



# Ag, Planning & Environmental Committee

60 Central Ave.  
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## Committee Meeting

### ~ Agenda ~

Thursday, April 10, 2025

10:00 AM

Room 302

### WebEx Meeting Information

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Thursday, April 10, 2025 10:00 AM | 1 hour | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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### CALL TO ORDER

| Attendee Name                      | Present                  | Absent                   | Late                     | Arrived |
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| Committee Member Mitchel Eccleston | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Member Paul Heider       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Member William McGovern  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Member Jason Prentice    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Member Sandra Price      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Vice-Chair Reed Cleland  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Chair Beau Harbin        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |

### MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Mar 13, 2025 10:00 AM

### RESOLUTIONS

#### ON MOTION OF HARBIN

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

#### **Demanding an Independent Audit of New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) Billing Practices**

WHEREAS, New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) provides electric and gas services to residents of Cortland County and surrounding areas; AND

WHEREAS, numerous complaints have been raised by residents and businesses regarding inaccurate billing, sudden rate spikes, delayed or estimated meter readings, and lack of transparency in NYSEG's billing practices; AND

WHEREAS, these billing issues have caused financial hardship for many residents and businesses in Cortland County, raising concerns about fairness, accountability, and proper regulatory oversight; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) and other state regulatory agencies have an obligation to ensure that utility companies operate transparently and in the best interest

of consumers; AND

WHEREAS, a comprehensive, independent audit of NYSEG's billing practices would provide much needed clarity regarding the accuracy of billing procedures, the effectiveness of customer service responses, and compliance with state regulations; AND

WHEREAS, other municipalities and consumer advocacy groups across New York State have also called for increased scrutiny and oversight of NYSEG due to similar concerns; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature formally requests that the New York State Public Services Commission (PSC), the New York State Attorney General's Office and the New York State Comptroller's Office conduct an independent audit of NYSEG's billing practices to determine the extent of errors, inconsistencies, and potential overcharges; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this audit should include, but not be limited to, an examination of meter reading accuracy, estimated billing practices, customer service response times, and adherence to state-mandates billing regulations; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the findings of the audit be made publicly available to ensure transparency and accountability; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Public Services Commission, New York State Attorney General Letita James, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, New York Association of Counties (NYSAC), New York State Senator Lea Webb, New York State Assemblymembers Anna Kelles and Jeff Gallahan, and NYSEG leadership.

## **ON MOTION OF HARBIN**

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

### **Recommend Members for Appointment to Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CENTRO) Board**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Authorities Law Section 1328, the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority was created by the State of New York; AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to said law, the Cortland County Legislature is required to submit two names for recommendation for appointment by the Governor of the State of New York, with advice and consent of the Senate, where such list must recommend two individuals for each appointment to said authority; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby recommends the following individuals for appointment to the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority:

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; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Cortland County Legislature is directed to cause a certified copy of this resolution to be transmitted to the Governor of New York State and to the Secretary of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

1. Cornell Cooperative Extension Monthly Report
2. Soil & Water Monthly Report
3. Planning Department Monthly Report

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**