

## GF tells Trustco: Turn off that blue roof light!

By Ben Westcott  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Trustco Bank's blue accent lights along the roof of its 37 Bay Steet branch will remain dark after the Glens Falls Planning Board voted 5-2 on Jan. 7 not to allow them.

Trustco illuminated the building. Then Glens Falls Building & Codes ordered the lights turned off.

Attorney Jon Lapper, representing the bank, said at the meeting he expects Trustco to appeal the board's ruling.

"It's really important to Trustco to have this enhancement," he said.

Voting no were Tom Landry,

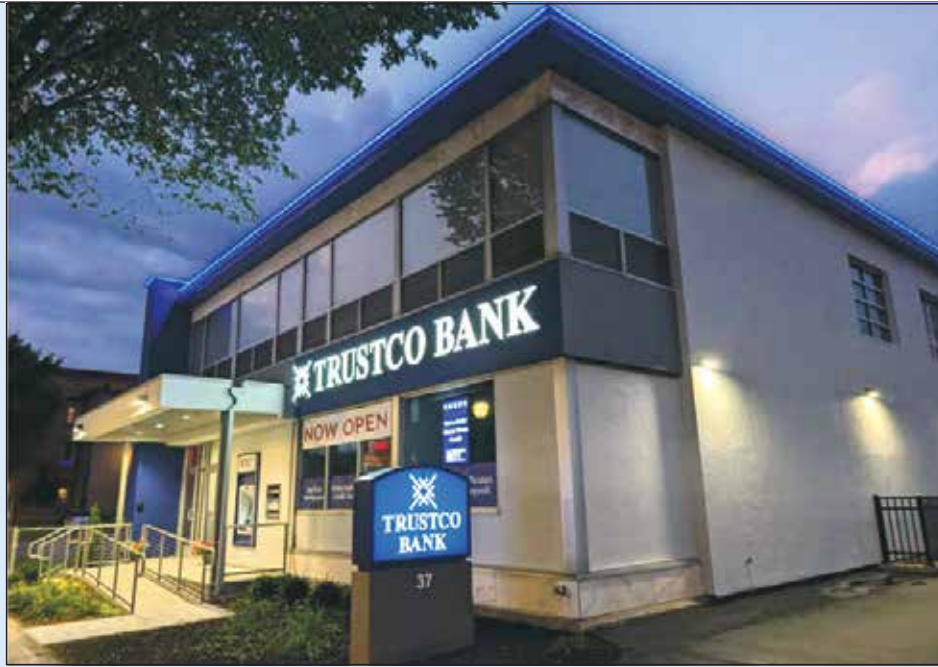


Photo from Glens Falls Planning Board agenda

Jamie Schrammel, Rachel Murray, John Morphis and Art Belden. Voting in favor were Karen Judd and Chris Reed.

Glens Falls Deputy Clerk Emily Neal told *The Chronicle* Trustco came before the Planning Board last year for architectural review but never included the lights in the application.

"The lights should have been a part of architectural review," she said.

City Architectural Consultant Nina Oldenquist said, "Had this been presented with the origi-

nal design, I would not have recommended having the lights on the building. We're coming after the fact."

Planning Board Chairman Belden agreed that had the lights been included in the original design "I definitely would not have wanted that."

"I don't think it looks great in the city of Glens Falls..." he said. "I can't imagine being in the apartments next door to that building and having those lights on."

Mr. Landry said he received

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## Warren County's misspent millions

By Cathy DeDe  
Chronicle Managing Editor

Warren County said in a Dec. 31 press release it "was the victim of a financial crime through a fraudulent phishing scheme" earlier in December.

It said, "Two electronic payments in the amounts of \$2.1 million (December 12th, 2025) and \$1.2 million (December 22, 2025) were transmitted to a fraudulent bank account by the Warren County Treasurer's Office."

The \$3.3-million was intended for road materials supplier Peckham Industries.

Last July Peckham sent an alert by mail and e-mail warning about potential fraud.

County Treasurer Christine Norton, who began her elected four-year term in 2024, said that alert was not shared with her office.

County Sheriff Jim LaFarr is

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## Brock faults Beaty attack on Board

Dear Mark,

Doug Beaty makes a lot of noise, but he doesn't make a lot of sense. [Letter, 'Doug Beaty returns to Warren Co. Board; 13 spending cuts he seeks,' Dec. 30 *Chronicle*]

If you look at the rankings of counties in New York State, you will find that Warren County is 55th out of 62 counties for all property taxes (US Housing Data.com). It is also second from the bottom in sales tax at 7% (from research I did a year ago).

Considering the mandates

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## ATF soars with 'Mamma Mia Monday'

The Adirondack Theatre Festival sold out the Wood Theatre. Current cast members of the Broadway musical Mamma Mia sent the crowd soaring. Much money was raised Monday for ATF's 2026 season. **Page 14.** mclaughlinphoto

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