

Strategic Planning and Government Committee

Monday, February 25, 2008

10:00 A.M. – County Office Building

PRESENT: Arthur Ospelt, Chairman; Legislators Jim Oldenburg, Lee B. Walker, Jr., Milferd Potter, Michael Kunzwiler

EXCUSED: Legislators James Bryant and John Proud

OTHERS: Legislators Art Gearsbeck and Margaret Kastler. Sue and Myron Pringle, David Reader, Richard Mitchell, Chairman Barry Leemann, Mark Detor, Hess Corp., Andy Curran, Phil Church, Terri Somers

The meeting was called to order at 9:55 A.M. by Chairman Ospelt

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 24, 2008 meeting were approved by Legislator Kunzwiler, seconded by Legislator Oldenburg with all in favor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF OSWEGO COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICE

Mr. Andrew Curran, Chairman reviewed the Power for Progress Annual Report for 2007 with the committee members. He noted that since the programs inception it has contributed to the retention of 2,665 jobs and the creation of 347 new jobs. He encouraged continuation of the program and recommended that the Legislature find more power. Mr. Curran discussed a vacancy on the Board and offered the name of Gail Goebriher for consideration. There is also a legislator vacancy. The legislator serves as ex-officio member.

Mr. Curran thanked the board members for their participation and dedication. He then asked if the Committee will accept his report (which is made apart of these minutes). Chairman Ospelt acknowledged that the report is accepted and thanked Mr. Curran.

RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

An updated copy of the Rules and Order of Business of the Oswego County Legislature, with changes, was given to the members for their review. Chairman Ospelt stated that it is his understanding that Chairman Leemann would like these documents sent to the caucuses for review. The committee agreed and will discuss once each caucus has reviewed them.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS. The Name of John G. Fitzgibbons of Oswego was presented. Motion to approve by Legislator Kunzwiler, seconded by Legislator Walker with all in favor.

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO 33 EAST CAYUGA STREET TO THE CITY OF OSWEGO. A figure of \$1.00 will be placed in the resolution. Motion to approve by Legislator Kunzwiler, seconded by Legislator Potter with all in favor.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NEW POWER PLANT IN THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO. Motion to support by Legislator Oldenburg, seconded by Legislator Walker with all in favor.

RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NO. OF THE YEAR 2008, ENTITLED, "A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF WEAPONS IN BUILDINGS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO"

The body of the resolution states that the public hearing will be at 2 p.m. A motion was made by Legislator Kunzwiler to amend the time to 7:00 P.M. seconded by Legislator Oldenburg with all in favor. The date will be April 10th. Motion to approve by Legislator Potter, seconded by Legislator Kunzwiler with all in favor as amended

David Reader from the Town of Parish addressed the members regarding timber theft, extending the county's ethics board to cover all municipalities and Stabilizing Oswego County's power rates. Attorney Mitchell will look into the Ethics Board issue. Chairman Ospelt stated that as far as power rates are concerned, those matters will be addressed if and when a new power plant is located here. On the issue of Timber Theft the committee went into executive session. Motion to enter into executive session by Legislator Kunzwiler, seconded by Legislator Walker with all in favor. 10:40 A.M. Motion to end executive session by Legislator Kunzwiler, seconded by Legislator Oldenburg with all in favor.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 upon motion by Legislator Oldenburg and seconded by Legislator Walker.