

7th Day  
Tuesday, June 6, 2023

### REQUEST TO CALL SPECIAL MEETING

To the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors:

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Dated at Lyons, New York  
June 1, 2023

Philip W. Eygnor, Chairman  
Wayne County Board of Supervisors

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Wayne County  
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Kelley P. Loveless, Clerk  
Wayne County Board of Supervisors

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Bender.

Upon roll call, all Supervisors were present for this morning's session except Supervisors Brady, Groat and Kolczynski.

County Administrator Rick House and County Attorney Dan Connors were also present for this morning's special meeting.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Lasher moved, seconded by Mr. Chatfield that one (1) resolution be allowed on the floor under Other Business. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted aye except Supervisors Brady, Groat and Kolczynski who were absent. Motion Carried.

June 6, 2023

**RESOLUTION 306-23: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 305-23 REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SENATE BILL S3444-A AND ASSEMBLY BILL A3679-A TO IMPOSE A HOTEL OR MOTEL OR SEASONAL RENTAL OCCUPANCY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE**

Mrs. Leonard presented the following:

WHEREAS, several counties throughout New York State presently impose an occupancy tax; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has requested this same authority for the County of Wayne; and

WHEREAS, proceeds of said tax would be used to promote the general welfare of the residents of Wayne County and fund county operations; and

WHEREAS, in support of Wayne County's request, Senator Pamela Helming has introduced bill S3444-A in the New York State Senate and Assemblyman Brian Manktelow has introduced bill A3679-A in the New York State Assembly; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Wayne County Board of Supervisors requests the State Legislature adopt bills S3444-A and A3679-A authorizing the County of Wayne to impose a hotel or motel or seasonal rental occupancy tax in the amount of 5%(five percent) through December 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Pamela Helming, Assemblyman Brian Manktelow; and all those deemed necessary and proper.

Mr. Lasher moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Chatfield. Upon roll call, all supervisors voted aye except supervisors Brady, Groat and Kolczynski who were absent.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

The following twelve individuals addressed the Board with comments regarding opposition to a State of Emergency that would hinder Asylum Seekers to Wayne County.

James Schuler, Palmyra

Denise DeValk, Sodus

Jim Wood, Sodus

Laila Ramirez (JOY – Justice Organization of Youth), Sodus

Daniela Mendez, Sodus

Beth Ares, Grace Episcopal Church, Lyons

John L. Ghertner, M.D., Sodus

Scott Comegys, Palmyra

Mary Rehor (CRN – Citizens Response Network), Williamson

John Spiegel, Palmyra

Wilson Augustave (WARE – Wayne Action for Racial Equality), Newark

Sr. Luci Romero, Newark

**UPDATE ON ASYLUM SEEKERS**

After Mr. Schuler finished speaking, Chairman Eynor announced that the County would not be entertaining a State of Emergency in regards to Asylum Seekers to Wayne County at this time. He also stated that a plan was in place to address any issue that may arise in regards to the matter. After this announcement, the other eleven speakers were welcomed to the floor where they shared personal stories, networking information and spoke their minds about the issue at hand.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Johnson motioned to adjourn at 11:36 a.m. Mrs. Leonard second. Carried.

Kelley P. Loveless, Clerk  
Wayne County Board of Supervisors

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