

**MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT COMMITTEE (MO/LIC)
MEETING MINUTES # 7—2011**

DATE: August 15, 2011

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Committee Room # 2—2nd Floor; Oneida County Court House; Rhinelander WI

PRESENT: Committee Chair Dave Hintz; Committee Members Tom Rudolph; Peter Wolk; Mike Timmons; Gary Baier; David Schatzley; Forest Director John Bilogan; Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond; Planning & Zoning Director Karl Jennrich.

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached list.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—Committee Chair Hintz called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m., noting that the meeting had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Timmons, to approve the current agenda with the order of the agenda at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2011 MO/LIC MEETING—It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Baier, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINING RELATED RESOLUTIONS INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS # 94—2009 AND # 54—1987—Chair Hintz distributed copies of Resolutions # 94—2009 and # 54—1987, noting lines of importance as follows: # 94—2009 lines 25 through 31; # 54—1987 lines 6 through 16; Mining Policy second paragraph which stated that “portions of the income will be put in a trust fund or other use that will benefit future generations”. Comments: Gary Baier felt the words “future generations” should be further defined; more clarification. Tom Rudolph asked “How much clearer can those words be?”.

CHAPTER 9 SUMMARY FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL—Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel, distributed a Memo synopsis and copy of Ordinance Section 9.61—Metallic Mineral Exploration, Prospecting, and Mining, and encouraged the committee to become familiar with this ordinance, especially those sections concerning the special CUP; local agreements; process; County Board hearing; liability insurance, compliance history reports; interest bearing property trust fund; ground water trust fund; etc. Tom Evans briefly explained the importance of the inclusion of draw down scientific data. Dave Schatzley was concerned about the ground water trust fund and if applications can be done by individuals and / or the Town. Desmond noted that the ground water trust fund is administered by the MO/LIC.

BUDGET AND FUNDING ALTERNATIVES—Chair Hintz stated that if the County Board passes the resolution at the August 16, 2011 meeting, \$14,000.00 will be transferred from the Mineral

Resource Account to the Mining Impact Account, with such funds being reimbursed from profits realized by the mining committee. Bilogan also stated that approximately \$11,000.00 will be eventually be transferred from a Forestry account to the Mining Impact Account. Chair Hintz also stated that the State has available funds, but there is very slim chance of accessing such funds.

2012 MINING IMPACT ACCOUNT BUDGET—Bilogan distributed Mining Impact Account budget sheets and stated that the 2012 Mining Impact Account Budget would probably remain at the same figures. Bilogan went on to say that the 2012 Mining Impact Account Budget has to be completed by September 15, 2011. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Wolk, to review 2012 AND the 2011 Mining Impact Account Budget, by September 15, 2011. Motion carried.

DISCUSS ACTION PLAN—Chair Hintz distributed an MO/LIC Action Plan (as of 8.9.2011) as presented by Attorney Scott.

DISCUSS OPINION SURVEY OF TOWN OF LYNNE RESIDENTS TAKEN BY PRIVATE CITIZEN—Jeff Brown, Town of Lynne landowner and business owner, conducted a survey which asked Town of Lynne citizens if they supported or rejected mining in the Town of Lynne. 360 surveys were mailed. 149 surveys were received back (40%). 35 (or 23.5%) supported mining. 112 (or 75%) rejected mining. 2 surveys came back as “don’t know”. Comments on the surveys were as follows: concern about environmental issues; stigma associated with mining in the Town of Lynne; property tax reduction.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—One by one, if meeting attendees wished to speak. Some comments were as follows:

Durwood Dommissee—Town of Lynne resident—opposed to mining—stressed the importance of how special the environment is, to him, his children, and grandchildren.

Lynne Broydrick, Tamerlane Ventures Inc., stated that Tamerlane had a booth at the recent Oneida County Fair and had received 360 responses in favor of mining in Oneida County.

Uwe Kaeding—opposed to mining—good two-way survey, but not necessarily a fair survey.

Kathleen Kelly—Rhineland resident—felt impact of Tamerlane at Oneida County Fair just emphasized job creation; felt MO/LIC meetings were a waste of taxpayers money.

Lenore Neumann—Tripoli—opposed mining—However, felt the MO/LIC was cautious and thoughtful and appreciated this approach by the MO/LIC. Stated that she thought there was a mining moratorium in the State of Wisconsin. Went on to thank Jeff Brown and the Town of Lynne for the survey.

Alan Van Raatle—Town of Little Rice—opposed mining. Encouraged the investigation of Josephine Mining Co. and the reality of job creation, as well as mining infrastructure (a/k/a “ghost town”).

Karl Fate—Rhineland—opposed to mining—thought Resolutions # 94—2009 and # 54—1987 were a complete waste of time. Questioned the motivation factor and knowledge of mining. Felt the return to earth is important. Stressed the importance of shoreland / wetland issues. Thanked Jeff Brown for the survey.

John Joworsky (spelling?)—opposed mining—concerned with ground water contamination; suggests everyone google Yellow Knife Mine in Canada.

Jeff Brown—questioned the exposure; risk; and liability involved in mining and stressed the importance of the MO/LIC income equation.

Gary Baier—favors the job creation if mining is done in an environmental way; feels this may help overall economy and give opportunity to Oneida County residents.

BILLS / VOUCHERS / LINE ITEM TRANSFERS—It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Rudolph, to approve payment of the following voucher: Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan (Attorney Scott): \$5,152.50. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Timmons, seconded by Wolk, to approve the following Line Item Transfer:

Transfer From:

56210.493047=\$3,850.00
Mining Impact Appl Cont Appr
Carry forward 2010 funds

Transfer To:

56210.521901=\$3,850.00
Other Professional Services

Motion Carried.

SELECT DATE FOR FUTURE MEETING—Thursday, **September 8**, 2011 at **9:30 a.m.**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)—Ordinance Section 9.61 Review; Review 2011 AND 2012 Mining Impact Account Budget; Review Action Plan / decide on a Statement of Interest from a mining company, or if more interest is needed.

ADJOURNMENT—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m. Motion Carried.

DAVE HINTZ
COMMITTEE CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY