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## COMPTROLLER MYCHAJLIW EXPANDS “TAXPAYER’S CHECKBOOK”

*November Storm related receipts, including food and meal purchases, are now publicly posted*

(Buffalo, NY) – Erie County Comptroller Stefan I. Mychajliw has expanded his good government initiative, the “Taxpayer’s Checkbook,” to now include all receipts, documentation, and expenses related to the November Storm in 2014. The expansion of the “Taxpayers’ Checkbook” to include November Storm related expenses is meant to give taxpayers an idea of exactly how their money was spent during the storm and subsequent cleanup.

“Government works best when its business is conducted in an open, honest and transparent manner. Taxpayers footing these bills should know how their hard earned money was spent. All receipts processed through the Office of Erie County Comptroller related to the storm can now be looked at by the public. I am proud to lead the charge on transparency in Erie County government,” said Erie County Comptroller Stefan I. Mychajliw.

November Storm related expenses can be found on the Office of Erie County Comptroller website: [www.erie.gov/comptroller](http://www.erie.gov/comptroller). Among some of the storm related expenses:

- Contractors: \$2,828,030.03
- Towing: \$212,416.74
- Miscellaneous: \$76,129.01
- Automotive: \$11,045.55
- Food and Meal costs: \$19,178.43
- Office Supplies: \$876.92

The amount of November Storm related expenses for Erie County posted directly on the “Taxpayer’s Checkbook” as of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 totals \$3,147,676.68.

There are additional storm related expenses incurred by Erie County that are not processed directly by the Office of Erie County Comptroller, such as overtime, personnel, line-up pay, and retirement costs. When those totals are added the current cost of the November Storm to Erie County is \$3,891,611.04. The “Taxpayer’s Checkbook” includes all county expenses, debt costs and now storm costs.

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