

**April 26, 2007
Meeting Minutes****Location**

3rd Floor Board Room, Broome County Veteran's Memorial Arena, 1 Stuart Street, Binghamton, NY

Attendance

Constituent Members: Supervisor Debbie Preston, Town of Conklin; Supervisor Margaret Turna, Town of Chenango; Supervisor Peter Andreasen, Town of Vestal; Supervisor Mike Marinaccio, Town of Dickinson; Harry Lewis, Village of Johnson City; Kevin Burke, Village of Port Dickinson; County Executive Barbara Fiala, Broome County; Tim Whitesell, Town of Binghamton

Associate Members: Jim Dimascio, Greater Binghamton Coalition, Catherine Glover, Greater Binghamton Chamber

Other Attendees: Jeremy Evans, Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development; Darcy Fauci, Broome County; Louise Vanderkulk, Jean Gow, League of Women Voters; Frank Kelley; Megan Bulman, Binghamton University

Convene

Supervisor Debbie Preston convened the meeting at 4:04 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance. She reminded everyone that the main focus of the meeting was to visit the Greater Binghamton Business Show and hear from the Greater Binghamton economic development partners.

Flood Update

Supervisor Preston confirmed that every community that wanted to had enrolled in the buyout program. The Council also discussed the Flood Assessment Relief Act that was passed to reimburse municipalities for reduced assessments of flood damaged homes. \$5 million was made available for the program but the State needs to develop a program to administer the funds before they can be distributed.

Other Items

Mayor Harry Lewis expressed concern about sex offender legislation. He said that the state legislation didn't protect parks that were not near public school grounds. There was also

discussion about the County's new sex offender legislation that is stricter than many municipal laws that were recently adopted. County Executive Fiala said that the Legislative Clerk would fax a draft of the county law to all of the municipalities so they can look at it and model their own laws after it if they wish.

Executive Assistant Darcy Fauci told the Council that Legislative Clerk Eric Denk wanted to remind municipalities to pass resolutions supporting Congressman Maurice Hinchey's effort to designate the upper Susquehanna River as a National Heritage River.

Supervisor Peter Andreasen told the Council that the Town of Vestal Board was concerned about the potential for the designation to allow the state or federal government to restrict development potential in the Town.

Greater Binghamton Business Show

Following the formal meeting, Council members proceeded to the floor of the Greater Binghamton Business Show. The Council heard brief presentations from greater Binghamton economic development partners who had joined together to create the One Stop Business Resource Center at the show. The Council heard from the Greater Binghamton Coalition, the Southern Tier Opportunity Coalition, the Greater Binghamton Chamber, the City of Binghamton Local Development Corporation, Broome-Tioga Workforce NY, the Broome County Industrial Development Agency, and the Tioga County Department of Economic Development & Planning. All of the organizations are working together to provide all of the resources that existing and prospective businesses need to be able to prosper in Greater Binghamton.

Adjourn

Official business concluded at 4:16 PM. The Council then proceeded to the Business Show.

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