stearns and Wheeler is a long-term control plan and is not the answer to his neighborhood's problem. Mr. Rose added that since the last Council meeting, he has spoken with the Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Conservation about the fungus and mold health issues. Mr. Rose said he would like to see Director of Public Works, Kit Smith receive orders to fix this problem. Mayor Nelson stated we will have Stearns and Wheler look at the situation and come up with a solution. City Manager Arthur Sciorra explained the monitoring studies and the work done by Stearns and Wheler is aimed at the long term control plan and they have an understanding of the flow in that area. Mayor Nelson said whatever action is taken must be a long term corrective action, not a band-aid. Councillor Morley said the study is done, will Stearns and Wheler have an answer for this problem. Mr. Sciorra said they may not have an answer in March as the presentation is only on the hydraulics of the City.

2. John Joly, 1700 Montgomery Street, addressed Council regarding the recent storm sewer drains problems in his neighborhood. Mr. Joly stated he has not been able to use his family room or his office for over a month and would like the City to do the right thing and fix this problem. Mayor Nelson stated the issue is being worked on.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #4-2010 in the amount of \$419,534.86 and Library Fund Warrant #4-2010 in the amount of \$29,828.02, Capital Fund Warrant #4-2010 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Development Fund Warrant #4-2010 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #4-2010 in the amount of \$0.00 and HOME Fund Warrant #4-2010 in the amount of \$0.00 and AHC Funds Warrant #4-2010 in the amount of \$0.00 and RESTORE Program Warrant #4-2010 in the amount of \$0.00 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Vaugh seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Vaugh moved a resolution to promote participation in the 2010 Census, and Councillor Powers seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION
IN THE 2010 CENSUS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution mandates a headcount every ten years, which is accomplished by the decennial Census process, and

WHEREAS, population data from the Census are used to determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as boundaries for legislative districts across New York State and within St. Lawrence County, and

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WHEREAS, Census data are widely used by every level of government in New York State to allocate over \$40 billion in program funds, and

WHEREAS, Census data are used by the private sector for market research and to plan operations and expansions, and by individuals to research their communities, and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau has asked for assistance of local governments, organizations and individuals across the country to help build public awareness about why the Census is important, and to encourage every person in their community to participate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ogdensburg does hereby support the efforts of the Census Bureau and of St. Lawrence County's Complete Count Committee to promote participation by all residents of the City of Ogdensburg in the 2010 Census, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Ogdensburg does hereby request that local agencies, service organizations and community leaders throughout the City of Ogdensburg work together to promote maximum participation in the Census.

Councillor Sholette advised that census testing is being done at the K of C this week for census jobs.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend an Agreement for Shared Highway Services, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT
FOR SHARED HIGHWAY SERVICES ON BEHALF OF
THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract on behalf of the City of Ogdensburg to permit the Director of Public Works to share services with the highway department head in other municipalities who possess similar authorization for the borrowing or lending of materials and supplies and the exchanging, leasing, renting or maintaining of machinery and equipment, including the operators thereof, for the purpose of aiding the highway department head in the performance of his/her duties.

WHEREAS, all municipalities, including the City of Ogdensburg, have the power and authority of contract for the purpose of renting, leasing, exchanging, borrowing or maintaining of machinery and equipment, with or without operators, with other municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, all municipalities, including the City of Ogdensburg, have the power and authority to borrow or lend materials and supplies to other municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that the City of Ogdensburg and other municipalities have machinery and equipment which is not used during certain periods, and;

WHEREAS, it is determined that the City of Ogdensburg and other municipalities often have material and supplies on hand which are not immediately needed, and;

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that by renting, borrowing, exchanging, leasing or maintaining highway machinery and equipment and the borrowing or lending or necessity of purchasing certain needed highway machinery and equipment and the purchasing of materials and supplies, the City of Ogdensburg and other municipalities may avoid the need for storing a large inventory of certain extra materials and supplies, thereby saving the taxpayers money, and;

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WHEREAS, it is recognized and determined, from a practical working arrangement, that no program of borrowing, exchanging, leasing, renting or maintaining of highway machinery and equipment or borrowing or lending of material can be successful if each individual arrangement or agreement has to receive prior approval by the City Council and the governing board of each of the other municipalities which may be parties to such agreements, since such agreements must often be made on short notice and at times when governing boards are not in session, and;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon each municipality to design a simple method whereby materials and supplies, equipment and machinery, including the operators thereof, may be obtained or maintained with a minimum of paperwork and inconvenience and with a swift approval process, and;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this City of Ogdensburg to give the Director of Public Works the authority to enter into renting, exchanging, borrowing, lending or maintaining arrangements with the persons serving in similar capacities in other municipalities without the necessity of obtaining approval of the City Council prior to the making of each individual arrangements, and;

WHEREAS, a standard contract has been prepared which is expected to be adopted and placed into effect in other municipalities, and will grant the Director of Public Works, authority to make similar arrangements, and;

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that it will be in the best interests of the City of Ogdensburg to be party to such shared services arrangements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager of the City of Ogdensburg is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the City, the following contract:

1. For purposes of this contract, the following terms shall be defined as follows:
 - a. "Municipality" shall mean any village, county, town or city which has agreed to be bound by a contact for shared services or equipment similar in terms and effect with the contract set forth herein, and has filed a copy of said contract with the clerk of the undersigned City.

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b. "Contract" shall mean the text of this agreement which is similar in terms and effect with comparable agreements, notwithstanding that each such contract is signed only by the chief executive officer of each participating municipality filing the same, and upon such filing each filing municipality accepts the terms of the contract to the same degree and effect as if each chief executive officer had signed each individual contract.

c. "Shared Service" shall mean any service provided by one municipality for another municipality that is consistent with the purposes and intent of this contract and shall include but not be limited to:

i. The renting, exchanging, or lending of highway machinery, tools and equipment, with or without operators;

ii. the borrowing or lending of supplies between municipalities on a temporary basis conditioned upon the replacement of such supplies or conditioned upon the obtaining of equal value through the provision of a service by the borrower or by the lending of equipment by the borrower, the value of which is equal to the borrowed supplies;

iii. the providing of a specific service for another municipality, conditioned on such other municipality providing a similar service, or a service of equal value, in exchange.

iv. The maintenance of machinery or equipment by a municipality for other municipalities.

b. "Director" shall mean, in the case of a village, the superintendent of the department of public works; in the case of a county, the county superintendent of highways, or the person having the power and authority to perform the duties generally performed by county superintendents of highways; in the case of a town, the town superintendent of highways; in the case of a city, the head of the department of public works.

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2. The undersigned municipality has caused this agreement to be executed and to bind itself to the terms of this contract and it will consider this contract to be applicable to any municipality which has approved a similar contract and filed such contract with the clerk of the undersigned municipality.

3. The undersigned municipality by this agreement grants unto the Director of Public Works, the authority to enter into any shared service arrangements with any other municipality or other municipalities subject to the following terms and conditions:

a. The City of Ogdensburg agrees to rent or exchange or borrow from any municipality any and all materials, machinery and equipment, with or without operators, which it may need for the purposes of the City of Ogdensburg. The determination as to whether such machinery, with or without operators, is needed by the City of Ogdensburg, shall be made by the Director of Public Works. The value of the materials or supplies borrowed from another municipality under this agreement maybe returned in the form of similar types and amounts of materials or supplies, or by the supply of equipment or the giving of services of equal value, to be determined by mutual agreement of the respective superintendents and/or directors.

b. The City of Ogdensburg agrees to rent, exchange or lend to any municipality any and all materials, machinery and equipment, with or without operators, which such municipality may need for its purposes. The determination as to whether such machinery or material is available for renting, exchanging or lending shall be made by the Director of Public Works. In the event the Director of Public Works determines that it will be in the best interests of the City of Ogdensburg to lend to another municipality, the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to lend to another municipality. The value of supplies or materials loaned to another municipality may be returned to the City of Ogdensburg, by the borrowing municipality in the form of similar types and amounts of materials or supplies, or by the use of equipment or receipt of services of equal value, to be determined by the respective superintendents and/or directors.

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- c. The City of Ogdensburg agrees to repair or maintain machinery or equipment for any city/county/town/village under terms that may be determined and agreed upon by the directors.
 - d. An operator of equipment rented or loaned to another municipality, when operating such equipment for the borrowing municipality, shall be subject to the direction and control of the Director of Public Works of the borrowing municipality in relation to the manner in which the work is to be completed. However, the method by which the machine is to be operated shall be determined by the operator.
 - e. When receiving the services of any operator with a machine or equipment, the receiving superintendent shall make no request of any operator which would be inconsistent with any labor agreement that exists for the benefit of the operator in the municipality by which the operator is employed.
 - f. The lending municipality shall be liable for any negligent acts resulting from the operation of its machinery or equipment by its own operator. In the event damages are caused as a result of directions given to perform work, then the lending municipality shall be held harmless by the borrowing municipality.
 - g. Each municipality shall remain fully responsible for its own employees, including salary, benefits and workers compensation.
4. The renting, borrowing or leasing, repairing or maintaining of any particular piece of machinery or equipment, or the exchanging or borrowing of materials or supplies, or the providing of a specific service shall be evidenced by the signing of a memorandum by the Director of Public Works. Such memorandum may be delivered to the other party via mail, personal delivery, facsimile machine, or any other method of transmission agreed upon. In the event there is no written acceptance of the memorandum, the receipt of the materials or supplies or the acceptance of a service shall be evidence of the acceptance of the offer to rent, exchange or lend.

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5. In the event any shared services arrangement is made without a memorandum at the time of receipt of the shared service, the director receiving the shared service shall within five days thereof, send to the provider a memorandum identifying the type, time and date of the acceptance of the repair or maintenance shared service. In the event such shared service related to or included any materials or supplies, such memorandum shall identify such materials or supplies and time and place of delivery.

6. In the event a municipality wishes to rent machinery or equipment from another municipality or in the event a municipality wishes to determine the value of such renting for the purposes of exchanging the shared services or a comparable value, it is agreed that the value of the shared service shall be set forth in the memorandum.

7. All machinery and the operator, for purposes of workers compensation, liability and any other relationship with third parties, except as provided in paragraph e of section three of this agreement, shall be considered the machinery of, and the employee of, the municipality owning the machinery and equipment.

8. In the event machinery or equipment being operated by an employee of the owning municipality is damaged or otherwise in need of repair while working for another municipality, the municipality owning the machinery or equipment shall be responsible to make or pay for such repairs. In the event machinery or equipment is operated by an employee of the borrowing, receiving or renting municipality, such municipality shall be responsible for such repairs.

9. Records shall be maintained by each municipality setting forth all machinery rentals, exchanges, borrowing, repair or maintenance and other shared services. Such records will be available for inspection by any municipality which has shared services with such municipality.

10. In the event a dispute arises relating to any repair, maintenance or shared service, and in the event such dispute cannot be resolved between the parties, such dispute shall be subject to mediation.

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11. Any party to this contract may revoke such contract by filing a notice of such revocation. Upon the revocation of such contract, any outstanding obligations shall be settled within thirty days of such revocation unless the parties with whom an obligation is due agree in writing to extend such date of settlement.

12. Any action taken by the superintendent pursuant to the provisions of this contract shall be consistent with the duties of such official and expenditures incurred shall not exceed the amounts set forth in the City budget for highway purposes.

13. If any provision of this contract is deemed to be invalid or inoperative for any reason, that part shall be deemed modified to the extent necessary to make it valid and operative, or if it cannot be so modified, then severed, and the remainder of the contract shall continue in full force and effect as if the contract had been signed with the invalid portion so modified or eliminated.

14. This contract shall be reviewed each year by the City of Ogdensburg and shall expire five years from the date of its signing by the City Manager. The Ogdensburg City Council may extend or renew this contract at the termination thereof for another five year period.

15. Copies of this contract shall be sent to the clerk and the Director of Public Works anticipating engaging in shared services. No shared services shall be conducted by the Director of Public Works except with the City Manager of a municipality that has completed a shared services contract and has sent a copy thereof to the clerk of his or her municipality and the Director of Public Works.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the said City of Ogdensburg has by order of the City Council, caused these presents to be subscribed by the Clerk thereof, this _____ day of _____, _____(year).

By: _____
City Manager City of Ogdensburg

City Clerk

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The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file a copy of the contract set forth in this resolution with the chief executive officer of the following municipalities:

The Village of Gouverneur, Village of Waddington, Village of Massena, Village of Morristown, Town of Morristown, Town of Oswegatchie, and Village of Heuvelton and Town of Lisbon, Village of Potsdam, Village of Canton, St. Lawrence County Highway

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

City Manager Arthur Sciorra explained this resolution allows Kit Smith, Director of Public Works, to share equipment and supplies with other municipalities in our area.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution re-appointing a City Marriage Officer, and Councillor Powers seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT
A MARRIAGE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

WHEREAS, §11-c(1) of the New York Domestic Relations Law permits the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg to appoint one or more Marriage Officers who shall have the authority to solemnize marriages within the City, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg adopted a Local Law establishing the position of City Marriage Officer under §AR-57 of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code, and

WHEREAS, §11-c(4) of the New York Domestic Relations Law requires that the term of a marriage officer shall be determined by the governing body making the appointment but shall not exceed four years, and

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WHEREAS, Kathleen A. Bouchard is over the age of 18, and resides within the City of Ogdensburg, as required by §11-c(2) of the New York Domestic Relations Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg that Kathleen A. Bouchard shall be reappointed as a Marriage Officer for the City of Ogdensburg with the duties established by §AR-57 of the Municipal Code of the City of Ogdensburg by Article 3 of the New York Domestic Relations Law.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Sholette stated he would like to use Robert's Rules to amend the agenda and bring forward a resolution to provide financial support to market a campaign for a four-lane highway. Councillor Sholette said on January 25th he gave the Mayor a letter, and it was never shared with Council. Councillor Sholette added that he attended a Joint Economic Development Committee Meeting a few weeks ago where they asked for a consent resolution to give funds to the highway committee, and the Mayor said he would bring it to Council. Councillor Sholette stated the Governor's reason for closing the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility was transportation. Mayor Nelson responded the information Councillor Sholette gave him was provided to Council in a council update. Councillor Morley stated he would like more time to read this resolution and suggested waiting until the next meeting. Councillor Skamperle also suggested bringing this up at the next meeting.

2. Councillor Sholette stated he received a telephone call from a resident regarding a leaking roof and he referred him to Justin Woods' office. Councillor Sholette said the resident called him back and said that Mr. Woods told him the City wasn't accepting applications. Councillor Sholette asked the City Manager to check into this.

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3. Councillor Sholette stated there is a tournament scheduled at the Lockwood Arena, and he has been told that the Zamboni and compressor are in tough shape. Director of Public Works, Kit Smith stated the compressor's motor has been torn down and should be up and running tomorrow. Mr. Smith stated that most motors have a lifespan of 18,000 hours, and this motor has 65,000 hours at it. Mr. Smith also stated that parts have been ordered for the Zamboni and everything is being done to keep the arena up and running for this weekend's tournament.

4. Councillor Vaugh stated he was in Albany for the NYCOM session. Councillor Vaugh stated this was a very successful session as many senators were lobbied, and it was evident that our voices are being heard and we need to continue. Councillor Vaugh also stated that he paid for his own expenses while in Albany.

5. Councillor Skamperle stated at the budget hearings it was discussed that monthly department expenditure reports would be provided to Council and he hasn't seen anything other than Phil Clemens' arena expenditure projection report. Councillor Skamperle said in the 2010 budget the over-time expenses total \$510,000., and he realizes that some of this is federally funded. Councillor Skamperle said that he doesn't believe FICA, social security and state retirement are incorporated with in that over-time expense figure. Mr. Sciorra stated that the FICA, social security and state retirement are not listed in the salary line but are reported as line items because that's how they are budgeted. Mr. Sciorra added that over-time payments reflect FICA, social security and state retirement. Councillor Skamperle requested departmental expenditure and overtime reports. Mayor Nelson explained that many years ago, weekly overtime reports were provided, but Council did not want them, as it was agreed we could monitor these expenses through our budget reports, rather than micromanaging with weekly by person overtime reports. Councillor Skamperle stated he would like departmental monthly expense reports, including overtime reports. City Comptroller, Philip Cosmo stated January and February reports are not yet available as he is still closing out the 2009 books. Mayor Nelson advised that we get these monthly budget reports from the comptroller. Mr. Cosmo stated he could provide preliminary reports for January tomorrow. City Manager Arthur Sciorra stated a PDF file including these reports will be sent monthly along with the cash flow report for October 2009 through January 2010. Councillor Cilley stated he is more concerned about what is driving the over-time, and questioned if it would be cheaper to add an employee instead of paying over-time.

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Councillor Powers suggested looking at Police and Fire contracts regarding staffing level requirements. Mr. Sciorra stated we may have to negotiate amendments in some agreements.

6. Councillor Powers stated he requested quarterly reports from the housing audit, especially regarding the buildings on the corner of Morris and Knox Streets and has not received anything from the Planning Office and questioned the timeline for demolition. City Manager Arthur Sciorra explained that this winter we tried to finalize funds for that project and once that's done would do the environmentals, move on to the asbestos survey and go out to bid for demolition. Mr. Sciorra stated that we have only received half the funding that we were approved for and don't want to do the environmentals twice. Mr. Sciorra explained that the funding has been approved but we don't receive contracts until much later.

7. Councillor Morley stated he received telephone calls regarding the parking problems around Montroy Park. City Manager Arthur Sciorra stated Police Chief Rick Polniak, Director of Public Works Kit Smith and Director of Parks and Recreation Phil Clemens have met regarding the issues Councillor Morley helped bring forward and will bring forward a resolution at the next meeting.

8. Councillor Morley stated there are many residents against the City closing Riverside Avenue, and he would like to bring forward a resolution for a change order in the contract if there's a consensus of Council. Mayor Nelson stated there are legal issues that need to be looked at as public hearings were held and Council voted to award this contract for construction of the plaza and street, close this street, and amend the city map. Councillor Cilley stated a public hearing was held October 19, 2009 regarding changing these streets and he would like to re-visit this project as the economics have changed within the City. Councillor Powers stated that only a handful of residents attended the public hearing and voiced their disapproval, but the people who agreed with this change didn't appear. Councillor Cilley stated he doesn't think residents understood what was actually being changed. Mr. Sciorra stated the actual purpose of moving the street was to build a plaza in front of the Community Center, and because of that the grant funds can pay for moving the street. Mr. Sciorra said the funds could not have been used to move the street without building the plaza. Councillor Morley stated originally the Border Patrol was going to contribute \$500,00 to the construction of the road.

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Mr. Sciorra stated there was discussion that the Border Patrol might need more security in front of their building and that it might coincide with the overall planning of the road, but it was not the reason the road was moved. Councillor Morley stated he will bring a resolution to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Nelson briefed Council on the recent NYCOM session highlights, which included AIM funding, the gross receipt tax, the proposed Ogdensburg Correctional Facility closure and the New York State Retirement System's proposed increase in retirement bills for municipalities. Mayor Nelson stated that the Retirement Fund balance is back up to \$129 Billion and is the strongest retirement fund in the country. City Manager Arthur Sciorra stated that the 2010-11 State Budget would permit local governments to amortize a portion of pension contribution costs during a six year period, beginning in 2010-11 and ending in 2015-16. Mr. Sciorra added that he and City Comptroller Phil Cosmo are looking at offers with amortization rates to prepare us for future years by paying more now.

Mayor Nelson stated that Councillor Powers, Councillor Vaugh, City Manager Art Sciorra and himself went up on the Capitol Hill with Chris Leo, NYSCOBAs Legislative Director and had access to countless Senators, Assemblymen and members of the Governor's staff. Mayor Nelson said they made a case with each of them to keep the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility open, and it was a very productive day. Councillor Powers thanked Chris Leo, NYSCOBAs Legislative Director, who is very well known and active on Capital Hill, for helping our Ogdensburg group meet with the right representatives in the senate and assembly.

Mayor Nelson stated that it's important to keep Albany and our representatives aware of our situation and reminded the audience of the following upcoming SAVE THE OGDENSBURG CORRECTIONAL FACILITY events:

- Saturday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m. Town Hall rally with Addie Russell at OFA School
- Friday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m. rally at City Hall

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Councillor Sholette asked if the sugar sweetened beverage tax was discussed. Mayor Nelson stated he talked to a few people regarding this.

3. Mayor Nelson stated at the St. Lawrence County Mayor's Association dinner they discussed the benefits of a county-wide health district. Mayor Nelson stated the County will send the City more information.

4. Mayor Nelson stated he received in his mail today a resolution from the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority allocating money to the Northern Corridor Transportation Group's Campaign to market the construction of a four-lane highway, and will include it in Council's update.

5. Councillor Morley stated he has already spoken to the City Manager about this and is speaking for an employee. Councillor Morley said there is a part-time employee in the Recreation Department who has worked full time and received no health insurance for a year. Councillor Morley said he would like this job made into a full-time union position. Mayor Nelson advised that this is under the city managers responsibilities, not the Councils, and asked Mr. Sciorra to research this.

6. Councillor Sholette asked when the next joint economic meeting was scheduled. Mr. Sciorra stated he will get the exact date to Council in the update.

7. Councillor Skamperle stated he read the letter from New State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, stating that the NYS Retirement funds are strong, however the strength of the fund is on the backs of municipalities. Councillor Skamperle stressed how badly we need to expand our tax base and economic development and consider the extended highway proposal.

8. Councillor Skamperle asked if the residents in the Beaverbrook area will be reimbursed for the damages at their homes. Mr. Sciorra stated each resident needs to submit a claim on their behalf. Councillor Skamperle also asked about the City's liability insurance deductible and would like an update on how that works. Mr. Sciorra stated any claim under \$100,000 would be paid out of the City's General fund. Councillor Skamperle also asked if there is any tax relief available.

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Mr. Sciorra stated that the engineer needs to look into the City's hydraulics as there is not a clear understanding of what is causing this problem. Councillor Skamperle stated that we will get the hydraulic report and move forward from there.

9. Councillor Vaugh suggested during these economic times and hardships that the City Manager meet with the School District Superintendent regarding possible shared services, fuel depots and recreation. Mr. Sciorra stated he met with Mr. Vernsey last week.

10. Councillor Vaugh asked when the ice was going to be taken out at the Lockwood Arena. Mr. Sciorra stated the ice will be taken out at the end of February. Councillor Vaugh requested an update on expenses and revenues.

11. Councillor Vaugh stated that Councillor Sholette brought up the expanded highway and funding for that group, which brings up a couple things. Councillor Vaugh said we need to pay close attention to getting jobs and putting our waterfront back on the tax rolls. Councillor Sholette stated that access to the expanded highway equals the future of the North Country, and added that we have lost 35% of our jobs over the last five years.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.