

***Public Hearing
Local Law Introductory No. F of 2007
December 20, 2007***

The Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. F of 2007 A Local Law amending Local Law No. 4 of the year 1997 A Local Law authorizing the submission of an application by the Tioga County Legislature to the New York State Department of Economic Development for designation of an area within Tioga County as an economic development zone, as amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2001, as amended by Local Law No. 7 of 2001, as amended by Local Law No. 1 of 2003, as amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2003, as amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2004, as amended by Local Law No. 8 of 2005, and as amended by Local Law No. 9 of 2005 was called to order by the Chair at 10:04 A.M. Seven Legislative Members were present, Legislators Burns and Oberbeck being absent.

There were 3 people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

Doug Barton, Economic Development & Planning Director spoke. “As you may recall this is mostly a maintenance type change. First of all when Mr. McEwen decided to retire he was named in the original Local Law as being the person that was the Empire Zone Program Certifying Officer and instead of naming a person now we are going to make it the Treasurer or his or her designee so that we do not have to go through a law change just to change the Certifying Officer.

“Since we were doing that change we decided to make a couple of other changes that needed to be done. First one was when this was first enacted it was called an Economic Development Zone, now they are called Empire Zones so we are making that change in the law. Originally the Zone Administrative Board was a group of six people and now we are making it a group of seven. We are adding one more person on the Board. We feel that that offers a little better representation across the County and also now makes it an uneven number should there be an issue on the Board.”

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned at 10:06 A.M.