

Minutes

Administrative Services Committee

October 15, 2018, 5:00 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Scudder, Muldowney, Davis

Members Absent: Himelein, Starks

Others: Tampio, Ames, Hemmer, Engstrom

Chairman Scudder called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (09/17/18)

MOVED by Legislator Davis, SECONDED by Legislator Muldowney

*Unanimously Carried*Privilege of the Floor

Karen Engstrom from Mayville. I just wanted to thank the members of the Legislature because your resolution of March has been accepted in total, word for word, by the County of Cattaraugus. The no PILOT resolution for wind projects above 5 megawatts. It's the fourth County in the State so we were number three, they are number four and that's moving it right along. The same time, we have Cassadaga Wind approaching, the beginning may be as early as November 1st but the residents of Cassadaga received these notices in the mail and they are asking for public comment from individuals and public officials. Corp of Engineers says they will make a decision to approve or deny this permit for Cassadaga Wind request based on the number of concerns that we may or may not – they will even accept a request for a public hearing if enough public officials and people request. Concerns of only printed to page one and five, there are 29 pages to this. You can look it up, it has maps, 16 pages of maps of the destruction that will be forthcoming. And the pages 3 through 4 are really detailed, (*inaudible*) one copy here that you can look at. I don't have the whole (*inaudible*). It's basically giving you regional, all sorts of stuff that's hard to understand. (*Inaudible*) stuff. Particulars on watersheds and so forth. But the point that I wanted to make is that, they're concerns that they are asking us to comment on. I've already written a letter which some of the letters are enclosed of the people who spoke to the Legislature just this past Legislature. Concerns that involve conservation in the area, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, property ownership and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Corp of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State, and local officials regarding this upcoming project. If there is enough delay, they will not start on November 1st, then they will have to wait

one year so it's an important moment. November 1st is when they begin to clear the forest and I want to thank you again for the leadership it took to bring forward that resolution that was embraced and followed through with by Cattaraugus County people. Thank you.

Legislator Muldowney: One question. Is there 41 additional turbines?

Ms. Engstrom: I think the total is 41 for that location.

Legislator Muldowney: The project will include construction of 41 turbines, approximately 476 and 495, additional to what's out there now.

Chairman Scudder: Oh yeah, this is a different project.

Ms. Engstrom: Right, this is a whole different project. You have two more coming and one is up and based on what we have been doing which is traveling to many different wind turbine locations with our cameras and sound equipment. We were in Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, and we've been up to – and they are much smaller turbines in Wyoming County. Allegheny really doesn't have any yet. We come back to Arkwright, set up our same equipment and the sound is very much more – it's very much louder than anything we ever witnessed in Wisconsin and Illinois and then Allegheny County because they are bigger and actually rejects from Denmark. Denmark has disposed of all that brand, all that particular megawatt unit is obsolete in Denmark so they are getting it over here. Well the next ones in our County are going to be 600 feet. So you are talking (*inaudible*) noise from 495 that you can hear in Arkwright and what they are trying to put in Cassadaga and Ball Hill, those are the next two projects, are 600 foot turbines. The strange thing is, Cassadaga hasn't actually put on paper what turbine model they are going to use. Why they have approved it and why the Corp would even consider approving it without a specific – are we talking 495's or are we talking 600's? There is a difference and there has never been a 600 foot on land in the United States. No one knows what that will do to the people and the environment. Harvard just came out with a study that said, turbines overall warm the planet. They change the weather patterns. It's a long – it's on Politico, I believe, but the Harvard study is by Mr. Keefe(?), a very famous environmentalist and he said strangely our results come up with a warming effect based on the fact that they change micro climate wherever they are. So whatever that is worth, it's getting colder, good but if it isn't get colder, it's not necessarily a good thing. Anyway there is chance to delay this one until more study has been done and I think that's what I advocate. Ball Hill, according to Mr. Borrello, is facing the economic forces in that they don't have a buyer. So there are sitting there but they have passed 600 foot high turbines for Ball Hill. This usually shows up (*showing Committee paperwork*) this usually shows up 3 months before the (*inaudible*) come through. That is what happened in Arkwright. So if there is a chance to delay it, that's good because these are all unknowns and they are not (*inaudible*)...

Chairman Scudder: I have it on my cell phone. Thank you for your time.

Proposed Resolution – Quit Claim Deeds

Chairman Scudder: What you have in front of you are three offer amounts. You can see the offer amounts, \$2,112.00, taxes owning \$33,052.58. We're assuming that Mr. Caflisch is recommending these because it is proposed by him.

Legislator Davis: In terms of, I just want to clarify in terms of voting on these. If I know the individuals in the third offer number, is it a conflict?

Chairman Scudder: No.

Legislator Davis: O.k.

Chairman Scudder: The only thing that I would ask is, if there was something that we needed to know.

Legislator Davis: No, I just know them, they are friends of friends.

Chairman Scudder: Yeah, I've voted on several of them over the years that I've known.

Legislator Davis: I just want to make sure that my vote is on the up and up.

Chairman Scudder: All in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Approving Consolidation of Vital Statistics Registrar Districts Between Town of Westfield and Village of Westfield

Clerk Tampio: Normally County Attorney Abdella would be here to speak to this this evening but he could not be here due to another obligation so he spoke to me about this resolution and if you recall you passed a similar resolution for the Brocton and Portland registrars. This is something that the State is encouraging, consolidation of registrar and communities, especially where you have a village and a town doing the same function only within their jurisdiction. That's the background on this resolution.

Chairman Scudder: Any questions, comments, or concerns? All in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Clerk Tampio: On another observation. On the MIS, Steve brought to my attention that there was a typo on the top for the contact person. You can strikeout Undersheriff Holder and put Steve Abdella. He used a previous form and just forgot to amend it.

Chairman Scudder: Call that a typo and that's all we do. Does anyone have any other other? Seeing no other –

Legislator Muldowney: I'll make the motion to adjourn.

Legislator Davis: And I will second it.

Unanimously Carried (5:47 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Olivia Ames, Committee Secretary/Lori J. Foster, Deputy Clerk-Secretary to the Legislature