



IDA Board Chairman Ruchala stated Ms. McLaughlin is a great asset to the IDA Board and she is very involved. He stated Ms. McLaughlin met with Putnam's Economic Development Corporation ("EDC") and expressed her concerns around businesses in the Town of Putnam Valley. He stated he is satisfied with how the IDA Board is developing, however in regards to the IDA Members the final decision is up to the Legislature. He stated in his opinion 2014 the IDA Board focused on compliance with the State. He stated he would like the IDA Board to focus on sales and bring in jobs in the coming year.

Legislator Nacerino stated she believes it is the up to the discretion of the IDA Board Chair to determine the IDA Members. She stated she agrees with IDA Chairman Ruchala in having a diverse group of members on the IDA Board.

Legislator Wright stated it is beyond the IDA Board Chair's discretion. He stated he is aware of past reference to have representation of each town on the IDA Board. He read from Resolution #108 of the 1995 (*page 166 in the 1995 Book of Proceedings*) where former Legislator Koberger and former Legislator Tamagna suggested when appointing IDA Board members, it would be good procedure to have a representative from each town. He stated although the suggestion made in the Resolution is not binding or conclusive, he sees great value in having representation from each town when possible.

Legislator LoBue stated she agrees with Legislator Nacerino and Legislator Wright. She stated in her past experience as a Legislator, the IDA Board strives to have representation from each town, which she believes is good procedure. She stated it does not look good when the Legislature appoints an IDA Board Member and then change the decision on the IDA Members. She stated it is the roll of the IDA Board to provide potential IDA Board Members.

Legislator Gross stated he supports the notion of every town having representation on the IDA Board, especially when the IDA Board is a critical Board for the development of the County. He stated he supports IDA Chairman Ruchala to make decisions on who should sit on the IDA Board. He does not want to micromanage the IDA Board.

Legislator Albano stated he supports IDA Chairman Ruchala's decision. He questioned if it is required to attend certain number of meetings.

IDA Chairman Ruchala stated no, there is not a requirement to attend a certain amount of meetings. However, IDA Members need to physically attend the meetings to vote.

Legislator Albano questioned how many IDA Board Members are needed to conduct a vote.

IDA Chairman Ruchala stated four (4) IDA Board Members are required to conduct a vote.

Legislator Albano questioned how many IDA Board members usually attend the meetings.

IDA Chairman Ruchala stated generally five (5) to six (6) IDA Board members attend the meetings. He stated in terms of progress, the Corrective Action Plan ("CAP") has been completed. He stated the focus for this coming year is to go for sales by meeting with banks. He stated the County is currently working with the Administration to receive a loan to jump start the IDA.

**Item # 6 – Foreclosure Report- FYI**

**Item # 7 – Unemployment Report- FYI**

**Item # 8 – Other Business**

**a. Approval/Proclamation/Recognition of NYSAC’s 90 Years of Dedicated Service**

Legislator Wright made a motion to approve a Proclamation for Recognizing NYSAC’s 90 Years of Dedicated Service; Seconded by Legislator Gross. All in favor.

**b. Discussion/Verbal Update/Chairwoman Scuccimarra/CFA Awards**

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated businesses within the County received CFA Awards. She stated Green Chimneys School was granted \$750,000.00 which will be used to renovate two (2) existing vacant buildings. She stated Hudson Shakespeare Festival was awarded \$71,600.00 which will provide funding to bring hands-on art education programs and outreach initiatives.

Legislator Gross stated Green Chimneys School has to raise \$5 million every year to operate. He stated the awarded money will be beneficial to the Organization.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated Manitoga Inc. received \$16,700.00 to support a series of large-scale sculpture gardens. She stated the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail was awarded \$935,000.00 and the awarded money will be used to support the creation of a nine (9) mile off-road trail.

Legislator Gross questioned where the funding was coming from.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated the funding is from the Consolidated Funding in the State.

**Item # 9 –Adjournment**

There being no further business at 7:02P.M. Legislator Wright made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Gross. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant, Lisa Sommers.