

DATE: April 20, 2010

KIND OF MEETING: Special Meeting

LOCATION: High School Library

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Curran Robert Devins Isabelle Dorey
David Dufrane Dennis Egan Melissa Mills
Stephen Perry Tracy Warren

MEMBER ABSENT: Valerie Dunning

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools
Angela DeBeer, Treasurer
Connie Jenkins, Malone Telegram
Karen Avery Gerry Greeno

CALL TO ORDER: The Special Meeting of the Brushton-Moira Central School District's Board of Education was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President, David Dufrane.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members of the Board and those in the audience rose and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: The Board was provided with draft numbers 9 & 10 of the budget. Draft #9 had a tax levy of 3.73% and was based on the revisions of the 4/6/10 meeting as well as proposals from Ms. Jones and Mr. Dufrane held on 4/8/10. This proposal included the addition of an English teacher, .50 FTE Social Studies teacher, adding back the Cleaner position, elimination of department chairs, elimination of summer school, combination of the 7th & 8th grade basketball teams, elimination of 2 elementary teachers, and the assumption that \$108,000 would be restored in the GAP elimination adjustment. Draft #10 was based on proposals that were suggested by Mr. Devins (see attached) in advance of the meeting that resulted in a 2.99% tax levy increase. Mr. Devins proposal included the restoration of summer school by cutting the cleaner position and by reducing \$11,005.00 from the security budget line. Ms. Jones expressed concern regarding the elimination of the cleaner position due to H1N1 and MRSA and felt that it would be difficult to maintain health and safety standards as per recommendation of Federal standards regarding square footage per cleaner, which we are over. Ms. Jones also stated that she was concerned about cutting a security monitor, even though we are getting security cameras as part of the project. Mrs. Mills asked if the teachers could watch the halls between classes. Ms. Jones stated that during this time period the teachers were helping students if they have been absent or if they had questions regarding the assignment. Mr. Greeno stated that even though he would like to be able to say that monitors aren't needed to save the district money, he felt that they are a huge asset and that the students behave with their presence and they are also able to stop a lot of issues before they become major problems. At this time all members were in favor of cutting one security monitor except for Isabelle Dorey, Melissa Mills, and Tracy Warren. Mr. Devins then proposed

to reduce the tax levy to 2.99% by cutting an additional \$10,000 from the school psychologist from potential savings due to early retirement and from reducing social security and TRS an additional \$4,525.00 each. Mrs. DeBeer stated that if we have to utilize BOCES services for the school psychologist it would cost us more. She also explained that social security and TRS should be budgeted based on the percentages that will be required to be contributed which is 7.65% for social security and 8.71% for TRS. The only way to reduce these contributions would be to reduce overall salaries. The Board decided to reduce costs for the school psychologist, social security and TRS. Mr. Devins also proposed to add back in individual teams for 7th & 8th grade basketball by reducing funding for the out of district student for CTE class. Ms. Jones explained that the cost of BOCES CTE class is based on a 5-year average that even if the student did not attend next year it would not affect our cost until a future year. Mrs. Mills stated that her daughter was on the 7th grade team and that most of the teams that we played combined anyway, so she felt that it would be easier to have combined teams. After this discussion Mr. Devins withdrew his recommendation. Mr. Devins also proposed adding a 1.0 FTE Social Studies teacher by creating another .5 FTE position to be budgeted through savings by paying off the 06-07 Bus Bond. It was then determined after discussion to eliminate the .5 FTE Home & Careers position and to create a 1.0 FTE Social Studies teacher. Mrs. DeBeer also proposed using the savings from paying off the Bus Bond to add back the security monitor; the Board agreed.

A contingent budget was discussed. Based on the contingent budget rules the district would have to reduce the proposed budget by \$152,660.00. The Board's proposed contingent cuts included 2 part-time cleaners, a security monitor, the additional English teacher, .5 FTE Social Studies teacher, certain equipment purchases, community use of the building, and a reduction of staff development. The contingent budget could not exceed \$15,202,694.00.

ADOPT 2010-2011
BUDGET:

Motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Melissa Mills, that the Board of Education shall adopt the 2010-2011 School Budget/Property Tax Report Card in the amount of \$15,355,354, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

8-Yes 0-No

APPROVE PILOT
CONSENT RESOLUTION:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Steven Curran, that the Board of Education shall approve the following resolution:

PILOT CONSENT RESOLUTION
(St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc. Project)

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Brushton-Moira Central School District (the "District") convened on April 20, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 20__ - 0

RESOLUTION OF THE BRUSHTON-MOIRA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSENTING TO A PROPOSED PILOT AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO BY THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND ST. LAWRENCE GAS COMPANY, INC. WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS DESCRIBED BELOW) AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CERTIFICATE IN FURTHERANCE OF SAME

WHEREAS, **ST. LAWRENCE GAS COMPANY, INC.**, for itself or on behalf of an entity to be formed (the "Company"), has submitted an Application for Financial Assistance (the "Application") to the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") requesting assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of (i) the acquisition by the Agency of leasehold, easement, right-of-way or other interests in various parcels of real property located within the Towns of Norfolk, Stockholm, Brasher and Lawrence, New York (collectively, the "Land"); (ii) the construction, installation and equipping of natural gas pipeline improvements within and upon the Land, including high pressure transmission pipeline and condenser components, distribution system pipeline and lateral components, and other natural gas transmission and distribution components (collectively, the "Improvements"); and (iii) the acquisition and installation by the Company in and around the Improvements of certain items of equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment", and collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, within the Application, the Company has projected that the Project, together with its related natural gas pipeline improvements in Franklin County, will (i) expand the Company's natural gas distribution system, thereby providing gas service to an additional 1,604 residential, 317 commercial and 2 industrial customers within 5 years and offering the potential for significant energy cost savings for those customers; (ii) entail a capital investment of over \$7 million in St. Lawrence County (the "County"); (iii) create 60 to 100 construction jobs; and (iv) create 2 full-time and 2 part-time jobs; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project, the Company has requested that the Agency deviate from its Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("UTEP") with respect to the term and abatement schedule to be provided within the Payment-in-lieu-of-Tax Agreement ("PILOT Agreement") to be entered into by and between the Agency and the Company, to wit, the Company is requesting a PILOT Term of Fifteen (15) years with an abatement schedule providing for 100% exemption relating to the Improvements and Equipment in PILOT years 1-5, with such exemption being reduced in 10%

increments in PILOT years 6-14 and such Improvements and Equipment being thereafter subject to full taxation (collectively, the "Deviation"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to requirements contained within the Agency's UTEP, and in furtherance of the Project's positive financial impacts within the County, the Company has requested the District's support for the Project and consent to the Deviation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The District hereby consents to the Deviation whereby the Agency and the Company propose to enter into a PILOT Agreement with a PILOT Term of Fifteen (15) years with an abatement schedule providing for 100% exemption relating to the Improvements and Equipment in PILOT years 1-5, with such exemption being reduced in 10% increments in PILOT years 6-14 and such Improvements and Equipment being thereafter subject to full taxation.

Section 2. The President of the Board of Education of the District is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a PILOT Deviation Consent Certificate (the "Certificate"), in the form attached hereto, such Certificate to be delivered to the Agency as evidence of the District's consent to the Deviation.

Section 3. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Steven Curran	voting	<u>Yes</u>
Robert Devins	voting	<u>Yes</u>
Isabelle Dorey	voting	<u>Yes</u>
David Dufrane	voting	<u>Yes</u>
Valerie Dunning	voting	<u>Absent</u>
Dennis Egan	voting	<u>Yes</u>
Melissa Mills	voting	<u>Yes</u>
Stephen Perry	voting	<u>Yes</u>
Tracy Warren	voting	<u>Yes</u>

The Resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

APPROVE PILOT
DEVIATION CONSENT
CERTIFICATE:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Robert Devins, that the Board of Education shall approve the following resolution:

**PILOT DEVIATION CONSENT CERTIFICATE
BRUSHTON-MOIRA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

THIS PILOT DEVIATION CONSENT CERTIFICATE (hereinafter, the "Certificate"), dated as of the 20th day of April, 2010, has been executed and delivered by David Dufrane, President of the Board of Education of the

Brushton-Moira Central School District (the "District") pursuant to authority granted to the undersigned by resolution _____ of the Board of Education of the District, dated _____, 20__ (the "Resolution").

WHEREAS, the Resolution was adopted by the Board at the request of **ST. LAWRENCE GAS COMPANY, INC.**, for itself or on behalf of an entity to be formed (the "Company"), in connection with the Company's request for assistance from the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") relating to a certain project (the "Project") consisting of (i) the acquisition by the Agency of leasehold, easement, right-of-way or other interests in various parcels of real property located within the Towns of Norfolk, Stockholm, Brasher and Lawrence, New York (collectively, the "Land"); (ii) the construction, installation and equipping of natural gas pipeline improvements within and upon the Land, including high pressure transmission pipeline and condenser components, distribution system pipeline and lateral components, and other natural gas transmission and distribution components (collectively, the "Improvements"); and (iii) the acquisition and installation by the Company in and around the Improvements of certain items of equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment", and collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Application for Financial Assistance (the "Application") submitted by the Company to the Agency, the Company has projected that the Project, together with its related natural gas pipeline improvements in Franklin County, will (i) expand the Company's natural gas distribution system, thereby providing gas service to an additional 1,604 residential, 317 commercial and 2 industrial customers within 5 years and offering the potential for significant energy cost savings for those customers; (ii) entail a capital investment of over \$7 million in St. Lawrence County (the "County"); (iii) create 60 to 100 construction jobs; and (iv) create 2 full-time and 2 part-time jobs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Resolution, the District has consented to a proposed deviation (the "Deviation") from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("UTEP") whereby the Agency and the Company propose to enter into a PILOT Agreement with a PILOT Term of Fifteen (15) years with an abatement schedule providing for 100% exemption relating to the Improvements and Equipment in PILOT years 1-5, with such exemption being reduced in 10% increments in PILOT years 6-14 and such Improvements and Equipment being thereafter subject to full taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Agency and the Company, in reliance upon the consent provided by the District within the Resolution and memorialized by this Certificate, contemplate entering into the proposed PILOT Agreement once the Company has secured and permits and approvals necessary to undertake the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned, this Certificate is executed as of the date first set forth above.

8-Yes 0-No

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Tracy Warren, and seconded by Steven Curran, to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education. Motion voted and carried.

8-Yes 0-No

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

Clerk of the Board