

**Herkimer County Legislature
Natural Resources and Ways & Means
Committee Meeting
Friday, May 1, 2020
Via Teleconference**

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Persons Attending:

Peter Campione (Chairman, Natural Resources)
Peter Manno (Natural Resources committee member)
William E. Keeler, Sr. (Natural Resources committee member)
Bob D. Hollum (Natural Resources committee member)
Ray Donley (Natural Resources committee member)
John L. Brezinski (Natural Resources committee member)
Patrick E. Russell (Chairman, Ways & Means)
Kurt J. Ackerman (Ways & Means committee member)
Raymond Smith (Ways & Means committee member)
Raymond Johnson (Ways & Means committee member)
Frederick J. Shaw Jr. (Ways & Means committee member)
John P Stephens (Ways & Means committee member)
Vincent J. Bono (Chairman of the Legislature)
James Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Brandy Serow, Secretary to the County Administrator
Lorraine Lewandrowski, Assistant County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer
James Rathbun, Sewer District, Operator

(Non Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator Gregory Malta, Sr.
Legislator Mark Gaworecki
Legislator Robert J. Schrader
Legislator William Weakley

Absent:

N/A

Mr. Campione called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Items discussed:

NATURAL RESOURCES:

1. To provide that additions to existing agricultural districts for the year 2020 are in compliance with State Environmental Quality Review Act
2. Approving additions to existing agricultural districts for the year 2020
3. Other

NATURAL RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

4. Approve Sewer District Resolutions to award bid and appropriate funds for parking lot repair
5. Other

Committee Vote Record

NATURAL RESOURCES:

Mr. Campione stated “First on the agenda is to provide that additions to existing agricultural districts for the year 2020 are in compliance with State Environmental Quality Review. Do I have a motion?”

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Brezinski, seconded by Mr. Manno for the Natural Resources Committee, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Campione stated “Second on the agenda is approving additions to existing agricultural districts for the year 2020. We had 27 landowners apply - two in Fairfield, two in Little Falls, fifteen in Newport, two in Norway, five in Russia and one in Warren. Do I have a motion?”

Item #2 – On motion of Mr. Brezinski, seconded by Mr. Manno for the Natural Resources Committee, Item #2 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Campione asked if there was anything under other. There was no response.

Item #3 – N/A

NATURAL RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

Mr. Campione stated “Moving on to the fourth. Approve the Sewer District Resolutions to award the bid and appropriate funds for parking lot repair. Low bid was Macri Paving coming in at \$11,500, Central paving was \$13,200 and Cornelius Asphalt was \$18,700. Do I have a motion under Natural Resources?”

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Manno for the Natural Resources Committee.

Mr. Hollum asked “Do you know why there was such a large gap between the bids?”

Mr. Campione stated “I don’t. Jim Rathbun, are you on?”

Jim Rathbun stated “Yes I am.”

Mr. Campione asked “Do you have an answer to that question?”

Jim Rathbun responded “Generally when we accept bids there is usually one or two that are higher than the others. They submit a bid but they really don’t want the job because they are busy doing others. These are small jobs replacing small parts of our parking lot. Macri did work

for us last year and Cornelius has done work for us in the past. Usually we get 3 to 4 bids and there is usually 1 or 2 that are kind of high. They want the bid but they don't really want the job. It's that kind of a thing."

Mr. Hollum thanked Jim.

Mr. Campione asked Mr. Russell if he wanted to get his motions.

Mr. Russell asked for a motion.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Stephens for the Ways & Means Committee, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #5 – N/A

Mr. Campione asked for a motion to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Donley, the Natural Resources committee adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.