

**Strategic Planning and government committee**  
**Monday, March 23, 2009**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Milferd Potter, Chairman; Legislators Paul Santore, Bob Hayes, Lee Walker, Jim Oldenburg, Jim Bryant, Jack Proud

**STAFF &**

**GUESTS:** Legislator Margaret Kastler, Ally Proud, Mr. & Mrs. Pringle, Fred Maxon, Richard Mitchell, Legislator Art Gearsbeck, Terri Somers, Phil Church

**ABSENT:** Legislator Mike Kunzwiler

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Potter.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 23, 2009 meeting were approved upon motion by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Bryant with all in favor.

Phil Church, County Administrator discussed a release he has received from the New York State Town Clerks Association regarding the Governors proposal to give local Town Boards the power to convert the office of Town Clerk from an elected to an appointed position without any direct input from residents of the towns. Specifically the Governors proposal removes the requirement of a mandatory public vote. Phil went on to explain that since this is part of a budget bill, and if a budget is passed by April 1<sup>st</sup>, there would be no time to do a resolution. Phil also stated that this part of the bill could be removed from the budget. He asked if the committee wanted to go on record as opposed.

Legislator Walker stated that as he lives in the City, he doesn't have enough information. He made a motion to table. There was no second.

Legislator Kastler asked why this is before this committee with Phil explaining that the town clerk's association asked us to take a stand.

Following a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Legislator Bryant to table for 30 days and talk to local representatives and legislators. The motion was seconded by Legislator Oldenburg with all in favor.

## **LAKE SOURCE COOLING PROGRAM**

Administrator Church discussed a local government efficiency grant that is being applied for to explore the viability of a cooperative agreement to operate a Lake Source Cooling Program to reduce energy and operating costs for our larger buildings in the vicinity of the Oswego Municipal Water District. The City of Oswego, SUNY and the City Schools are getting involved. Phil stated that he wrote a letter saying we would be interested. The letter was sufficient for grant but does not commit us. The cost would be \$1,900 from each municipality and school system if we participate. A motion was made by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Oldenburg to support the grant application and the \$1,900 associated with it. All in favor.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Legislator Walker to go into executive session for the purpose of conferring with the County Attorney regarding tax status of nuclear plants. The motion was seconded by Legislator Bryant. Legislator Oldenburg asked to be put on record as not being at the executive session due to a conflict. All other members in favor. 10:30 A.M.

Executive Session ended at 11:10 A.M. Motion to allow County Administrator Church, County Attorney Mitchell and Legislature Chairman Leemann to enter into negotiations with Town and School districts regarding payment arrangements for consultant services. The motion was made by Legislator Hayes, seconded by Legislator Potter. Legislator Bryant stated that he can't support unless there is a member of the minority on board. Legislator Hayes withdrew his motion to add a member of minority. Motion by Legislator Hayes to support the above with the addition of a member of the minority, seconded by legislator Bryant. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Oldenburg who abstained. Legislator Kunzwiler is absent.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business a motion was made by Legislator Oldenburg, seconded by Legislator Walker to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 11:20 A.M.