



Town of Tonawanda Board
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March 10, 2015

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Ms. Karen McCarthy, Clerk
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Karen:

Please be advised that the Town Board, at a meeting held on March 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM, considered and adopted the following legislative document:

Resolution RES-2015-191

Adopted [Unanimous]

Motion to adopt a resolution in support of the reform of the Community College Chargeback Policy that has put a financial strain on Erie County and its municipalities; and as set forth in the agenda before you.

CC: Susan M. Matteliano, Clerk/Town Clerk
Marc Poloncarz, County Executive
Erie County Community College
Marc Panepinto, Senator
Carl E. Heastie, Speaker
Barry A. Weinstein, Supervisor

On behalf of the Town Board, I am enclosing our resolution declaring our support of the Erie County Community College Chargeback Policy reform. Please distribute the resolution to the entire Erie County Legislature.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Greco
Town Clerk

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Enclosure



ADOPTED
RESOLUTION 2015-191

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Marguerite Greco, Town Clerk
Department: Town Clerk
03/09/15 07:30 PM
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**Motion to adopt a resolution in support of the reform of the
Community College Chargeback Policy that has put a
financial strain on Erie County and its municipalities; and as
set forth in the agenda before you.**

WHEREAS, recent reports from administrators of Erie Community College (ECC) concerning the onerous and antiquated system of Community College Chargeback Rates that require taxpayers to pay a fee when residents of Erie County attend two-year schools elsewhere in the state warrants review by the Erie County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, ECC Chief Administrator and Financial Officer recently highlighted the need for a review by the Erie County Legislature in a memo sent to the ECC Board of Trustees which discussed the amount of municipal dollars that are being used to pay for the education of residents who attend a NYS Community College other than ECC; and

WHEREAS, the amount totaled over \$5.4 million in 2013 with taxpayers in Tonawanda and Kenmore paying \$846,204 extra in property taxes and taxpayers in Amherst/Williamsville paying \$910.670 extra in property taxes as a result of their residents attending a NYS Community College other than ECC; and

WHEREAS, this chargeback policy was implemented into State law in the 1950s and is inadvertently causing an undue burden on Erie County's struggling local governments, a review of this policy is warranted by this Honorable Body's Community Enrichment Committee in order to hear from stakeholders and formulate a multi-partisan strategy to address this issue with the WNY State Delegation and encourage reform of this chargeback policy.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tonawanda Town Board conveys its support for the reform of the Community College Chargeback Policy that has put a financial strain on Erie County and its municipalities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this matter be fully discussed at a future meeting of the Erie County Legislature Community Enrichment Committee with representatives from ECC and stakeholders from local governments to formulate a plan to address this issue and encourage reform of this policy with Albany policymakers; and be it further



RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the leadership at ECC, local State Senate and State Assembly Representatives, and to each municipality in Erie County.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Joseph Emminger, Councilman
SECONDER:	Lisa Chimera, Councilwoman
AYES:	Caruana, Emminger, Crangle, Bargnesi, Chimera

I do certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board held on March 09, 2015 and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript from said original minutes and the whole thereof, and that the resolutions duly adopted by said Town Board are on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the said Town of Tonawanda, Erie County, New York, this 10th day of March, 2015.



Marguerite Greco, Town Clerk
Town of Tonawanda, New York