

**TROY CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
March 3, 2016
6:00P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

RESOLUTIONS

19. Resolution Appointing Teri Kippen To The Board Of Assessment Review Of The City Of Troy
(Council President Mantello).
 20. Resolution Confirming City Councils Appointments To The Troy Community Landbank
(Council President Mantello).
 21. Resolution Appointing Commissioners Of Deeds For The City Of Troy
(Council President Mantello).
 22. Resolution Recognizing March Of 2016 As Women's History Month In The City Of Troy
(Council President Mantello) (All City Council Members).
 23. Resolution to retain auditing services (Council President Mantello)
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**RESOLUTION APPOINTING TERI KIPPEN TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT
REVIEW OF THE CITY OF TROY**

WHEREAS, Teri Kippen , residing at 18 24th Street, Troy, New York, (Licensed Realtor) is being appointed by the City Council to serve the City of Troy and its property owners as a member of the Board of Assessment Review and possesses the credentials to serve with competence, diligence and dedication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Section 523 of the Real Property Tax Law; Teri Kippen is hereby appointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of five (5) years, to commence immediately and will expire March 3, 2021.

Approved as to form, February 19, 2016

Kevin P. Glasheen, Corporation Counsel

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CITY COUNCILS APPOINTMENTS TO THE
TROY COMMUNITY LANDBANK**

WHEREAS, New York State Not-For-Profit Law Article 16, "Troy Community Landbank", and

WHEREAS, the Troy Community Landbank consists of eleven members, four (4) of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor; four (4) of whom are appointed by majority vote of all the members of City Council; two (2) of whom are appointed from the School Districts in the City of Troy, one representative from each; and one (1) of whom is appointed by majority vote of the other members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Troy hereby confirms Andrew Cooper residing at 1608 Park Blvd, Troy New York for a (2 year term); Nina Glandz residing at 11 Florence Place, Troy New York for a (1 year term), and; Bruce Dee residing at 825 7th Avenue, Troy New York for a (1 year Term) to the Troy Community Landbank to commence immediately.

Approved as to form, February 19, 2016

Kevin P. Glasheen, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS FOR THE CITY OF TROY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appoints the following person, as identified in the attached application hereto and made a part hereof, Commissioner of Deeds for the City of Troy for a two-year term.

Stephanie Lynn Reiser- 03/03/16-03/03/18

Place of Business	Residence 473 Croll Rd
80 Second Street	Valley Falls, New York
Troy, New York 12180	

Brian Rossiter

Place of Business	Residence
80 Second Street	236 Clove Road
Troy, NY 12180	Schodack, New York

Approved as to form, February 22, 2016

Kevin P. Glasheen, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH OF 2016 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF TROY

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Troy City Council to acknowledge and celebrate individuals and events of historic significance which add vitality, sensitivity, understanding and inspiration to the diversity and value of the people of this great City of Troy; and

WHEREAS, Women of every economic, ethnic and religious background have made significant contributions that are reflected in our cultural, social, educational, industrial and economic diversity, and have contributed in many ways, including as writers, educators, scientists, heads of state, politicians, civil rights crusaders, artists, entertainers, businesswomen, military personnel, aviators, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, health professionals, engineers, religious leaders, judges, lawyers, law enforcement personnel, athletes, mothers, nurturers and the building blocks of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Women who have become part of New York's lasting heritage by fighting against stereotypes, prejudice and seemingly insurmountable obstacles, include: Sojourner Truth (1797-1883), former slave and famous activist; Harriet Tubman (1820-1913), best-known "conductor" of the Underground Railroad and promoter of black education and women's rights; suffragettes Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) and Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902); world renowned folk artist Grandma Moses (1860-1961); famed reporter Nellie Bly (1867-1922); Sybil Ludington (1761-1839), known as the "female Paul Revere"; Barbara McClintock (1901-1992), Nobel Prize-winning genetic scientist; and "First Lady of the World," Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962); and

WHEREAS, the City of Troy and New York State have been, and continues to be, the home to many distinguished women who have made their mark in history as the first in their field to succeed; representative of these "firsts" are contributions by women such as: Lady Deborah Moody (1586-1659), first woman grantee for land ownership in the New World; Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910), first female physician; America's first trained nurse Linda Richards (1841-1930); Emma Willard (1787-1870), founder of the first endowed institution of education for women; hairdressing entrepreneur Madam C.J. Walker (1867-1919), Harlem leader and first self-made female millionaire in the U.S.; Buffalonian Louise Blanchard Bethune (1856-1913), first professional female architect in the Nation; Lucille Ball (1911-1989), actor and president of Desilu Productions, the first woman to lead a major Hollywood production company; Katharine Bement Davis (1860-1935), New York City Correction Commissioner, first woman to head a major City agency; Winifred Edgerton Merrill (1862-1951), the first American woman to receive a Ph.D. in Mathematics; Dr. Mary Edwards Walker (1832-1919), the first and only woman to be presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor; and Belva Lockwood (1830-1917), the first woman to practice law before the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, The Troy City Council recognizes that the City of Troy and New York State are the home to countless women who are strong and colorful threads, vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have contributed, and continue to add to the advancement of our culture through their traditional and non-traditional roles in society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council pause in its deliberations to

recognize March 2016 as Women's History Month.

Approved as to form, February 24, 2016

Kevin P. Glasheen, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION TO RETAIN AUDITING SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Troy City Charter Sections C-74(F) and C-24, the City Council is authorized to retain the services of a Certified Public Accounting firm to provide assistance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, The City Council is in receipt of NYS Comptroller's Reports issued in November of 2015 and February 2016 that direct the City Council to develop a Corrective Action Plan with respect to the findings in the NYS Comptroller Reports; and

WHEREAS, The City Council requires the assistance of a Certified Public Accountant firm to do so and has previously issued a Request for Proposal to seek such assistance;

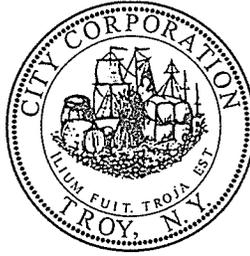
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Troy City Council hereby appoints Cusack & Company, CPA's LLC for special consultant services to include but not limited to auditing and developing a Corrective Action Plan based on the NYS Comptroller Reports issued in November of 2015 and February of 2016. The Cusack and Company firm shall be paid an amount not to exceed \$19,000 and serve at the direction of the City Council President and at the pleasure of the City Council in accordance with the needs of the City Council.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to Form, March 1, 2016.

Kevin P. Glasheen, Corporation Counsel

Carmella Mantello
Council President
Fax (518) 270-4639



Committees:
Finance, Chair

Office of the City Council
433 River St. Suite 5001
Troy, NY 12180

MEMO OF SUPPORT

February 29, 2016

Dear Council Members,

The subcommittee on retaining auditing services for the Troy City Council recommends the firm of Cusack & Company, CPA's LLC.

The City Council is required to submit Corrective Action Plans to the State Comptroller in response to audits of November 2015 and February 2016. The auditing firm will help prepare and develop the Corrective Action Plans for the city council. Additionally, the auditing firm will prepare an analysis for the position of City Auditor and offer recommendations regarding the future of this position. The city needs to professionally move forward in analyzing Troy's precarious financial situation and offer constructive and positive solutions. The auditing firm of Cusack & Company, CPA's LLC has extensive municipal experience and will be a valuable partner in working with us in addressing Troy's financial problems.

I strongly urge passage of the accompanying resolution retaining the services of Cusack & Company, CPA's LLC. It should be noted that this will pose no financial burden on the city since the money is in the budget and actually came in \$6,000 less than what we budgeted in January.

Additionally, attached is a copy of Councilman McGrath's email, a member of the subcommittee, recommending Cusack & Company, CPA's LLC.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Carmella R. Mantello
Council President