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TO: OCIDA Board of Directors
FROM: Tim Fitzgerald
DATE: April 20, 2023
RE: Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railroad Corp. Apr. 20, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes

OCIDA Offices, 584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, NY 13441 and via WebEx teleconference

Attendance: John Herbrand, Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railroad Corp.; James Joslyn, resident of Remsen, NY Representing the Agency: Mark Kaucher, Tim Fitzgerald

Tim Fitzgerald opened the public hearing at 9:00 AM.

Consensus of the attendees was to waive public recitation the public hearing notice.

M. Kaucher notified those present that a letter had been received from Remsen Development Corporation (RDC) concerning the potential acquisition of Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railroad Corp. property. This letter will be entered into the record.

Mr. Joslyn brought up concerns, in light of recent rail accidents across the nation, about liability issues for Oneida County, and specifically County taxpayers, in the event of a rail accident or medical emergency on the property being considered. Mr. Herbrand explained necessary insurance coverages and provisions which indemnify Oneida County. He also clarified that all maintenance and upkeep on these railroad tracks is the responsibility of Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railroad Corp., and that Oneida County has no legal or financial responsibility for upkeep.

With no further comment or discussion, Tim Fitzgerald closed the public hearing at 9:25 AM.