

Regular Meeting  
Chautauqua County Legislature  
Wednesday, June 26, 2019 6:30 p.m.  
Mayville, N.Y. 14757

Chairman Wendel called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Clerk Tampio called the roll and announced a quorum present. (Absent: Rankin, Scudder)

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Nazzaro and duly carried the minutes were approved. (05/22/19)

1<sup>st</sup> Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Huckno: My name is Wally Huckno- 498 Valerie Lane, Jamestown New York. For ten years I was a member of this august body and certainly, I appreciate everything that you do. It is a job in Chautauqua County that goes forward each and every day and you do not get the thanks that you deserve.

Congratulations to County Executive Borrello and my friend David Wilfong. David, I had in school. I told David- David, you've got to do your homework each and every day. Well, he didn't exactly get it each and every day, but a lot of the days he came into school crying and I asked, what's the matter? He said my sister Donna beat me up again. So, David congratulations. That is terrific.

I'm really here tonight on several missions. One, to thank all of you for the wonderful job you do and on behalf of President DeMarte, the JCC Board of Trustees, the Administration, the students, all the faculty- we want to thank you for all the support that you give to JCC. This is truly a partnership and education and educating our youngsters is so important for all of us in our county. I remember my mother always said to me, "get an education." This was a lady that finished eighth grade only, but she realized how important it was to be educated. We have a partnership here in the county between JCC and the people in our Legislature. I have- this will be my third term, I hope, to represent you. When I was here I did it in a nonpartisan way. I voted for the republicans, I voted for the democrats, often the (*inaudible*) of my party. I don't believe in partisan politics. I hope that I've represented you well at JCC. My door is open and I will continue to represent you well. You do a great job for us, thank you so much.

(Applause)

Chairman Wendel: Thank you. Anyone else to speak to the privilege of the floor?

My name is Nithin Vejendla- 51 Nottingham Circle, Jamestown New York. Seeing how much of tonight's agenda is centering on education and there is also a line item about the occupancy tax reserve, I would like to speak today to make an appeal to the County Legislature of Chautauqua County to address the funding gap the Jamestown

Prendergast Library is currently suffering. For those of you that don't know, the City of Jamestown has cut funding for the-

Chairman Wendel: Excuse me sir, I don't mean to cut you short. We do want to listen to you, but it has to be something on the agenda and the funding for Jamestown Public Library is not on our agenda. There is time at the end of the meeting for an open forum. Thank you very much.

Mr. Vejendla: Thank you.

Chairman Wendel: Anyone to speak to the first privilege of the floor?

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**FISHING ESSAY AWARDS  
2 GRAND PRIZE WINNERS  
By  
Sports Fishery Advisory Board  
County Executive Borrello  
Chairman Paul M. Wendel, Jr.**

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**PROCLAMATION:**

**HONORARY CITIZEN OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
PETRA SUCIC  
FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT  
By  
Chairman Paul M. Wendel, Jr.**

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**COMMENDATIONS:**

**CERTIFICATE AWARDS  
To High School  
VALEDICTORIANS  
By  
County Executive Borrello  
Chairman Paul M. Wendel, Jr.**

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**PRESENTATION:**

**Planning Board's Review of**

## **2020 Capital Projects By Doug Bowen**

Mr. Bowen: County Executive Borrello, Mr. Chairman, County Legislators, ladies and gentlemen: My name is Douglas Bowen, and I am Chairman of the Chautauqua County Planning Board. The County Administrative Code charges the County Planning Board with the responsibility of annually reviewing capital requests from county departments and making recommendations to County Government with respect to estimated costs, project justifications, and priority. This evening I am here on behalf of the Chautauqua County Planning Board to present the Board's report with recommendations for the 2020 Capital Budget and the 2021-2025 Capital Plan.

Ranking the Capital projects objectively is a difficult task. We are choosing between projects across departmental lines that result in different types of benefits for different segments of the County's population. This is compounded by the fact that we are faced with a rising public demand for new and better services while feeling the pressure to lower the tax burden. Departments look for alternative funding sources for Capital Projects but the options are limited. Inevitably, the end cost of doing business falls to the tax payers. So, at what point does it become necessary to raise taxes to cover the increased cost of infrastructure maintenance? One cent per mill in the tax rate equals approximately \$75,000 in County revenue. Three cents is a new plow truck, a new roof, an elevator or roof repair. Basic maintenance of existing infrastructure should be a priority, but too often maintenance projects are pushed down the ranking list in favor of projects that come with grant funding such as CARTS, roads or airports. It is too common for a Capital Project to be ranked higher due to potential State and Federal funding.

JCC's request for a new soccer field, while not ranked highly by the Planning Board, is another example of a highly leveraged project. 75% of the cost of the proposed soccer field is from non-County funding. This in itself makes it an attractive project. The benefit of a new soccer field to JCC is rather obvious, but the County's return on investment for this project can be difficult to determine. JCC is a valuable asset for the County, but does the \$868,000 County Share for this project out-weigh the need for plow trucks, tower removal or a multitude of other projects presented? The presence of such grant funding can make it more difficult for Legislators and the Planning Board to set priorities for the County in a clear manner. The County does not have the funding to do all the things it would like to do. Therefore, the County needs a method to decide what to do first. This is the precise reason the Comprehensive Plan and Capital Plan are so important, to insure money is being spent efficiently and on the most critical projects.

Since 2009 I have stood before the County Legislature and presented the Capital Project recommendations from The County Planning Board. The County Administrative Code directs the Planning Board to be the first group to review and rank the Capital Projects for the next budget year. The Planning Board members complete this task with due diligence and integrity. To do this the Planning Board requires good information from departments. Through the review process the various department heads are asked tough questions about the projects presented. On occasion

these questions are met with resistance, and I understand why. The Planning Board does not set the budget. The Planning Board does not have final say on what vehicles get purchased, what roads get paved, what roof gets replaced, or if an elevator gets repaired. As we conclude this year's review, and look forward to next year's Capital Project Ranking process, one question can be asked to help determine if changes to the Capital Review process should occur. Does the process and the Board's expectations set the bar too high or is the bar set too low? A simple but thought provoking question that should be answered. As the elected body directed to make management decisions for Chautauqua County it falls on you to help the Planning Board answer this question. As the County Legislature determines what Capital Projects are to be included in the 2020 budget, please keep the above question in mind because when the County Planning Board is provided with sufficient information, the Planning Board can be the strongest advocate and filter for future Capital Projects.

This year the Planning Board reviewed 47 county funded capital projects for the 2020 capital budget and an additional 28 projects for the 2021- 2025 capital plans. These projects were submitted by 10 various Chautauqua County departments. If you separate out the sub-departments that are under the umbrella of Public Facilities there were submissions from 15 different departments.

The total cost requested for the 47 capital projects reviewed, without FAA airport projects, was \$19,272,389. The county share of these projects was \$11,102,808.

The Capital Project Report is broken into multiple tables for your use. Table A, on page 7 lists a total cost and total County share of the 2020 Capital Project Requests by department. Table B, on page 9, lists the Board's prioritization of county funded capital Projects. The table contains corresponding page numbers to allow easy reference to project information.

Table C, on page 13, lists the prioritization of the requested Enterprise Funded Capital Projects for 2020, again, the table contains corresponding page numbers to allow easy reference to project information.

Table D, on page 13, lists the prioritization of the requested Airport Capital Projects, and the County Vehicle Requests are listed on page 15. This follows the same format that many of you have seen in past years and I hope you find the Board's comments enlightening.

Before I leave, I would like to thank the County Executive and the County Legislature for the appointments made to the County Planning Board. You have provided the Planning Board with a group of dedicated and knowledgeable individuals with diverse backgrounds who provide valuable insight to future planning for Chautauqua County. With that said, I would like to thank all the members of the Chautauqua County Planning Board who volunteered many hours reviewing the Capital Projects. I commend them for their effort. Thank you. Are there any questions?

*(Applause)*

**VETO MESSAGES FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE BORRELLO  
NO VETOES FROM 5/22/19**

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter – County Executive Borrello – Amendment to Administrative Code – Re: Section 5.02A
  2. Letter – County Executive Borrello – Amendments to Administrative Code – Re: Article 7: Section 7.02
  3. Letter – Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation – Resolution 58-2019
  4. Letter - County Executive – Appointments to Chautauqua County Food Policy Council
  5. Letter - County Executive – Appointments to Chautauqua County Traffic Safety Board
  6. Letter - County Executive – Appointments to Chautauqua County STOP DWI Advisory Board
  7. Letters (2) – NYS Department of Tax and Finance – Office of Real Property Tax Services – List of Certified 2019 State Equalization Rates
  8. Report – Fn. Director Crow – Investment Report – April 2019
  9. Report – NYS Small Business Development Center - Chautauqua County Quarterly Report
  10. Report – Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance – 2018 Annual Report
  11. Letter – NYS Department of State – Re: Ack. Receipt of LL 3-19 (Amending Local Law 6-13 of the County of Chautauqua Imposing a Tax on the Occupancy of Hotel or Motel Rooms)
  12. Report – Chautauqua County Planning Board – 2020 Capital Budget & 2021-2025 Capital Plan
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**LOCAL LAW INTRO 3-19 – Amending Local Law 7-90 Providing for a Management Salary Plan for County Officers and Employees ( re: Assigned Counsel Administrators)**

Chairman Wendel: I would just like to personally thank Mr. Chagnon for his work and also our Public Defender who has been gracious enough to receive a grant that has been quite substantial in boosting his department. What this does, is this Assigned Counsel Administrator does help, hopefully, alleviate a burden that we've seen in the past years in our budget with our Assigned Counsel. Again, Mr. Chagnon, I would like to thank you for all the work you've done with the Office of Indigent Legal Services, along with Clerk Tampio. There's a lot of work that went into this and I feel that this is going to

be a step in the right direction as we move forward. Anyone else to speak to this local law?

**LOCAL LAW INTRO 3-19 - R/C Vote: 17 Yes; 2 Absent – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RES. NO. 147-19 Confirm Appointments - Chautauqua County Food Policy Council**, by Planning & Economic Development Committee - **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 148-19 Confirm Re-Appointment - JCC Board of Trustees**, by Administrative Services Committee

Legislator Nazzaro: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to personally thank Mr. Huckno for serving on the JCC Board of Trustees. His dedication and commitment to the college and to this county is admirable and he hopes my colleagues totally support him. I would also like to thank Peg Cornell, who's in the audience, for her dedication to JCC. It's a great institution and a very important asset to this county.

Chairman Wendel: Anyone else to speak to the resolution?

Legislator Wilfong: Well, now I've got the mic- (*laughter*) I really want to thank Wally Huckno, Joe DiMaio and John Phillips for being mentors to me and many of the youth of the City of Jamestown when I graduated in 1970- something. They showed us what being a man was about. We were very successful as a football team, but what it did was, it molded young people to be more than they were and I want to personally thank you.

Chairman Wendel: Anyone else to speak? Again, his tireless effort (*inaudible*) JCC has been a staple in the community for many, many years and many years to come.

**RES. NO. 148-19 - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 149-19 Confirm Appointment and Re-Appointments - Chautauqua County Traffic Safety Board**, by Public Safety Committee – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 150-19 Confirm Re-Appointments – STOP DWI Advisory Board**, by Public Safety Committee – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 151-19 Board Appointment – North County Industrial Water District No. 1 & North County Industrial Sewer District No. 1, by Public Facilities Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 152-19 Authorization of Funding to Replace Boiler at the Mayville Municipal Building, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 153-19 Obligate County Funds for Local Share Funding of Essential Air Service Contract to Subsidize Commercial Air Service To/From Chautauqua County/Jamestown Airport, by Public Facilities and Audit & Control Committees**

Legislator Bankoski: I would just like to go on record saying that there is no net cost to the County on this resolution. I know it says that we're spending \$72,000, but I feel this is kind of a last ditch effort for the County to have a commercial air service out of Jamestown and Boutique Air has a reputation for revitalizing airports and service that we've been struggling with and I think we would be remiss if we didn't give this one last shot to try to make it work for Chautauqua County. If it does, it would probably be some sort of a revenue generator down the road. I just wanted to be on record that this would be the last time that I would support any funding for the airport, but I think at this point in time we agree that this would be money well spent on our part.

Legislator Odell: I'll echo my colleague, Mr. Bankoski, and just kind of add to it a bit. As the chairman of the Airport Commission, we've been tasked and asked what might make this proposition different. Well, for starters, Shawn Simpson from Boutique Air did not show up to Jamestown in a blue leisure suit like we saw in the Post Journal three years ago. *(Laughter)* Seriously, he came in with a very, very solid business plan to help restore and provide essential air service for our particular market. This resolution was discussed in all three committees. I just want to touch on a few key points for my colleagues that didn't get a chance to read the minutes. Due to some of our past experience with some of the marketers in the prior airlines, our airport management and our airport commission members took a serious but verified position. We were able to vet out and back check the success in several small airport markets where Boutique Air has made a very positive economic impact. They're 90% plus flight completion rates, interline agreements which allow someone to check their bag at Jamestown and take it to wherever in the world that they're going. It will allow customers to buy one ticket and *(inaudible)* and help bolster their customer base significantly in these markets. As Mr. Bankoski pointed out from the County's financial standpoint, this is really a near net-neutral position in that the restoration of the essential air service will regain us the 2.5% in federal funding that we lost back in May. Just to further back this up, our County hosted a forum with Congressman Reed to hit a position of our business community in regards to commercial essential air service. All of the stakeholders present expressed their support, citing an array of benefits, especially the benefits of expedited customer and vendor visits for our manufacturing sector as well as the tourism industry. In addition, the business community will also be supporting this proposal with both financial and in-kind services. This is a well, well rounded proposal and behalf on the Airport Commission members, I would like to thank

County Executive Borrello, Brad Bentley, Ron Almeter, the IDA and the Chamber of Commerce especially for their thoughtful contributions to this well encompassed proposal. Thank you.

Chairman Wendel: Anyone else to speak to this resolution?

Legislator Niebel: Mr. Chairman, in Audit & Control I asked the question, what makes anyone thing that Boutique can succeed as a passenger carrier when the previous three carriers have failed? I'm told that Boutique has a better business plan and I'm told that they have the support of the business community. Look, I think there's a couple things to note. First of all, the \$72,000 cash contribution that we're asked to contribute comes from the Occupancy Tax. I think Bob was eluding to that earlier. The monies that are earmarked for tourism cannot be used to reduce taxes. Second of all, the Jamestown business community is to come up with \$75,000 in cash and \$87,000 in in-kind contributions and if they don't, the County does not have to move ahead with our contribution.

I'll be voting in favor of this resolution tonight, but look, if we don't receive the support of the Jamestown business community this will be the last time that I'll be voting to support passenger service from the Jamestown Airport.

Mr. Chairman, I think there's a larger question that needs to be asked and that's whether or not a county the size of Chautauqua can continue to support two airports and subsidize those airports to the tune of \$700,000 of local tax payers money each year. Thank you.

Chairman Wendel: Thank you. Any other discussion? Seeing none, we're going to call the roll.

**RES. NO. 153-19** R/C Vote: 16 Yes; 2 Absent; 1 No –**ADOPTED** w/ Legislator Gould Voting “no”

**RES. NO. 154-19 Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution**, by Administrative Services Committee – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 155-19 Amend 2019 Budget for Office of the Sheriff**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 156-19 Authorize Execution for New York State Office of Homeland Security Grant For State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) FY19**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 157-19 Amend 2019 Budget for State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Award**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**



**RES. NO. 158-19 Modify Capital Project Requests Related to Shared Storage Pole Barn, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 159-19 Authorize Litigation Against Telecommunications Companies Regarding 911 Surcharges, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 160-19 Authorize Acceptance of Indigent Legal Services Grant for the Period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 161-19 Authorize Acceptance of Indigent Legal Services Grant for the Period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 162-19 Authorizing the County Executive to Execute the Youth Bureau Resource Allocation Plan, by Human Services Committee – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 163-19 Authorize Acceptance of Funds from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) through New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) for the NY Connects No Wrong Door (NWD) System, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 164-19 Close, Modify and Create Petty Cash Funds, by Human Services and Audit & Control Committees – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 165-19 Authorize Use of 3% Occupancy Tax Undesignated Reserve Funding to Pay for the Cost of Printing Marketing Brochure, by Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees**

Legislator Odell: More show and tell everybody. This one's a little nicer. Everyone did get a copy of this in their box- be sure to get some as soon as possible. These are our new marketing brochures. Our IDA and our Division of Economic Development worked hard on this piece over the course of nearly a year to really tell a story of us. We did an initial vetting out that was done about ten months ago by Buffalo Niagara Enterprise and it really didn't tell our story, so we did this in- house, in-County and it's a very nice piece. This will be utilized and distributed quite widely, not only for the business and tourism industry, but also employee recruitment- people who are relocating, especially those far younger than me are looking for a quality of life component in addition to good compensation. This newly developed asset addresses this quite well, actually, this is Mr. Chagnon's copy. Mine, I actually gave away to a freight company out of Wisconsin yesterday. I appreciate everyone's support on this.

Chairman Wendel: Any other discussion or debate? This is a phenomenal production and hopefully it'll bolster our economy and our business model.

**RES. NO. 165-19 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 166-19 Close Capital Projects**, by Audit & Control Committee – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 167-19 Financial Management Policy for the County of Chautauqua**, by Audit & Control Committee – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 168-19 Confirming 2019 Salary of Public Defender**, by Public Safety and Audit & Control Committees - R/C Vote: 17 Yes; 2 Absent – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 169-19 Quit Claim Deeds**, by Administrative Services and Audit & Control Committees - R/C Vote: 17 Yes; 2 Absent – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

Legislator Chagnon: Mr. Chairman, the Legislators have on our desks this evening an emergency resolution regarding the settlement of a claim. I would like to make a motion that we bring that to the floor at this time so that we can resolve this matter.

Chairman Wendel: We have a motion, do we have a second? Mr. Nazzaro. All those in favor of bringing this to the floor signify with the usual signs.

*Unanimously Carried to Bring to the Floor*

**EMERGENCY RES. NO. 170-19 Authorize Payment of \$37,500 for Settlement of Claim of Ditech Financial LLC** - R/C Vote: 17 Yes; 2 Absent – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

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**MOTION:**

- A. In Support of the Grant Application of the Western New York Land Conservancy for the College Lodge Forest Park Project – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**
- B. Urging New York State to Restore Extreme Weather Recovery Funding and Increase CHIPS Funding for Local Road, Bridge and Culvert Maintenance and Replacement**

Legislator Pavlock: Every year I receive things in the mail as being a Legislator and I take the time to read them and one of the items I received was a description of the

duty of a legislator and part of the duty of a legislator is to take things from your local communities, your constituents and your area and take those and send those to other officials in the state or government. I feel that this is a good thing that the Legislature as a whole is willing to forward on to other elected officials in New York State. Thank you.

Chairman Wendel: Thank you. Due to our extreme weather conditions our local bridges and coverts are often damaged severely with not only road treatment, but the nature of the weather in the area we live in. Our extreme weather, as we all know, has been increasing more and more. They used to talk about the 100 year flood, but I think we've had several of those in the last five years. So, I think this is definitely needed money across the board and especially in Chautauqua County. Any other discussion?

### **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Legislator Starks: I'd like to invite everyone to Fredonia this coming Saturday for our Italian Festival and also in July on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> we're having Fredonia History Days. So, please come and join us.

Legislator Hemmer: I would like to invite the members of the County Legislature to come to the Parks Commission meeting and picnic tomorrow at 4 o'clock at Erlandson Park if you have the time and meet the Parks Commission members and maybe have a hotdog.

Chairman Wendel: If you haven't ever been there, the Erlandson Overlook Park is one of the most amazing views that I've ever seen here in Chautauqua County. Anyone else for announcements?

Legislator Bankoski: On behalf of myself and Legislator Muldowney, we'd like to welcome everybody to our beautiful shores of Lake Erie for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display, which is one of the largest displays on the waterfront and it's just a great time. Come down and bring your coolers and your grills and cop a squat and enjoy a long afternoon and a wonderful evening.

Chairman Wendel: I too would like to welcome everybody to the Village of Lakewood. It starts with our annual firecracker 10K, which I am usually an eager supporter and not a participant. But anyways, there are things going on all day long. I would like to maybe compete with Dunkirk, because we don't have a big enough lake, but we do have quite a fireworks display starting at 10 o'clock, weather permitting. I invite everybody to Lakewood if you decide not to go to Dunkirk and would like to stay local.

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Legislator Bankoski: Kind of an old issue- we've talked in the past about windmills and turbines and so on and so forth. We've had a lot of people here in the past from Arkwright and from Cassadaga venting their displeasure with what's going on and at the time, also the topic came up of possibly another wind farm in Ripley. At which time, I spoke up and I made a statement at that time that if you do not want wind turbines that now is the time to speak up and let your elected officials know that you don't want them there. I kind of just left it at that.

Just recently, in Dunkirk, a windmill company approached the Dunkirk historical lighthouse about putting some type of a wind testing machine on their property and they're willing to pay them so much a month for so many months because it's right on the peak there. That'd be a great spot to get your actual readings and so on and so forth. The lighthouse board unanimously voted it down and they're a non-profit organization which definitely could have used the money that the wind company was going to give them to allow them to monitor the winds.

On behalf of myself and Legislator Muldowney, we've discussed this issue a couple times amongst ourselves and we are adamantly opposed to any wind turbines on Lake Erie. They would have to drill holes 125 feet into the lake bottom disturbing the sediments and the patterns of how the fish would spawn and how they pool and so on, and so forth. We just want to be on record that we are adamantly opposed to any wind turbines on Lake Erie, on the shores of Dunkirk and that we will do anything possible to prevent this from happening. I know Mr. Muldowney has a couple points that he would like to add, also.

Legislator Muldowney: I just want to echo his sentiments and just say that we are a lakefront community and as Mr. Borrello had mentioned earlier, we're blessed with five lakes in Chautauqua County and this we feel is a real tourism market. I am opposed to any new windmills, especially in Lake Erie.

Chairman Wendel: Anyone to speak to the second privilege of the floor? Mr. Vejendla, I appreciate your diligence and waiting patiently.

Mr. Vejendla: Not a problem. Sorry for the misunderstanding earlier. So, my name is Nithin Vejendla. I went to Southwestern public schools for most of my public school career. I just graduated from the University of Michigan. I'm here to speak because the Prendergast Library in Jamestown, which for me, was a great way to encourage my level of learning and for me to (*inaudible*), has suffered some budget cuts because the City of Jamestown has its own financial difficulties. So, as the County of Chautauqua's the next largest tax paying entity, I would like to implore the legislators to include in their next budget additional funding to the Prendergast Library. Currently, Chautauqua County's funding is about 2% of the Prendergast budget. I'd implore an increase in that. I think that even though it's a City of Jamestown Library- myself, who is not a Jamestown resident has taken advantage of it. I think the education that comes out

of the library's presence will help the local economy, help educate workers, it's a great place for kids to go to have a place to do their homework, to have a quiet place and they sponsor programs like ESL training, internet access- we live in a county where 30% of people don't have access to broadband internet and the internet is really important for job searches. So, I think that even though it's a City of Jamestown library, I think the County as a whole would benefit from it. It would bring in more tourism, more industry- I implore additional funding or ways to finding some of the \$27,000 in funding they lost from the State. Thank you.

Chairman Wendel: Thank you very much. Anyone else to speak?

County Executive Borrello: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to take this time to thank Mr. Doug Bowen. He said tonight that he's been doing this since 2009 as the Chairman of our Planning Board. This is a thankless job that this man has executed really, really well. I would just like to ask the Legislature to give him a round of applause.

*(Applause)*

Chairman Wendel: Thank you. Anyone else to speak to the second privilege of the floor?

MOVED by Legislator Gould, SECONDED by Legislator Bankoski and duly carried the meeting was adjourned. (7:36 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
Olivia Ames, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature