

Mr. Morrill requested a five minute recess.

Chairman Rische recessed the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Chairman Rische called the meeting back to order at 8:20 P.M. He recognized Legislator Thompson.

Mr. Thompson introduced Dr. Shahin A. Niroomand, the new pathologist of the St. Lawrence County Laboratory.

Dr. Niroomand said she just happened to be in the area and decided to stop in to their meeting. She said she felt if they could get to know each other they would be able to work together better. She said she would do her best and expected their support.

Mr. Thompson said he would like to say that Dr. Niroomand met with the Laboratory Board of Managers and presented them with a balanced budget. He added now, let's see if she can do it.

Chairman Rische asked for the presentation of resolutions at this time.

Mr. Greco introduced proposed St. Lawrence County Local Law No. 6 for the Year 1976.

#### ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

#### LOCAL LAW NO. 6 FOR THE YEAR 1976

#### A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

- Section 1. **Legislative Intent.** The intent of this Local Law is to provide for the filling of vacancies in the Office of County Legislator of the County of St. Lawrence.
- Section 2. **Filling of Vacancies.** If a vacancy occurs in the Office of County Legislator, other than by expiration of the term, the County Legislature shall fill the office within 45 days after the vacancy occurs, by appointing to said office, any resident of the District in which the vacancy occurred, qualified under law to hold the Office of County Legislator.
- Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Chairman Rische said there is no action necessary on this law at this meeting. He set the date of October 11, 1976 at 6:45 P.M. for the Public Hearing on this proposed Local Law.

Mr. LaBaff asked why this did not go to the Legislative and Judicial Committee.

Mr. Greco replied that he was introducing this himself rather than sending it to committee.

Mr. Morrill introduced Resolution No. 164-76 and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. LaBaff.

**RESOLUTION NO. 164 - 76**

**On Farmers Plight From Excess Rain Conditions**

**By Mr. Morrill, Chairman, Agriculture Committee**

WHEREAS, there has been an excess of rain fall in St. Lawrence County during the summer of 1976, and

WHEREAS, because of the excess of rainfall the farmers of this County have increased expenses because of a poor quality hay and decreased corn crop, and

WHEREAS, the U. S. D. A. County Emergency Board recommends to the Board of Legislators that St. Lawrence County be declared a disaster County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislature requests Governor Hugh L. Carey declare St. Lawrence County a disaster area and that the Governor and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets take all measures necessary and appropriate to them to assist the farmers of St. Lawrence County in avoiding wholesale liquidation of their dairies and possible bankruptcy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Hugh L. Carey; Roger Barber, Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, Senator H. Douglas Barclay, Senator Ronald B. Stafford, Assemblyman K. Daniel Haley and Congressman Robert C. McEwen.

Mr. Morrill said that a year ago he had brought a resolution to this Board asking for this county to be declared a disaster area because of drought conditions and this year he was asking for the county to be declared a disaster area because of excess rain fall. He said he had talked to a lot of farmers around the county and some of them do not need aid but the majority of them do not have any corn and the hay crop was a disaster. He showed some of the corn that was grown by different farmers in his area and urged the Legislators to support this resolution so that they might be able to get some aid and low cost loans for the farmers that were having difficulty.

Mr. Harrington requested the privilege of the floor for Mr. Curran.

Chairman Rishe granted the privilege of the floor to Mr. Curran.

Mr. Curran commented that \$12,000,000.00 had been spent on aid to the polluted area and this had only benefited the people on the river. He went on to list the other areas that had received aid and said he felt the farmers deserved the aid. He said if we lose them we lose a lot.

Mr. Livingston said he was on that committee so he would have to make a minority report. He objected to this county being declared a

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