



AG/Planning/Environmental

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
<http://www.cortland-co.org>

~ Agenda ~

Thursday, March 9, 2023

10:00 AM

Room 302

WebEx Meeting Information

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Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:00 AM | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Committee Vice Chair Douglas Bentley	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Chair Beau Harbin	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Ronald J. Van Dee	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Paul Heider	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Cathy Bischoff	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Susan Wilson	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Mitchel Eccleston	☐	☐	☐	

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Special - Feb 2, 2023 4:30 PM
2. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Feb 9, 2023 10:00 AM

RESOLUTIONS

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Amend 2023 Budget/Authorize Agreement for Outside Counsel

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Local Law No. 1 of 2018 which established a PILOT Agreement for Commercial Solar Energy Systems in Cortland County and thereafter amended that local law with the enactment of Local Law No. 5 of 2020, entitled, "Solar Energy System PILOT Law of the County of Cortland, New York", AND

WHEREAS, since that time, there have been changes to New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 487 and both State and Federal Legislation has focused on encouraging renewable energy, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature feels that it is in the best interest of the County to achieve energy efficiency and renewable energy goals and at the same time be fiscally responsible to all taxpayers of the County, AND

WHEREAS, the County Attorney recommends that the County Legislature engage the services of outside counsel specializing in Real Property Tax Law, Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Agreement negotiations, with knowledge and experience concerning the advisability of entering into the same, and knowledge of current and pending legislation concerning renewable energy, AND

WHEREAS, the County Attorney recommends engaging the services of Hodgson Russ LLP,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature authorizes the County Administrator, upon review of County Attorney or designee, to execute and accept the terms outlined in the January 27, 2023 correspondence from Hodgson Russ LLP, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2023 Cortland County Budget be amended as follows:

Increase:

A359900	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$10,000
A10105.54055	Professional Services	\$10,000

, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby authorizes payment of said legal services up to the amount of \$10,000; with said services charged against account A10105.54055.

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Authorize Agreement with Cortland County Soil & Water Conservation District

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature created the Special Taxing District known as the “Little York Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District” (hereinafter “District”) as of January 1, 2023 pursuant to Resolution No. 298-21, the same having passed public referendum, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has designated the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District as the administrative agent for the District at no cost except for the reimbursement for direct costs from said District, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has approved the budget for the District for the 2023 fiscal year, AND

WHEREAS, during the budget process each year the funds for the District are appropriated and approved by the Legislature, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature finds that it is in the public's interest to enter into a formal agreement with the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District to permit that entity to take necessary steps to effect the plan submitted with the annual budget of the District and approved in the current fiscal year County Budget including entering into contracts in its own name and seeking reimbursement from the County upon submission of itemized vouchers, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract between the County of Cortland and the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District for said purposes.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Recommended Changes to the Rules of Order

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Soil and Water Conservation District Monthly Report
2. SPCA Monthly Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Name, Mission and Statutory Oversight of the Committee
2. Options for Amending Solar Local Law
3. What is Cooperative Extension? - David Rutherford

ADJOURNMENT