May 2, 2014

New York State Gaming Commission
Gail P. Thorpe, Supervisor of Contract Administration
Contracts Office
One Broadway Center
Schenectady, NY 12301-7500

Dear Ms. Thorpe,

Enclosed you will find a copy of Resolution #22, stating the Town Board of the Town of Wawarsing supports the issuance of a commercial gaming license at the former Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club in the Town of Wawarsing.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Shamro
Roxanne Shamro, Town Clerk
Town of Wawarsing
RESOLUTION – TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAWARING SUPPORTS THE ISSUANCE OF A COMMERCIAL GAMING LICENSE AT THE FORMER NEVELE GRANDE HOTEL AND COUNTRY CLUB IN THE TOWN OF WAWARISING

RESOLUTION # 22

On a motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Durso, the Town Board resolves the following:

WHEREAS, the Upstate New York Gaming Economic Development Act of 2013 (Chapters 174 and 175 of the Laws of 2013) (hereinafter “the Gaming Act”) was enacted on July 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2013 New York voters passed the public referendum amending the State Constitution authorizing casino gaming in New York State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Gaming Act, four (4) casinos are to be sited within three (3) regions of the State; and

WHEREAS, one of the regions is the Catskills/Hudson Valley region which includes Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Act creates the New York Gaming Facility Location Board to review and evaluate the applications submitted to make selections of who is eligible to apply for a commercial gaming license in New York State; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of filing, each applicant must illustrate to the New York Gaming Facility Location Board’s satisfaction that local and community support has been demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Act was enacted to assist in job growth and increase school tax and property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Budget projects that a casino located in the Town of Wawarsing will generate substantial revenue annually in school and property tax relief in the Town of Wawarsing; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Budget further projects that a casino located in the Town of Wawarsing will provide substantial revenue annually in local government aid in the Town of Wawarsing; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has unanimously approved and supported locating a gaming casino at the Nevele site through passage of Resolution No. 144 of 2014; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11 of 2012 the Town Board of Wawarsing unanimously supported the placement of a casino at the former Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club because it would create thousands of direct and indirect jobs and provide an economic stimulus
to the Town and region; and

WHEREAS, eighty-five point thirty-three (85.33%) percent of the votes cast by the voters in the Town of Wawarsing, in the November 2013 election, were cast in favor of amending the State Constitution to allow casino gaming with it being well known and publicized that the site of the former Nevele Grande Hotel and County Club was being actively championed as one of the potential gaming sites in the Catskill/Hudson Valley region; and

WHEREAS, the present site of the former Nevele Grande Hotel and County Club is an economic blight on the Town of Wawarsing and a non-productive property within the Town of Wawarsing; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site of a commercial gaming facility at the location of the former Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club would act as the economic engine for construction employment; direct and indirect employment of thousands of residents; economic stabilization and development of existing and new cultural/tourism attractions and businesses; and solidify and expand the tax base; and

WHEREAS, the prospect of the granting of a commercial gaming license at the site of the former Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club, which is within the Town of Wawarsing but outside of the bounds of the Village of Ellenville, and which would utilize water and potentially sewer from the Village of Ellenville, but would otherwise be a tax payer of Town of Wawarsing has renewed and rekindled the interest of the Village of Ellenville and Town of Wawarsing in consolidating municipal services and districts and possibly the dissolution of the Village of Ellenville; and

WHEREAS, Nevele-R, LLC is prepared to submit to the New York Gaming Facility Location Board an application seeking a commercial gaming license at the former location of the Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club and to be known as the Nevele Resort, Casino & Spa; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wawarsing has a long and proud tradition of being a resort host community and longs to return to the tradition of being the “Hospitality center of the Catskills”; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Wawarsing acknowledges that resorts and tourism are essential elements of the Town’s historical, present and future well-being, as such, the revitalization of the Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club into a modern, family oriented resort, casino and spa would be in keeping with the aspirations of the Town of Wawarsing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Wawarsing having considered public comment and input, including the passage of Proposition 1 on the November, 2013 ballot by 85.33% of the votes cast within the Town of Wawarsing; having reviewed the Upstate New York Gaming Economic Development Act of 2013; having reviewed the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed site of the commercial gaming facility at the location of the former Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club; in the strongest terms possible declares that should the New York Gaming Facility Location Board select the
application of Nevele-R, LLC as a site for a commercial gaming license within the Catskill/Hudson Valley region that same will be compatible with the Comprehension Plan heretofore approved by the Town of Wawarsing; be an economic catalyst to bolster employment, solidify and grow the tax base; and provide a firm base for existing and new cultural/tourism attractions and commercial enterprises within the Town of Wawarsing and the Catskill/Hudson Valley region; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Wawarsing enthusiastically supports the application of Nevele-R, LLC to operate the Nevele Resort, Casino & Spa and urges the New York Gaming Facility Location Board to approve the application of Nevele-R, LLC; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Wawarsing Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to the New York Gaming Facility Location Board, Governor, Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader, Dean Skelos, Senate Minority Leader, John L. Sampson, Assembly Speaker, Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader, Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority Leader, James N. Tedisco, New York State Senators, John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., Cecilia Tkaczyk, New York State Assemblymen, Claudia Tenney, Frank Skartados, Kevin A. Cahill, Peter Lopez, Ulster County Executive, Michael Hein, Chair of Ulster County Legislature, John R. Parete, Ulster County Legislators, T.J. Briggs and Craig Lopez.

MOTION VOTE

Supervisor Distel AYE
Councilman Houck AYE
Councilman Johnson AYE
Councilman Bradley AYE
Councilman Durso AYE

MOTION CARRIED

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted on May 1, 2014.

Filed and recorded in the
Town Clerk’s Office of the
Town of Wawarsing, County of Ulster

Roxanne Shamro, Town Clerk
Certification

STATE OF NEW YORK )

COUNTY OF ULSTER )ss:

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Town of Wawarsing, do hereby certify that the annexed extract of Minutes of the Town Board of said Town, duly called and held on May 1, 2014 has been compared by me with the Original Minutes, as officially recorded in the town Records of the Town, and the same is a true copy of the original and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town this 2nd day of May 2014.

Roxanne Shamro, Town Clerk

(Seal)