

*Public Hearing*  
*Annual Agricultural District Inclusion*  
**February 21, 2008**

The Public Hearing on requests of inclusion of viable agricultural land in agricultural districts received within the designated time period in 2008 was called to order by the Chair at 10:02 A.M. Seven Legislative members were present, Legislators Huttleston and Oberbeck being absent.

There were 8 people in attendance.

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

Josh Brown from the Planning Department spoke. “The agricultural district inclusion is a yearly process. It is a voluntary program for farmers and it was started in 2004. For Tioga County January is the designated month for enrollment and during the yearly inclusion process land can be added, but not deleted from the agricultural district. The deletions would come at the eight-year review.

“In 2008 we had a total of eight applications or landowners consisting of 12 parcels for a total of 891.02 acres which is the most since the yearly program started in 2004. Each application was verified using assessment data and the property class codes, and site inspections were conducted by myself as needed. All applications this year met the requirements for the annual agricultural district inclusion and those eight applications were presented to the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and the Ag Legislative Committee, and were approved.”

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:04 A.M.