

CONDENSED MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Fort Edward, New York, Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

The Board of Supervisors convened in special session at 11:00 AM at the County Office Building, Fort Edward, New York.

CHAIRMAN HALL 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: 15 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, O'Brien, Campbell,
Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Nolan, Haff

The Clerk read the notice of the Special Meeting.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked if any Supervisor had any requests for Privilege of the Floor. There were no requests.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked that the resolutions be introduced. A motion to set aside the rules to present Resolution No. 239, 240, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.

Resolution No. 239 November 1, 2022 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: Rescind Resolution No. 237 of 2022 and Set Date of Annual Meeting.

Resolution No. 240 November 1, 2022 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: Rescind Resolution No. 238 of 2022 and Set Time and Date for a Public Hearing on the 2023 Tentative Budget.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 239, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Fisher, Henke, Ferguson, Campbell. Discussion. Mr. Shaw stated that he will not be attending the event causing the conflict but he would like to know who does plan on attending the event because if there are only one or two, we could still have the meeting. He asked for a show of hands. Mr. Hicks stated he opposes this. The meeting has been publicized and members of the public could have put it in their calendars. He also added it is setting a terrible precedent. If we are going to have 51% of the Board here, we should have it. We are considering doing this for a ribbon cutting photo op. He asked the Clerk if she

recalled anytime that the Board of Supervisors moved the meeting from a third Friday of the month. Clerk Prehoda recalled a meeting getting moved once due to a snowstorm. Mr. O'Brien stated the event was scheduled by the Governor's office and that several federal officials will be attending and folks from Quebec. He also added that several towns and the county will benefit financially from this power project. Mrs. Fedler stated that three weeks is plenty of time for public notice on the budget public hearing, enough time to adjust their calendars. The Clerk ran the weighted vote numbers which resulted in a slim simple majority (54 votes) and no $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. Mr. Campbell stated that everything would have to pass unanimously and that changes everything. Resolution No. 239, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Fisher, Henke, Ferguson, Campbell and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 14 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, O'Brien, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

NOES: 1 Hicks

ABSENT: 2 Nolan, Haff

AYES: 3,602 NOES: 506 ABSENT: 582

Resolution No. 240, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Fisher, Ferguson, O'Brien and adopted. Mr. Hicks opposed.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked for Supervisors' comments. There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.