

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 26, 2019

**AUDIT EXIT CONFERENCE**

Audit Dates: January 28, 2019 to February 1, 2019

Time: 8:10 AM

Present: **Audit and Finance Committee:** (Brian Staples and Mark Hall); **PMHV & Co.:** Mark Mashaw, **IDA Staff:** Kimberly Gilbert

Mr. Staples calls the meeting to order. A quorum is recognized.

Mark Mashaw provides an overview of the financial statements. The audit is clean, no findings. All checks and balances are in place and efficient. The audit is completed according to GASB standards. There are no non-compliance issues. Some estimates are used in the audit. Mr. Mashaw cites that depreciation expenses are a standard example for using estimates.

Major changes to the IDA audits are the implementation of GASB 75, this involves the actuarial studies and accounting for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). The GASB 75 now shows OPEB liabilities as a 100% dollar amount versus the prior year of 15%. This resulted in an additional liability on the balance sheet of over \$900,000.

Mr. Staples asked if it was critical that the IDA actually have funds set aside and tagged for this liability. Mr. Mashaw explained that this is an ever changing dollar amount and does not typically have a fund set aside specifically for the OPEB. The board and staff should be aware that in future years, portions of the liability will eventually become actual realized costs, and cash accounts should be monitored for that eventuality.

Another change noted in the audits is the addition of investments. The IDA is now investing in US Treasuries which resulted in a higher yield of interest earned.

Committee meeting is adjourned at 8:18AM.