

***Public Hearing
Annual Agricultural District Inclusion
February 22, 2007***

The Public Hearing on requests of inclusion of viable agricultural land in agricultural districts received within the designated time period in 2007 was called to order by the Chair at 10:01 A.M. Six Legislative Members were present, Legislators Huttleston, Oberbeck, and Roberts being absent.

There were 4 people in attendance.

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

Joshua Brown, Associate Planner, spoke. “Just briefly I would like to go over the handout that was passed around. The first page is basically just a location map of Tioga County showing where the annual inclusion parcels are located. The second page is basically the spreadsheet showing the municipality that the parcel is found in, the landowner, the address of that parcel, the tax map number, the acreage involved with that parcel or parcels, and which farming practice is being currently conducted on that parcel.

“Basically this year we have had a total of six landowners that have put in applications to enroll. With those six landowners there is a total of eight parcels and a total of 270.23 acres for this year. Total there was nine applications sent out. Of those nine, like I said the six were returned. This year we had roughly between 15 to 20 phone calls. Most of the phone calls were property owners, farmers that were inquiring if they were already enrolled in the Ag District, which a majority of them were. All of the parcels were reviewed by our office and a site inspection was conducted, and the six landowners were recommended at the February 6th meeting of the Ag and Farmland Protection Board and the Agricultural Committee.”

There being no further comments, Legislator Harrington made a motion to adjourn at 10:05 A.M., seconded by Legislator Burns, and the motion to adjourn was carried.