

Seneca County Board of Supervisors  
Special Meeting / Public Hearing  
June 18, 2007

Purpose

Cayuga Nation Trust Application Settlement Proposal: to allow an Indian operated Las Vegas-style casino preferably in the Catskills region, and the land purchased in Seneca and Cayuga counties would be capped at 10,000 acres. Seneca and Cayuga county would receive \$15 million annually in casino revenues and New York State would receive \$120 million annually.

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

Thirteen members of the Board of Supervisors answered roll call. Mr. Davidson was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Presentation

Brian Laudadio, attorney representing Seneca County, outlined the terms of the proposed settlement.

Petitioners

Any Seneca County resident was allotted three minutes to speak in a first round session. Those who wanted additional time, were given the chance in a second round session, held after everyone had a chance to speak.

The following Seneca County residents addressed the Board of Supervisors one at a time. All were in opposition of accepting the proposal and urged the Board of Supervisors not to agree to any settlement with the Cayuga Nation.

Richard Ricci, Philip Knapp, Russell Wheeler, Cynthia Schlegal, Harry Pettingill, Helen Pettingill, John Saeli, Harry Eno, Roswell Parks, Kathy Russo, Ruth Same.

Supervisor Dresser addressed the public and his fellow supervisors. He explained a plan he developed for sharing revenue that would be received by Seneca County should the Cayuga Indian Nation Trust Application Settlement Proposal be approved by the county, state and federal authorities. Copies of the plan were available for the public. He also stated that historically the BIA granted applications for land-in-trust. If the Cayuga Nations application was approved, then 64,000 acres would be removed from the tax rolls and become sovereign. He stated it would be better to accept the terms of the proposed settlement

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.