

### THIS ISSUE

*Keep up to date with  
community happenings  
that impact business in  
our community*

#### BOB SHIPLEY, SUPERVISOR

- No Board of Supervisors meeting coming up
- Previous meeting discussed how there is not a County manager currently
- Supervisors are working on a budget, something that is one of the County manager's roles and is revising the first draft
- Recent hearing about draft only 1 speaker
- Tax increase will happen regardless
- Current County attorney to retire Dec. 31
- Art James to take over as new County Attorney

#### SARAH DAVIS, IDA

- Onboarding done for three new board members starting in January
- Finger Lakes Railway project is still underway with new projects to start in 2025

#### JILL HENRY

- Selected consultant CCB for housing strategy
- Goes in front of board next meeting and if passed can begin in 2025
- EPA to finalize contract on \$1.5M grant

#### BOB GRIFFIN

- U.S. Treasury was going to enact new bill with big penalties for small businesses failing to report data
- Penalties could be up to \$500 a year
- A Texas court challenged it and any questions at this time should be directed at legal counsel or the SBDC
- This issue is likely to go on and eventually reach the Supreme Court

#### CHAMBER EVENTS:

- Business After Hours: LNB, Dec. 18 5-7 p.m.
- Annual Dinner: Jan. 16, 2025

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

### ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS REELECTED AS NYS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

**Spectrum:** The first Black woman to hold the majority leader post, she is one of three people who control the agenda in Albany and negotiate the state budget along with the governor and Assembly speaker. She has led the Senate Democratic caucus since 2012 and majority leader since 2019.

### RECORD NUMBER OF NEW JOBS IN NEW YORK'S CLEAN ENERGY SECTOR, REPORT

**Spectrum:** Governor Kathy Hochul today announced record high clean energy job growth in New York State with 178,000 workers employed at the end of 2023—an increase of 7,700 jobs—per the findings from the 2024 New York Clean Energy Industry Report.

### DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT AGAINST NY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ADVANCES

**Spectrum:** A federal discrimination lawsuit against the New York State Education Department is set to proceed after parents allege their children faced unfair disadvantages during the application process for a state-funded academic summer program.

### GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES EXECUTED CONTRACTS FOR 23 LARGE-SCALE LAND BASED RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

**Office of the Governor:** Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that contracts have been executed for 23 large-scale land-based renewable energy projects that will provide more than 2.3 gigawatts of clean energy, which is enough to power more than 700,000 homes throughout New York State. The projects are expected to create more than 2,500 near-term, family-sustaining jobs and generate more than \$4.7 billion in private investment while reinforcing the State's commitment to the development of clean energy, grid resiliency and economic development.

### HOCHUL REVERSES CALL TO CUT FUNDING TO SHRINKING NY SCHOOLS

**NY Post:** A rep for Hochul wrote in a statement to The Post on Tuesday that the governor no longer supports such cuts, departing from what had been a core pillar of her plan earlier this year. The switch comes as the governor faces a potentially contentious re-election bid in 2026 and can little afford to make enemies with the state's largest public-sector union, the New York State United Teachers.

### ONTARIO COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO DECIDE LANDFILL'S 2028 CLOSURE

**FL1:** The Ontario County Board of Supervisors will vote tonight on whether to close the county landfill at the end of 2028. The proposal, backed by the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee in a narrow vote last month, would end landfill operations in Seneca when its lease with Casella Waste Services and state permit expire, coinciding with its capacity limit.

### JOIN US FOR THE NEXT ONE SENECA MEETING

When: Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.

Where: Zoom

Meeting ID: 885 5612 6750

Password: 974642

Open to members of the community who want to know things that are happening or have something to add to the conversation.