

**\*\*PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11.7, IN EFFECT UNTIL JULY 14, 2022, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWS THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE\*\***

Mr. Sheridan called the Special Board Meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:** Mr. Denesha moved to suspend the Rules of Procedure to allow the attendance of Legislators telephonically, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**ROLL CALL:** All Legislators were present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Mr. Perkins moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

### **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Services Committee: 6-20-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 221-2022

#### **OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL A.7919 AND SENATE BILL S.3908, "AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE FINANCE LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW, AND THE HIGHWAY LAW, IN RELATION TO ENACTING THE NEW YORK STATE BUY AMERICAN SALT ACT"**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Acres, District 8; Ms. Haggard, District 10; and Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill A.7919 and Senate Bill S.3908 enacts the New York State Buy American Salt Act to ensure all rock salt, or sodium chloride, used or supplied in the performance of a government contract or any subcontract within the State shall be mined or hand harvested in the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of the Bills could cause economic suffering and job loss in the City of Ogdensburg, and will result in the reduction of International Longshoremen's Association jobs at the Port of Ogdensburg, as well as a reduction in jobs by local trucking companies, and

**WHEREAS**, eighty-percent (80%) of income to the Port of Ogdensburg comes from businesses associated with importing rock salt from Canada, and

**WHEREAS**, a plentiful and steady supply of rock salt is needed in St. Lawrence County throughout the fall, winter, and oftentimes into spring, and a constriction of supply or increase in the cost poses a direct danger to the roads and safety of travelers, and

**WHEREAS**, with inflation, there is additional concerns that prohibiting the purchase of imported rock salt will cause a premium to local governments, as well others who need it such as hospitals, colleges, nursing homes, and factories,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators oppose Assembly Bill A.7919 and Senate Bill S.3908, “An Act to Amend the State Finance Law, the General Municipal Law, the Public Authorities Law, and the Highway Law, in relation to Enacting the New York State Buy American Salt Act,”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Katherine Hochul, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, Executive Director Steven Lawrence, OBPA, and Board Chair Vernon Burns, OBPA.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 221-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Denesha asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Resolution No. 221-2022 was adopted with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) recused (Terminelli).

**CHAIR’S APPOINTMENTS** – There were no Chair’s Appointments.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Sheridan adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 5:36 p.m., as there was no further business.