

FIRST EMERGENCY SESSION
May 10, 2023
Board of Supervisors – County of Hamilton
Lake Pleasant, New York

Mrs. Laura A. Abrams, Clerk
Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County
Lake Pleasant, New York 12108

Dear Clerk:

WHEREAS, the undersigned, we the majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County, do hereby request you to call a Special Session pursuant to Section 152 of the County Law, to be held at the Chambers of the Board, in the Town of Lake Pleasant, in said County on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering a Resolution in Support of Senate Bill #S.6595 and Assembly Bill #A.6712 – Continuation of Hamilton County’s Current Sales Tax Rate and for any other business that may come before said Board.

Arietta _____	Chris D. Rhodes
Benson _____	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope _____	ABSENT
Indian Lake _____	Brian E. Wells
Inlet _____	ABSENT
Lake Pleasant _____	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake _____	ABSENT
Morehouse _____	William G. Farber
Wells _____	ABSENT

Also present: Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Farber: Stated that he met with Daniel Virgil, Morehouse tower property owner. They are continuing to move forward on the emergency communications tower project. Adirondack Day was in Albany on Monday of this week and AATV was there lobbying on Tuesday. One of the things that AATV did raise with the Senate Encon Chair was the issue around campground closures because it really is a bigger issue than 3 campgrounds in Hamilton County this year. It has been a trajectory and a trend.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Farber for setting up the meeting with Senator Harckham, Chair of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, for AATV and the members that were there. It was a very good meeting. Mr. Farber stated that he didn’t know anything about him but Robert Kleppang, former Community Services Director, worked with him when he was the Senate Chair of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. They spoke very highly of him. Senator Harckham went around

the state and did outreach meetings with the local people that were involved in those kinds of programs. Mr. Farber hoped it was a real opportunity for the County.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 172-23

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL #S.6595 AND ASSEMBLY BILL #A.6712 – CONTINUATION OF HAMILTON COUNTY’S CURRENT SALES TAX RATE

DATED: MAY 10, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors requested a continuation of the 1% additional sales tax for Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Senate bill #S.6595 was introduced, as was Assembly bill A.6712, to provide the Home Rule authority for Hamilton County to continue the County Sales Tax rate at 4%, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution, the County of Hamilton requests the enactment of Senate bill # S.6595 and Assembly bill #A.6712 entitled “An Act to amend the tax law, in relation to extending the authorization of the County of Hamilton to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes”, and also be it

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to execute all the necessary documents to enable this enactment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Mark Walczyk and Assemblyman Robert Smullen.

Seconded by Mr. Snyder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, BAIN AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, ARSENAULT AND CREWELL

Other Reports:

Mr. Farber: Gave a reminder that the AATV general membership meeting is in Lake Placid at the High Peaks Resort on Sunday, June 4th and 5th. He stated that AATV is their advocacy organization

for the towns and villages. It really is a worthwhile endeavor. There is going to be some focus on the housing issues but there will also be other conversations. He encourages people to attend.

Mr. Snyder: Stated that he attended a function in Fulton County for republicans to meet Senator Walczyk.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming in. It was an emergency and he appreciates it.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Farber, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.