

CONDENSED MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2024

Fort Edward, New York, Friday, January 19, 2024.

The Board of Supervisors convened in regular session at 10:00 AM at the County Office Building, Fort Edward, New York pursuant to Rule 1 of Rules of said Board.

CHAIRMAN HENKE called the meeting to order and presided.

Mrs. Clary offered the prayer.

Mr. O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and read the Fire Safety Notice.

The Clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: 16 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Nolan, O'Brien, Hahn, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Wang, Rozell

ABSENT: 1 Wilson

The condensed minutes of the December 15, 2023 and January 2, 2024 meetings were accepted as mailed.

The Clerk read the communications.

Following the reading of the public hearing notice by the Clerk, Chairman Henke opened the public hearing on parcels requesting inclusion in certified ag districts at 10:06 AM. After calling for comment three times and none being offered, Chairman Henke closed the public hearing at 10:06 AM.

Following the reading of the public hearing notice by the Clerk, Chairman Henke opened the public hearing on the eight-year review of Consolidated Agricultural District No. 8 at 10:07 AM. After calling for comment three times and none being offered, Chairman Henke closed the public hearing at 10:07 AM.

Following the reading of the public hearing notice by the Clerk, Chairman Henke opened the public hearing on Introductory Local Law "I" of 2023, a local law amending Local Law No. 2 of 2014 providing for the exemption from taxation of real property owned by one or more persons with disabilities, at 10:08 AM. After calling for comment three times and none being offered, Chairman Henke closed the public hearing at 10:08 AM.

Following the reading of the public hearing notice by the Clerk, Chairman Henke opened the public hearing on tax exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older at 10:09 AM. After calling for comment three times and none being offered, Chairman Henke closed the public hearing at 10:09 AM.

A motion to accept the January Audit Report, was moved by Mr. Rozell, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, O'Brien, Hahn, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked if any Supervisor had any request for Supervisors' Privilege of the Floor. Chairman Henke introduced Merle Nichols of the Town of Argyle who addressed the Board. Chairman Henke also offered privilege of the floor to Christopher from the Adirondack Health Institute who provided tobacco information.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked that the resolutions be introduced.

Resolution No. 14 January 19, 2024 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Shaw, Skellie, Ferguson – TITLE: Set Per Diem and Mileage Rate for Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Resolution No. 15 January 19, 2024 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: Supervisors Appointed to the Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

Resolution No. 16 January 19, 2024 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: Appoint Members of the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks.

Resolution No. 17 January 19, 2024 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: Appointment to the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board.

Resolution No. 18 January 19, 2024 By Supervisor Henke- TITLE: Appoint Sportsman Representatives to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board.

Resolution No. 19 January 19, 2024 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: Appoint Supervisors to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board.

Resolution No. 20 January 19, 2024 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: Appoint Landowner Representatives to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board.

Resolution No. 21 January 19, 2024 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Shaw, Skellie, Ferguson – TITLE: Approve Parcels Requesting Inclusion in Certified Agricultural Districts Pursuant to Chapter 523 of the Laws of 2003.

Resolution No. 22 January 19, 2024 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Shaw, Skellie, Ferguson – TITLE: To Reaffirm Consolidated Agricultural District No. 8.

Resolution No. 23 January 19, 2024 By Supervisors Hall, Shaw, Campbell, Fedler, Skellie, Wilson, Nolan – TITLE: To Amend the Title by Grade Schedule to Add County Historian.

Resolution No. 24 January 19, 2024 By Supervisors Campbell, Fedler, Shaw, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Hall, Wilson, Fisher, Nolan – TITLE: To Write Off Taxes – Town of Jackson.

Resolution No. 25 January 19, 2024 By Supervisors Campbell, Fedler, Shaw, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Hall, Wilson, Fisher, Nolan – TITLE: To Cancel Interest and Penalties and Write Off County

Taxes – Town of Jackson.

Resolution No. 26 January 19, 2024 By Supervisors Campbell, Fedler, Shaw, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Hall, Wilson, Fisher, Nolan – TITLE: To Provide for Tax Exemptions for Persons 65 Years of Age and Over.

Resolution No. 27 January 19, 2024 By Supervisors Campbell, Fedler, Shaw, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Hall, Wilson, Fisher, Nolan – TITLE: To Adopt Introductory Local Law “I” of 2023.

Resolution No. 28 January 19, 2024 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: Appoint Members to the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 14, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Hahn, Skellie and adopted.

Resolution No. 15, moved by Chairman Henke, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, O’Brien, Hahn, Wang, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 16, moved by Chairman Henke, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 17, moved by Chairman Henke, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Hahn, Clary, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 18, moved by Chairman Henke, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Hahn, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 19, moved by Chairman Henke, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Hahn, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 20, moved by Chairman Henke, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 21, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Baker, O’Brien, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 22, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hahn, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 23, moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Fisher, Baker, O’Brien, Hahn and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 16 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Nolan, O’Brien, Hahn, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Wang, Rozell

ABSENT: 1 Wilson

AYES: 4,643 ABSENT: 47

Resolution No. 24, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 25, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Skellie, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 26, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Baker, O'Brien, Hahn, Nolan. Discussion. Mr. Shaw expressed concern about the impact from raising the income limits for this exemption and the shift to other taxpayers. Mrs. Fedler stated that from the worksheet that was distributed, the shift would be about \$60,000 county wide. Mr. Campbell stated the purpose was to try to keep seniors with fixed incomes in their homes. Mrs. Fedler added that she is not opposed to this but wanted to make sure the Board was aware of the shift in taxes. Resolution No. 26, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Baker, O'Brien, Hahn, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 27, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Hall, Fisher, Baker, O'Brien, Hahn, Clary, Nolan and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 16 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Nolan, O'Brien, Hahn, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Wang, Rozell

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Resolution No. 28, moved by Chairman Henke, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Hahn, Clary, Nolan and adopted. Mr. O'Brien abstained.

Daniel Martindale, County Attorney reminder the Supervisors to make sure their Oaths of Office are filed with their town clerks by the end of the month.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked for Supervisors' comments. Mrs. Clary announced the loss of two incredible men in Salem, Tauno Wirrki and Socrates Fronhofer. Mr. Hall announced that the Governor's hitlist includes the closing of Great Meadow prison in Fort Ann. Mr. Wang thanked the support staff for a smooth meeting. Chairman Henke thanked Argyle EMS and Sheriff Deputies for the incredible response to a severe dog attack in Argyle.

Mr. Shaw announced the adjournment of the meeting at 10:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk