

Defeated

RESOLUTION # 75 - 2024

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3 **Resolution to entertain any unsolicited inquiries for exploration, prospecting, bulk**
4 **sampling and mining operations on County owned land following procedures set for in**
5 **Chapter 9, Section 9.61 of the County Ordinance.**
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7 Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by Supervisor Scott
8 Holewinski.
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10 Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:
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12 **WHEREAS**, Prior to June 5, 1987 it was the policy of the Forestry and Outdoor Recreation
13 Committee not to enter into any exploration and mining agreements; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Resolution 54-87 offered by the Oneida County Forestry and Outdoor
16 Recreation Committee and passed by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors on June 5, 1987
17 with an attached Oneida County Metallic Ore Prospecting and Mining Policy, which directed the
18 Forestry and Outdoor Recreation Committee to proceed with implementation of that policy and
19 to report back to the board when a mining and prospecting lease agreement is ready for
20 approval; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, Joint resolution #94-2009 offered by the Mining Oversight Committee and
23 Forestry, Land and Outdoor Recreation Committee and passed by the Oneida County Board of
24 Supervisors on October 20, 2009 with 17 aye, 0 nay and 3 absente, addressed that the change
25 in the composition of the Board had significantly changed since adoption of Resolution #54-87;
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28 **WHEREAS**, The 2009 County Board adopted and endorsed Resolution #54-87 along with
29 the attached policy for Oneida County Forest Lands and directed the Oneida County Mining
30 Oversight Committee to implement this policy and report back to the board when any mining or
31 prospecting lease agreements would be ready for approval; and
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33 **WHEREAS**, Resolution #59-2012 offered by the Forestry, Land and Outdoor Recreation
34 Committee was defeated by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors on August 12, 2012 with 9
35 ayes, 12 nays which would have endorsed resolutions # 54-87 and # 94-2009, and also ended
36 the Forestry, Land and Outdoor Recreation Committee from proceeding forward with the
37 process they were working on with the ultimate goal being the leasing of County Forest Lands
38 for the purpose of exploration, with the option for prospecting and mining in the future; and
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40 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County Board of Supervisors has adopted Chapter 9, Article 6 – Non-
41 Metallic Mining and Metallic Mineral Exploration, Prospecting and Mining Ordinance and
42 addresses metallic mineral exploration, bulk sampling and mining under section 9.61; and
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44 **WHEREAS**, Under 9.61 of the ordinance, the whole process is detailed out from the
45 purpose and intent to the Oneida County Metallic Mining Local Impact Committee to timing
46 milestones and triggering events; exploration, bulk sampling, notice of intent to collect data or
47 apply for a mine permit, local agreements required, county mining permit required, application
48 requirements for nonferrous metallic mineral mining permit, general requirements for nonferrous
49 metallic mining operations, financial assurances and responsibilities, environmental impact
50 report and statements, inspections and reports, effective date of permit and commencement of
51 mining operations, permit modification, violation and enforcement, penalties for a total of 29

52 pages of requirements; and

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54 **WHEREAS**, On November 6, 2018, the County Board submitted an advisory, non-binding,
55 referendum vote which read "after performing their due diligence should Oneida County allow
56 leasing of County owned lands in the Town of Lynne for the purpose of metallic mineral
57 exploration, prospecting, bulk sampling and mining?" the vote was 7,129 yes and 11,927 no.
58 After the advisory vote the County Board at that time did not pursue any discussion of potential
59 mining leases; and

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61 **WHEREAS**, Resolution #81-2019 offered by Supervisor Alan VanRaalte was defeated by
62 the Oneida County Board of Supervisors on October 2, 2019 with 8 aye, 11 nay and 2 absentee
63 which would have prohibited all non-ferrous metallic mining activities including exploration,
64 prospecting, bulk sampling and mining operation on Oneida County owned land and also
65 prohibit the sale of Oneida County land for non-ferrous metallic minerals located there; and

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67 **WHEREAS**, It is unclear by Resolution # 81-2019 failing and Resolution # 59-2012 failing
68 what the position of the County Board was at that time; and

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70 **WHEREAS**, Recently the Oneida County Board Chairman and the Chair of the Forestry,
71 Land and Outdoor Recreation Committee have received unsolicited inquiries from two different
72 mining companies which as of August 10, 2024 have not been responded to by the County
73 Board Chair or Chair of the Forestry, Land and Outdoor Recreation Committee; and

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75 **WHEREAS**, The County Board Chair and Chair of the Forestry, Land and Outdoor
76 Recreation Committee are looking for direction from the current County Board; and

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78 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Oneida County Board of Supervisors delegates
79 authority to the Forestry, Land and Outdoor Recreation Committee to entertain any unsolicited
80 inquiries for exploration, prospecting, bulk sampling and mining operation on county owned land
81 and follow the procedures set in State Statute and Chapter 9, Section 9.61 of the ordinance.

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83 Vote Required: Majority = 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

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85 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes No _____ as reviewed
86 by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date: _____

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89 Consent Agenda Item: YES NO

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92 Offered and passage moved by:

Scott H. Helvick
Supervisor

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96 Seconded by Greg DeHinger

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 0 Absent

 0 Abstain


 — Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 20th day August, 2024.

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Tracy Hartman, County Clerk



Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair

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Supervisors	AYE	NAY	ABS	ABSTAIN
Timmons		X		
Cushing		X		
Fried	X			
Harris			X	
Newman		X		
Condado		X		
Briggs	X			
Showalter			X	
Jensen		X		
Hess		X		
Tautges		X		
Fisher	X			
Lopez		X		
Sorgel		X		
Ives	X			
Alemekinder		X		
Schreier		X		
Schultz		X		
Oettinger	X			
Hanus		X		
Holewinski	X			
TOTALS	6	13	2	
TAGS				

Resolution # 75 – 2024: Offered by Supervisor Scott Holewinski to Entertain Any Unsolicited Inquiries for Exploration, Prospecting, Bulk Sampling and Mining Operations on County Owned Land Following Procedures Set forth in Chapter 9.61 of the County Ordinance.

Mining Resolution History - Oneida County

14 Different County Board 1987-2012 (25 years)	7 Different County Board 12 Years	Current Board
<p>June 5, 1987 - County Board approved and adopted metallic or prospecting and mining policy and directed committee to implement and report back for approval</p>	<p>October 20, 2009 - County Board endorses policy adopted June 5, 1987 allowing committee to look for leases.</p> <p>August 12, 2012 - Resolution #59-2012 Fails - County Board does not pass resolution that would have endorsed 1987 and 2009 resolutions and therefore stopping committee from the process of pursuing leasing county forest land for mining.</p>	<p>October 2, 2019 - County Board defeats Resolution #81-2019 that would have prohibited all mining activities on County owned land or sale of county owned land for mining.</p> <p>August 20, 2024 - It is unclear by Resolution #59 - 2012 and Resolution # 81-2019 failing, what the position of the County Board was at that time. Resolution # 75-2024 is to clarify the wish of the current County Board pertaining to potential mining on County owned land.</p>