



**Cortland County Ag,
Economic Development,
Planning & Environment
Committee Meeting
~ Minutes ~**

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Tuesday, May 12, 2026

11:00 AM

Room 302

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:09 AM by Committee Chair William McGovern.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT:	Legislator Beau Harbin, Legislator Jason Prentice, Minority Leader Sandra Price, Legislator Mitchel Eccleston, Legislator William McGovern
ABSENT:	
EXCUSED:	Legislator Reed Cleland, Legislator Paul Heider

Others Present:	
Kevin Fitch	Chair of the Legislature
Savannah Hempstead	Clerk of the Legislature
Michael Ponticiello	County Administrator
Andrea Herzog	Director of Finance
Melanie Vilardi	Executive Director, Cortland County Business Development Corporation
Dominick Mantella	Legislator
Morgan Spaulding	Grants Administrator
Ilya Shmulenson	Executive Director, Lime Hollow
Machell Phelps	Director, Cortland Regional Sports Council
Ron Van Dee	Legislator
Cathy Bischoff	Legislator
Eugene Waldbauer	Legislator

Keith VanGorder	Legislator
Doug Bentley	Legislator
Christopher Newell	Legislator
Cindy Stoker	Executive Director, CNY Living History Center
Kim Cameron	Resident
Ashley Millard	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature (Remote)

Resolutions

ON MOTION OF WILLIAM MCGOVERN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Host Community Agreement (HCA) with Scott Road Solar, LLC

WHEREAS, Cortland County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the “Enabling Act”) and Chapter 77 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 902 of said General Municipal Law, to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; AND

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the IDA is authorized and empowered to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more projects as defined in the Enabling Act or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; AND

WHEREAS, the IDA has approved the project application submitted by Scott Road Solar, LLC (the “Company”) for a +/-5MW Community Solar Installation Located on a portion of the parcel of land located within the Town of Homer, Cortland County, New York at 331 Houghton Hill Road and designated as Tax Map No. 45.00-01-14.00, known as the “Scott Road Solar Project”; AND

WHEREAS, the Company intends to enter into an agreement with respect to the project making provisions for payments in lieu of taxes (“PILOT Agreement”) by the Company to be negotiated with the IDA; AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Homer has authorized the execution of a Host Community Agreement (HCA) between the Town of Homer, NY and Scott Road Solar, LLC; AND

WHEREAS, the Company recognizes that the project will impact the surrounding community, particularly the County; more specifically, during the development, construction, and long-term operation of said project, the County will incur expenses in connection with the exercise of its “police powers” that other political subdivisions and public entities with jurisdiction over the project area will not; AND

WHEREAS, the County's Commissioner of Public Works has reviewed the project scope and confirmed that the project does not include any County roads; AND

WHEREAS, in consideration for the impacts on the community, the Company has agreed to pay a Host Community Benefit Fee to the County in the sum of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000); AND

WHEREAS, the County deems it in the best interest of Cortland County and its residents to enter into a Host Community Agreement with Scott Road Solar, LLC; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby determines that it is in the best interests of Cortland County to enter into the Host Community Agreement; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Host Community Agreement and such other documents, and take such other actions, as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature does hereby authorize the acceptance of payment in the amount of \$170,000 for the Host Community Agreement Benefit Fee, said payment to be received in one (1) lump sum and deposited into Account No. A13255.42460.

Mr. Eccleston MADE A MOTION TO AMEND the resolution to add the following RESOLVED clause at the end of the resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature does hereby authorize the acceptance of payment in the amount of \$170,000 for the Host Community Agreement Benefit Fee, said payment to be received in one (1) lump sum and deposited into Account No. A13255.42460."

Ms. Price SECONDED THE MOTION TO AMEND, and upon unanimous voice vote of members present, MOTION CARRIED.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Minority Leader Sandra Price
SECONDER:	Legislator Mitchel Eccleston
AYES:	Beau Harbin, Jason Prentice, Sandra Price, Mitchel Eccleston, William McGovern
NAYS:	None
EXCUSED:	Reed Cleland, Paul Heider
ABSENT:	

ON MOTION OF WILLIAM MCGOVERN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.

Resolution Endorsing Legislation Authorizing the Alienation and Discontinuance of Certain Parklands Known as Linear Park in Cortland County (Senate Bill No. S.10283 and Assembly Bill No. A.11337)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Cortland County Resolution No. 2-25, the Cortland County Legislature previously authorized the initiation of the process necessary for the alienation and discontinuance of parkland

known as Linear Park; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has determined that it remains in the best interest of the County to continue pursuing the alienation and discontinuance of said parkland for the purpose of facilitating community engagement and economic development initiatives; AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20 of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, the alienation of municipal parkland requires authorization by an act of the New York State Legislature and approval by the Governor; AND

WHEREAS, companion legislation has been introduced in the New York State Legislature identified as Senate Bill S.10283 and Assembly Bill A.11337, authorizing the County of Cortland to discontinue and alienate certain parklands known as Linear Park upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed therein; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature desires to formally endorse said legislation and request its approval by the New York State Legislature and Governor; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature does hereby endorse Senate Bill S.10283 and Assembly Bill A.11337 authorizing the alienation and discontinuance of certain parklands known as Linear Park in Cortland County and respectfully requests the approval and enactment of said legislation by the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby reaffirms its support for and authorizes the continuation of the alienation and discontinuance and conveyance of parkland known as Linear Park as authorized by Senate Bill S.10283 and Assembly Bill A.11337; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature, Chair of the Cortland County Legislature, County Administrator, and County Attorney be and hereby are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution and Legislation, and comply with all applicable requirements of New York State law relating to parkland alienation; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature and/or Chairman of the Legislature be and hereby are authorized to execute the appropriate Home Rule Request for the enactment of said special law.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Legislator Jason Prentice
SECONDER:	Minority Leader Sandra Price
AYES:	Beau Harbin, Jason Prentice, Sandra Price, Mitchel Eccleston, William McGovern
NAYS:	None
EXCUSED:	Reed Cleland, Paul Heider
ABSENT:	

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 AM.