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**Minutes
Marcham Hall**

**VILLAGE OF CAYUGA HEIGHTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**

**Wednesday March 9, 2016
12:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Supron; Trustees: Friend, Marshall, Robinson, Salton, and Woodard; Police Chief Steinmetz; Clerk & Treasurer Mangione

Call to Order: Mayor Supron called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Supron explains the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a study proposed by Tompkins County and the City of Ithaca to fully and objectively assess consolidation and shared law enforcement services. Chief Steinmetz attended an informational meeting held on March 2, 2016. No structure is yet proposed. The Board feels that all potential shared services ideas should be pursued. Current police service and protection levels are valued by Village residents; any reduction to these is unlikely to be acceptable. The Board's support and interest in this study implies no commitment to enter into a countywide solution that would not guarantee the strong police presence that the Village currently enjoys.

RESOLUTION #7754

WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca and Tompkins County agree to pursue State funds to study the consolidation or greater integration of their police agencies; and

WHEREAS, the study will reveal how or whether a realignment of responsibilities can positively affect the quality and cost of this essential public service; and

WHEREAS, in the same spirit that drew the City and County together, namely a common interest in fully and objectively assessing consolidation and shared law enforcement services, Village police agencies and governments are invited to join in the study; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees has supported previous funding applications and looks forward to future opportunities for new shared services initiatives and inter-municipal cooperation which result in savings for its constituents, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees anticipates cooperating with and joining in future shared services efforts whenever feasible,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees does hereby support Tompkins County as Lead Local Government, the City of Ithaca and potentially other villages in the pursuit and application for funding for the Tompkins County Law Enforcement Shared Services Initiative from the NYS Department of State Municipal Restructuring Fund.

Motion: Trustee Salton

Second: Trustee Friend

Discussion: none

Ayes: Trustees Friend, Marshall, Robinson, Salton, and Woodard

Nay & Abstentions: none

Motion carried

Chief Steinmetz and Mayor Supron update the Trustees on the Deer Management Program's progress. They are seeking annual population study numbers from Paul Curtis. Further data should be available for the Monthly Board of Trustee Meeting on March 21, 2016.

The meeting of the Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees is adjourned by Mayor Supron at 12:25 p.m.