

Supervisor's Report

July 14, 2021

- ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds application approved on July 7 for \$336,676. Half will be paid this summer, half in summer 2022.
- LED Streetlights installation by NYPA is scheduled for July.
- [Caroline Clean Heating & Cooling Campaign](#) to promote home energy improvements such as insulation, heat pumps, and hybrid water heaters was approved by NYSERDA on June 22.
- Shades repaired and replaced in the Historic Town Hall Meeting Room. Thanks to Chris Wilbur for taking on this initiative and Richard Brooks for installing them.

Clarifications on court operations and the use of caseload information:

1. New York State Town Law recognizes that town boards need information about court workload to assess court needs. Town Law 123 stipulates that the town board is required to audit the town justice court annually and at such other times as the board determines appropriate; the town justice(s) is required to cooperate with that requirement (Uniform Justice Court Act §2019(a)). Local courts can readily supply summary caseload information using a standard court program.
2. My analysis of Caroline justice salaries relative to other Tompkins County courts (attached pdf, 4 pages):

Page 1: straight average. Does not take into account differences in workload for justices in each town.

Page 2: Salary vs. Caseload/Justice. Positive relationship shows how compensation increases with workload. The y-intercept is a measure of what a justice earns just to be a justice (trainings, etc.). A modest increase would put Caroline justice salaries on the line; if Caroline were served by one justice, this relationship would suggest a further modest increase (see lower right of table).

Page 3: Salary vs. Population Served. Same as for caseload.

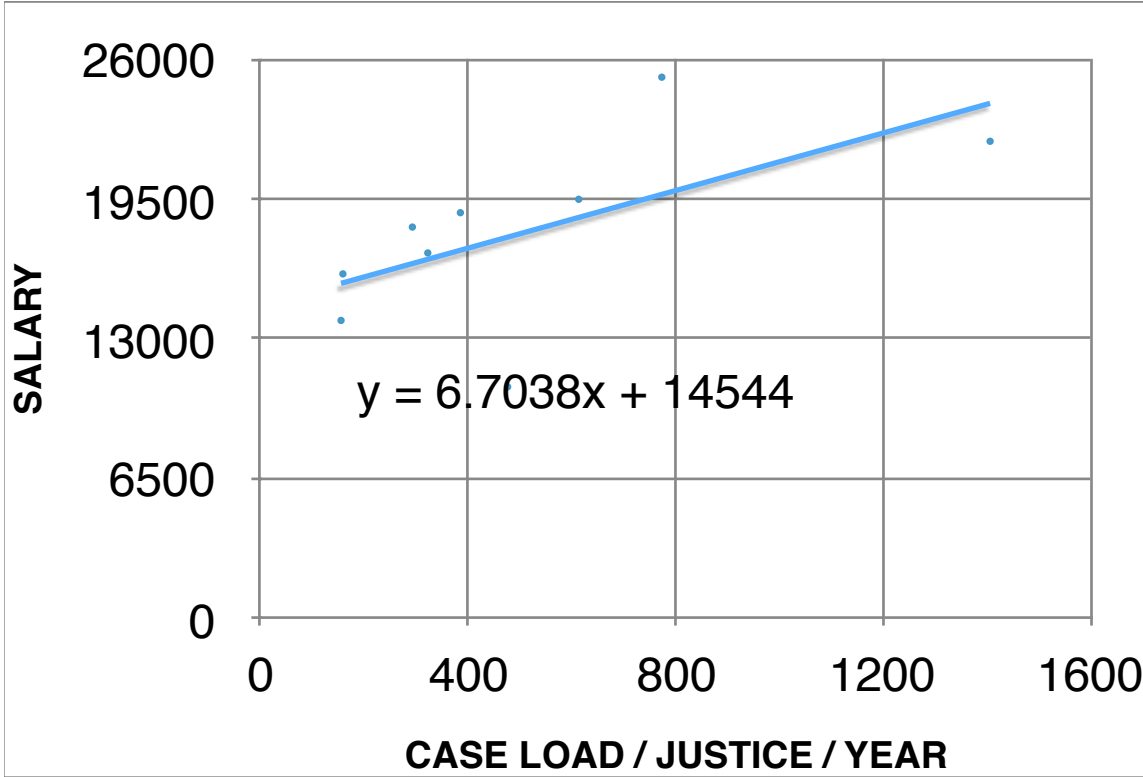
Page 4: 2019 Criminal Cases vs. Total Caseload. Criminal case referrals are those that require a lawyer and can result in jail time. The plot shows that the power of the relationship is close to 1.0, showing a close correspondence between the two measures of caseload. This indicates that the estimated values of Total Caseload for Caroline, Danby, and Enfield are in the right ballpark.

Conclusions:

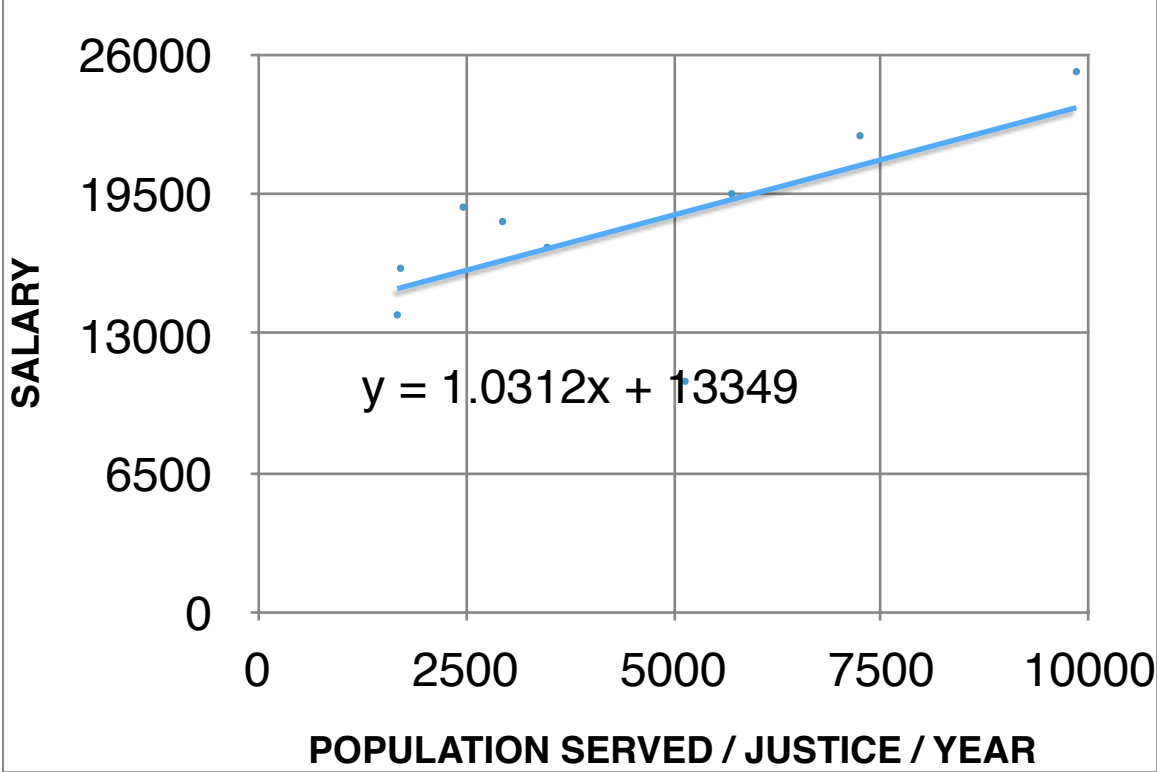
1. Caseload provides a way for us to objectively assess court needs. Using this information appropriately, gives us a way to quantitatively estimate the appropriate salary that includes both compensation for trainings and other responsibilities of the position, as well compensation for workload.
2. We will need to interpret this kind of analysis in the context of all Town of Caroline positions.
3. Caroline is amongst the smallest courts. The workload may be more appropriate for a single justice and would justify a higher salary.

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<i>JUSTICES</i>			
TOWN	SALARY		
T. Ithaca	\$25,184		
Dryden	\$22,200		
Lansing	\$19,498		
Groton	\$18,205		
Newfield	\$10,763		
Ulysses	\$18,874		
Enfield	\$17,000		
Danby	\$16,025		
Caroline	\$13,857		
AVERAGE (w/o T. Ithaca):	\$17,053		

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TOWN	Total Assessed Value	POPULATION	CASE LOAD	# JUSTICES	CASE LOAD/ JUSTICE	POP/ JUSTICE	SALARY	SALARY/POP. SERVED	SALARY/ CASE LOAD		
T. Ithaca	\$1,665,935,733	19,700	1,546	2	773	9,850	\$25,184	\$2.56	\$32.58		
Dryden	\$1,117,448,317	14,489	2,811	2	1,406	7,245	\$22,200	\$3.06	\$15.80		
Lansing	\$929,970,049	11,398	1226	2	613	5,699	\$19,498	\$3.42	\$31.81		
Groton	\$216,241,843	5,882	585	2	293	2,941	\$18,205	\$6.19	\$62.24		
Newfield	\$325,773,543	5,138	476	1	476	5,138	\$10,763	\$2.09	\$22.61		
Ulysses	\$408,292,443	4,936	770	2	385	2,468	\$18,874	\$7.65	\$49.02		
Enfield*	\$212,475,413	3,478	322	1	322	3,478	\$17,000	\$4.89	\$52.76	'21 budget	
Danby*	\$331,687,855	3,425	317	2	159	1,713	\$16,025	\$9.36	\$101.01	'20 and '21 budgets	Projected:
Caroline*	\$264,566,988	3348	310	2	155	1,674	\$13,857	\$8.28	\$89.35	2 Justices =	\$15,176
		* estimated Case Load from population/case load for Newfield								1 Justice =	\$16,623



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		* estimated Case Load from population/case load for Newfield								1 Justice =	\$16,801



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TOWN	Total Assessed Value	POPULATION	CASE LOAD	# CRIMINAL CASES
T. Ithaca	\$1,665,935,733	19,700	1,546	121
Dryden	\$1,117,448,317	14,489	2,811	153
Lansing	\$929,970,049	11,398	1226	165
Groton	\$216,241,843	5,882	585	39
Newfield	\$325,773,543	5,138	476	42
Ulysses	\$408,292,443	4,936	770	36
Enfield*	\$212,475,413	3,478	322	30
Danby*	\$331,687,855	3,425	317	9
Caroline*	\$264,566,988	3,348	310	24

