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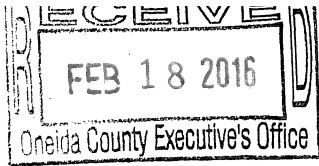
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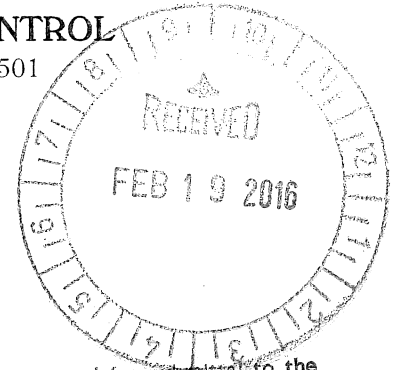
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PUBLIC WORKS
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Memo

Reviewed and Approved for submittal to the
Oneida County Board of Legislators by

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

Date: 2/18/16

To: Anthony J. Picente Jr., County Executive
Board of Legislators *Tony*

From: Joseph J. Timpano, Comptroller *Joe*

Date: February 18, 2016

Re: Bond Resolution

Attached are two resolutions relating to the ongoing Oneida County Sewer District projects required to comply with the terms of the DEC consent order. The Board of Legislators approved the original bond authorization on January 14, 2015 for \$117,000,000 for a specific phase of the consent order project which will be financed with bonds issued through EFC. They have requested that we reconfigure the scope of the project to ensure that we have sufficient access to cash as needed for all the upgrades related to this project, without having multiple outstanding financing agreements tying up funds that we are not yet ready to expend. This DOES NOT increase the amount of the authorization, but just gives us more flexibility to manage multiple phases without prematurely borrowing additional funds.

In order to accomplish this, we are asking you to approve the revised map, plan and estimate of cost for this project as well as the amended bond resolution.

These amendments still require multiple approvals at EFC, so I respectfully request that they be addressed by the Board of Legislators at their March 9, 2016 meeting in order to meet EFC's financing deadlines.

As always, thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Cc: Mike Billard, Clerk of the Board
Steven Devan, Commissioner of WQ/WPC
Sheryl Brown, Deputy Comptroller
Dee Elliott, Auditor III

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RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 9, 2016

A RESOLUTION APPROVING, PURSUANT TO SECTION 268 OF THE COUNTY LAW, AN AMENDED MAP, PLAN AND ESTIMATE OF COST IN CONNECTION WITH THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.

WHEREAS, an increase and improvement of the facilities of the Oneida County Sewer District in and for said County pursuant to Section 268 of the County Law, was previously approved consisting of (i) upgrades to the Sauquoit Creek Pump Station and new forcemain system, and (ii) upgrades to the solids handling facilities at the Water Pollution Control Plant; as part of improvements necessary to address sanitary sewer overflow problems, all in connection with a Consent Order with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, at a maximum estimated cost of \$117,000,000; and

WHEREAS, an amended map, plan and estimate of cost was prepared and dated February 4, 2016 which sets forth the full scope of projects currently contemplated to comply with the Consent Order and includes the improvements previously authorized, as well as other improvements at the Water Pollution Control Plant; and

WHEREAS, said County Legislature duly adopted a resolution calling a public hearing to consider the aforesaid amended map, plan and estimate of cost in accordance with the provisions of Section 268 of the County Law, said public hearing to be held at the County Office Building, in Utica, New York, on the 9th day of March, 2016, at 1:30 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly published in the manner provided by law and proof thereof has been submitted to said County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, said County Legislature has duly considered the evidence given at said public hearing; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of the County of Oneida, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Upon the evidence given at the aforesaid public hearing, it is hereby found and determined that it is in the public interest to approve the amended map, plan and estimate of cost, as described in the preambles hereof.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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AMENDATORY BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 9, 2016.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING A BOND RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON JANUARY 14, 2015 AUTHORIZING \$117,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF ONEIDA, NEW YORK, TO PAY COSTS OF CERTAIN UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES AT THE SAUQUOIT CREEK PUMP STATION AND NEW FORCE MAINS SYSTEM AND THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the County Legislature of the County of Oneida, New York, has heretofore, pursuant to Section 268 of the County Law, found it to be in the public interest to amend the map, plan and estimate of cost relating to the increase and improve the facilities of the Oneida County Sewer District in said County to account for all contemplated improvements in order to comply with the DEC Consent Order relating to sanitary sewer overflow problems; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to amend the bond resolution adopted on January 14, 2015 providing for the financing of such increase and improvement to provide the flexibility to finance any of the components of the project up to the \$117,000,000 amount previously authorized; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of the County of Oneida, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The January 14, 2015 bond resolution adopted by the County Legislature is hereby amended to permit financing for any of the components set forth in the amended map, plan and estimate of cost up to the \$117,000,000 amount previously approved.

Section 2. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in the official newspaper of such County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

ONEIDA COUNTY

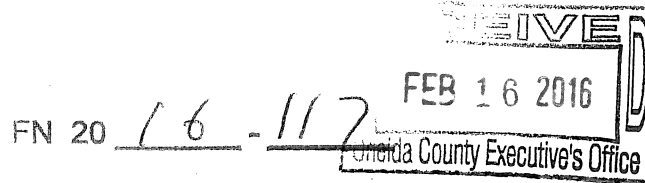
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February 16, 2016



Mr. Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
Oneida County Executive
800 Park Avenue
Utica, New York 13501

WAYS & MEANS

Dear Mr. Picente:

On Thursday, February 4, 2016, the Oneida County Finance Department received bids on various tax delinquent properties. Attached, please find a list of the highest offers received that evening. Initially we started with approximately 400 properties, and collection efforts have resulted in collecting over \$1,560,000.00 in delinquent taxes.

We would also like to personally thank the county maintenance staff, the Sheriff's Department for providing security, and County Legislator Les Porter who generously donates his time and talent as auctioneer.

We recommend full Board consideration of the attached bids for approval and respectfully request that you forward same at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony Carvelli
Commissioner of Finance

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Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

Date 2/12/16

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cc: Gerald Fiorini, Chairman, Oneida County Board of Legislators
Peter M. Rayhill, County Attorney
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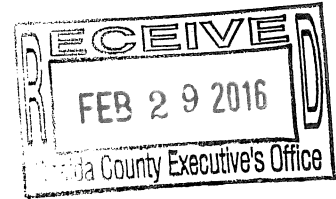


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February 26, 2016

Gerald Fiorini, Chairman
Oneida County Board of Legislators
800 Park Ave.
Utica NY 13501



RE: Tax Map #170.000-2-19 Bid # 16-1-02

Dear Chairman Fiorini:

It has been brought to our attention that an extenuating issue exists regarding a parcel offered at the property auction held on February 6, 2016. Investigation into the matter leads me to conclude that the issue is best addressed by rejecting this bid.

As such, we request that Bid #16-1-02 be removed from consideration by motion from the appropriate committee on or before the March 9th meeting.

Should you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anthony Carvelli
Commissioner of Finance

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Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

Date 3/1/16

cc: Anthony J. Picente, Jr., Oneida County Executive
Michael B. Waterman, Chair, Government Operations
Les Porter, Chair, Ways & Means

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I #	Name	Swis	Tax Map	CD	Town/City	Pad#	Bidder	Taxes Owed	Bid Amt
1-15	BRODOCK, TOD	2000	183.000-3-37	OH	ANNSVILLE	113	Brian Forte	\$4,140.30	\$2,500
1-58	KIEL, KEVIN	2689	84.000-2-12.10	OB	BOONVILLE	116	Paul Sperling	\$9,953.57	\$8,500
1-54	JONES, HENRY	2201	390.007-2-25	PC	AUGUSTA/V ORISKANY FALL	171	Donna E Patterson	\$6,755.64	\$400
1-102	TAURSEL INC	2000	149.000-1-19	NZ	ANNSVILLE	9	Scott & Andrew Willson	\$6,858.92	\$42,500
1-50	HICKMAN, ROBERT	3400	55.000-1-50.6	OQ	FLORENCE	35	Rome Property Management LLC	\$4,363.02	\$6,000
1-29	CUNNINGHAM, ISALAH	6800	287.000-2-4	MT	WESTMORELAND	70	Christopher P Thornton	\$2,746.19	\$600
1-12	BOTTIGLIERO, EMELIA	5489	410.000-1-10	IT	SANGERFIELD	35	Rome Property Management LLC	\$1,302.37	\$3,250
1-47	HAHN, FREDERICK	6600	172.002-1-40	KH	WESTERN	101	Glenn Fonner	\$3,043.11	\$3,750
1-37	EDWARDS, TODD	3600	190.000-1-1.2	IP	FLOYD	144	James A DiCastro	\$21,644.84	\$4,500
1-3	ANDREWS, DAWN	3800	50.003-1-39	PA	FORESTPORT	124	Joseph J DiNitto	\$1,683.01	\$6,000
	ANDREWS, DAWN	3800	50.003-1-40	JD	FORESTPORT			\$12,738.99	
1-27	COONROD, NATASHA	6401	236.016-1-18	QR	VIENNA/V SYLVAN BEACH	16	Lorraine S Brych	\$5,992.85	\$4,500
1-42	FIELDS, THOMAS	6600	117.000-1-5.1	KZ	WESTERN	95	Mark D Turner	\$2,297.72	\$3,000
1-57	KEY BANK	6489	218.000-1-30	MM	VIENNA	46	William H Koenig	\$10,580.39	\$3,250
1-34	DOUBLE K FARMS INC	7089	291.000-3-1.1	MT	WHITESTOWN	3	Clayton G Carey	\$866.99	\$700
1-73	MIX, MICHAEL	3001	147.005-1-41	ME	CAMDEN/V CAMDEN	250	Jared A Gilsenan	\$7,335.11	\$4,000
1-94	SMITH, ED	3400	92.000-1-67.18	XD	FLORENCE	120	Limestone Ridge LLC	\$3,958.86	\$4,500
1-71	MELCHIORE, DOREEN	4089	327.007-1-5	QR	KIRKLAND	246	Paul & Tracy Rosati	\$11,862.26	\$8,500
1-69	MAROCCHI, GENETTE	6489	200.000-2-83	PR	VIENNA	49	Anthony & Eileen Lagatta (Trust)	\$10,569.01	\$9,000
1-66	LOUGHNOT, MICHELLE	6200	283.000-1-75.2	RC	VERONA	97	Robert R Rood & William Schoeneck	\$6,944.04	\$26,000
1-53	HUMMEL, ROBERT	7089	317.008-8-53.2	ZE	WHITESTOWN	155	Robert A Malczyk	\$880.58	\$200
1-88	SCHARF, BARBARA	3200	294.000-2-37	PA	DEERFIELD	21	Roman Voytovich	\$23,716.71	\$67,500
1-98	SMITH, MAURICE	3800	67.000-1-4.14	OV	FORESTPORT	17	Burdick Construction	\$2,228.42	\$7,500
1-99	STEWART, WILLIAM	7089	275.000-2-63	RR	WHITESTOWN	55	Phillip B Husted Jr	\$8,519.54	\$8,000
1-74	MURWIN, GREG	6489	215.000-2-29.2	TQ	VIENNA	8	John M Coupe	\$7,265.28	\$6,000
1-101	TAIBI, JOSEPH	5289	142.002-6-56	UK	REMSEN	3	Clayton G Carey	\$606.62	\$500
	TAIBI, JOSEPH	5289	142.002-6-57	VD	REMSEN			\$606.62	
1-33	DOOLEN, REBECCA	5289	121.000-1-28.4	SF	REMSEN	15	Heather C & Robert T Doolen	\$6,989.60	\$3,000
1-2	AIELLO, JOSEPH	4200	170.000-2-19	MY	LEE	119	William L Hoffmeister	\$17,945.96	\$1,500
1-7	BENTLEY, ARTHUR	4200	152.000-2-2.4	KP	LEE	23	Bruce D Douglas	\$2,723.87	\$3,250
1-18	BROWN, MELVIN	4089	347.001-2-21	NP	KIRKLAND	143	Harold Heintz	\$47,100.89	\$18,000
1-61	KOSLOSKY, SUSAN	7089	291.016-1-20	ON	WHITESTOWN	123	I & G Holdings LLC	\$12,639.49	\$42,500
1-89	SEYMOUR, KEVIN	2689	33.009-2-1	OC	BOONVILLE	45	Raymond A & Christine L Hastwell	\$5,721.79	\$32,500
1-85	RUNDLE, KAREN	3089	165.000-1-21	LU	CAMDEN	2	David P Choquette	\$1,200.57	\$1,000
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1-75	NV WEBSITES	7007	317.010-1-10.1	JU	WHITESTOWN/V NV MILLS	246	Paul & Tracy Rosati	\$7,461.15	\$6,000

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John P. Talerico
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February 29, 2016

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FN 20 16-118

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Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

WAYS & MEANS

Date 3/1/16

Re: Tentative Agreement between the United Public Service Employees Union White Collar Unit and the County of Oneida:

Dear County Executive Picente:

The County negotiating team has entered into a Tentative Agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union in regard to approximately 677 employees serving in positions in various Oneida County Departments and Mohawk Valley Community College.

The union membership ratified the agreement on February 24, 2016.

In summary, the Tentative Agreement holds as follows:

Length of Contract Two Years (January 1, 2016-December 31, 2017)

Wages: A) For employees on the salary schedule:

2016 1.75% increase to the salary schedule effective January 1, 2016
Advance 1 step effective January 1, 2016
Drop the first step of the salary schedule

2017 1.75% increase to salary schedule effective January 1, 2017
Advance 1 step effective January 1, 2017

B) For Employees off the salary schedule

2016 2.75% increase to base salary effective January 1, 2016

2017 2.75 % increase to base salary effective January 1, 2017

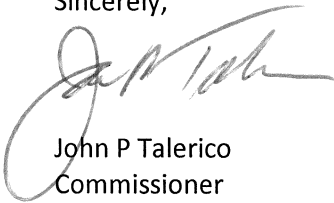
There were a few language changes that do not have a financial impact. They recognize and clarify existing practices.

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The Tentative Agreement is in line with settlements in the Public Sector statewide. Therefore, I would ask that you forward the matter to the Oneida County Board of Legislators for legislative approval.

In keeping with our practice regarding prior contractual agreements, I would also ask that Salary and Compensation related benefits contained in this agreement be extended to employees on the "M", "P" and "H" scales.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Talerico". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "P".

John P Talerico
Commissioner

CC: P Rayhill
Kim Evans Dame
T Keeler

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
by and between
ONEIDA COUNTY/MVCC
(White Collar Unit)

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Oneida County/MVCC (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and the United Public Service Employees Union White Collar Unit, (hereinafter referred to as the "Union") expires on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached a settlement and further wish to commit such to writing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree that the current Agreement and all terms and conditions of employment set forth therein shall remain in full force and effect except as herein modified: (attached).

Items to be deleted are ~~lined out~~. New language is in ***bold italics***.

This Memorandum of Agreement is subject to the approval of the Oneida County Legislature and the ratification of the membership of the Union. Each respective negotiating committee agrees to recommend the Memorandum of Agreement for approval and ratification.

ARTICLE 9 ADMINISTRATION OF THE SALARY SCHEDULE

9.1 Salary

- A. On January 1, ~~2014~~ **2016**, the ~~2013~~ **2015** schedule shall be increased by ~~4.25%~~ **1.75%** to create the ~~2014~~ **2016** schedule and on January 1, ~~2015~~ **2017**, the ~~2014~~ **2016** schedule shall be increased by ~~4.25%~~ **1.75%** to create the ~~2015~~ **2017** schedule.
- B. Each employee shall be eligible for annual step movement on the ~~2014~~ **2016** and ~~2015~~ **2017** schedule with step movement occurring on January 1, ~~2014~~ **2016** and January 1, ~~2015~~ **2017**. However, new employees hired subsequent to September 30th of any calendar year will remain at Step 1 until January 1st of the second calendar year following the calendar year in which they were hired. It is also understood that step movement shall continue on each January 1st after the expiration date of this Agreement. Notwithstanding this, upon reaching Step 13 (new), 14 (old) of the particular salary grade, there shall be no further step movement or base salary increases until such time as a successor agreement to this Agreement is negotiated.
- C. Upon an employee's reaching the maximum step, there shall be no further step movement during the life of this Agreement and the employee will become "off the schedule". Each employee who has been "off the schedule" shall be eligible to receive a 2.75% increase to his/her salary effective January 1, ~~2014~~ **2016**, and, a 2.75% increase to his/her salary effective January 1, ~~2015~~ **2017**, Each

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employee who becomes "off the schedule" during the life of this Agreement shall be eligible for any of the above salary increases that occur subsequent to said employee becoming "off the schedule". There shall be no further base salary increases until such time as a successor agreement to this Agreement is negotiated.

- D. Each employee who is at the top step of the ~~2013~~ **2015** salary schedule on December 31, ~~2013~~ **2015** shall be taken "off the schedule" at that time, and shall be granted a 2.75 base salary increase effective January 1, ~~2014~~ **2016**, and an additional 2.75% base salary increase effective January 1, ~~2015~~ **2017**.

Each employee who is at the top step of the ~~2014~~ **2016** salary schedule on December 31, ~~2014~~ **2016** shall be taken "off the schedule" at that time, and shall be granted a 2.75% base salary increase effective January 1, ~~2015~~ **2017**.

- E. On January 1, ~~2014~~ **2016**, Step 1 will be dropped from the ~~2014~~ **2016** salary schedule. ~~and the remaining Steps will be appropriately renumbered.~~

9.7 Starting Salary

New employees shall normally be paid at the Step 1 rate of the grade. However, when a department head demonstrates severe and continued recruitment difficulty for a specific job title, the County reserves the right to hire up to the third (3rd) Step *on the salary schedule*. Such action shall occur only when authorized in advance by the County Commissioner of Personnel. Any employee in that job title whose salary falls below the new starting salary shall have his/her salary raised to the same level as that of the new starting salary.

9.8 Retroactivity

Where applicable, an employee who is still on the active payroll as of the beginning of the payroll period immediately following ratification of this Agreement by both parties shall receive a retroactive payment based upon his/her ~~2014~~ **2016** base salary after ratification for those hours or periods actually compensated, included overtime where appropriate, between January 1, ~~2014~~ **2016** and said payroll period.

ARTICLE 20 HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

- E. *The LBS traditional plan will not be available to employees hired after January 1, 2016. The County reserves the right to reopen the LBS traditional plan with notification to the UPSEU.*
- F. *Employees may enter one of the health insurance plans during the open enrollment period as determined by the Health Insurance Office.*

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20.4

Premium Cost Sharing for Dental Benefits

~~The County shall also contribute up to \$20 per month per covered employee for a dental program offering individual and dependent coverage.~~ The County shall contribute up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month per covered employee for a dental program offering individual and dependent coverage, ~~as as soon as practicable~~. The employee shall bear the remaining cost of said dental benefits. UPSEU shall select the dental carrier after consultation with the County. Such dental carrier must be licensed or authorized to provide dental benefits in New York State. No union officer or employee shall have a financial interest in said carrier. The dental plan shall not be with or through a union benefit fund.

If an employee who has opted out of the County Health Insurance Program wishes to reenter, he/she may do so during open enrollment period, ~~January and July each year~~ **as determined by the Health Insurance Office**. Any employee who is covered as a dependent in the Oneida County Health Insurance Plan is not eligible for the said Lump Sum Payment.

ARTICLE 31 CONTINUATION

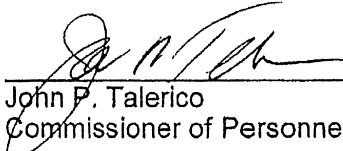
31.1 This Agreement shall become effective upon ratification and signing by the appropriate parties, and shall terminate at the close of business on December 31, ~~2015~~ **2017**.

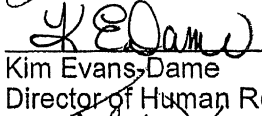
31.2 The County and UPSEU recognize the desirability of commencing negotiations by January 1, ~~2015~~ **2017**, should either party desire to modify this Agreement, so that the negotiated Agreement's terms and conditions can hopefully be available for the ~~2016~~ **2018** County budgetary process. If neither party expresses a desire to modify this Agreement by written notice delivered to the other party not later than September 1, ~~2015~~ **2017**, this Agreement shall be automatically continued for the ~~2016~~ **2018** budgetary year at the same terms and conditions of the ~~2015~~ **2017** budgetary year.


* Make applicable editorial changes.

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FOR THE COUNTY:

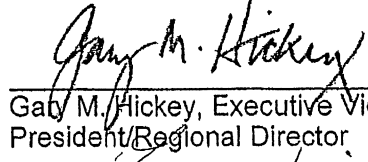

John P. Talerico
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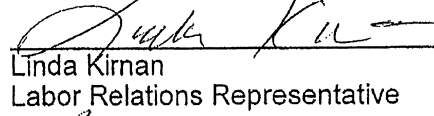

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Director of Human Resources, MVCC

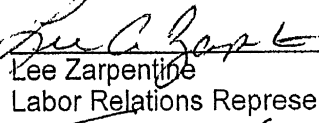

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Budget Director

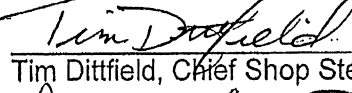
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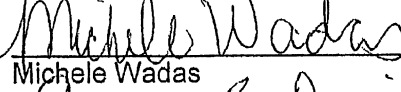

Gary M. Hickey, Executive Vice
President/Regional Director


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Labor Relations Representative

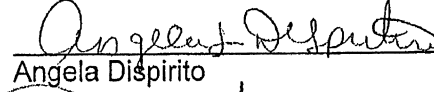

Lee Zarpentine
Labor Relations Representative


Tim Dittfield, Chief Shop Steward


Marisa Ciccotti


Michele Wadas


Carol Dinger


Angela Dispirito


Dave Lipka

Date: 1/15/16

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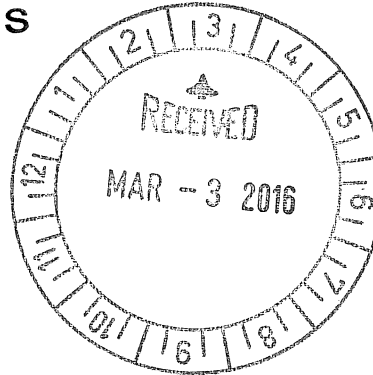
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Minority Leader

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March 2, 2016

WAYS & MEANS

Mikale Billard, Clerk
Oneida County Board of Legislators
800 Park Avenue
Utica, New York 13501



Dear Mr. Billard:

The period for "Open Enrollment", for farm-land owners was designated as January 1 through January 31, 2016 pursuant to Agriculture & Markets Law. An "open enrollment" period allows the opportunity for landowner inclusion in an agricultural district, without waiting till the traditional review period of an individual district.

Now, at the request of the Farmland Protection Board, it necessary to schedule a Public Hearing on the results of this open enrollment, therefore, please prepare a docket scheduling a Public Hearing for **1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 4th, 2016** at Cornell Cooperative Extension.

In order to allow ample time to notify the newspapers and the towns involved, I would ask that the Ways & Means Committee and Board of Legislators vote upon this docket at the meeting of **March 9, 2016**.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. DelPiano
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Cc: All FPB Members