

Government Operations Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 4, 2010 5:00 PM
Tompkins County Courthouse

Approved 5/20/10

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Michael Lane	Chair	Present
Carol Chock	Member	Present
Dooley Kiefer	Member	Present
David McKenna	Member	Present
Pat Pryor	Member	Present

Staff: C. Covert, Clerk of the Legislature; J. Franklin, Interim Assessment Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Assessment

Resolution (DOC ID: 1955): Refund of Taxes - Village of Lansing (45.1-1-55.14)

Following an explanation of the resolution by Mr. Franklin, Ms. Kiefer asked what property the resolution is referring to. Mr. Franklin said the property in question is the new Health Department on Brown Road.

The Committee agreed to add a note to the resolution that explains that the property is for the Health Department and that this refund is made after the determination of taxable status.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dooley Kiefer, Member
SECONDER:	Pat Pryor, Member
AYES:	Lane, Chock, Kiefer, McKenna, Pryor

WHEREAS, the Legislature is informed that an error has been made in the 2009 Lansing School Tax roll, namely parcel 45.1-1-55.14 located in the Village of Lansing, assessed to County of Tompkins, was erroneously charged for school taxes, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the entry on the school tax roll of \$56,698.37 be corrected to reflect a total of \$0.00,

RESOLVED, further, That the Lansing School Tax Collector is directed to correct the 2009 school tax roll,

RESOLVED, further, That the amount of \$56,317.10 be charged back to the Lansing School District and that the amount of \$381.27 be charged back to the Lansing Library.

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Legislature

Resolution (DOC ID: 1969): In Support of Assembly Bill A.10633 - Amending State Environmental Conservation Law to Allow Local Governments to Enact or Enforce Certain Laws and Ordinances

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dooley Kiefer, Member
SECONDER:	Carol Chock, Member
AYES:	Lane, Chock, Kiefer, McKenna, Pryor

WHEREAS, the slickwater hydrofracturing process used for accessing and utilizing Marcellus shale gas reserves requires/includes use of heavy trucks to transport water, chemicals, and other materials to extraction and processing sites, thereby posing potential damage to local roads that are not designed for heavy-duty truck usage, and

WHEREAS, not all locations are equally appropriate for industrial development, and

WHEREAS, New York State reserves to itself the regulation of oil, gas, and solution mining activities, and

WHEREAS, in New York State land-use authority, such as adoption of zoning ordinances, is in the hands of towns, cities, and villages, and

WHEREAS, clarifying the relationship between these two regulatory authorities, especially with respect to Marcellus shale drilling, is in the best interests of all residents and communities in New York State, and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2010, A.10633, which clarifies the role of municipalities in governing oil, gas, and solution mining development within their local jurisdictions, was introduced by Member of Assembly Barbara Lifton, (and as of April 14 had 17 co-sponsors), and

WHEREAS, A10633 makes clear that local governments can enact and enforce certain laws and ordinances that regulate the location, construction, and use of buildings and land within municipalities, as delegated to local governments by Article IX of the New York State Constitution, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature, on behalf of its residents and constituent municipalities, endorses and supports A. 10633, urges our three State Senators to sponsor similar legislation in the New York State Senate, and urges the New York State Association of Counties to champion passage of this important and timely legislation.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.