

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING June 7, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Legislators: Barbara Roberts, Ron Ciotoli, Dennis Mullen, Dale Weston, Marte Sauerbrey

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Cathy Haskell, Karen Warfle

Guests: T Hansen, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Committee Chair, Legislator Barbara Roberts, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): LeeAnn Tinney – Agenda and attachments previously emailed.

I. MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes of May 3, 2022

Committee Chair, Legislator Roberts, asked for approval of the minutes from the May 3, 2022 committee meeting. Legislator Mullen made a motion to accept the May 3, 2022 minutes, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli. All were in favor.

II. FINANCIAL

The Year-to-Date Budget Reports are in the committee packets; Ms. Tinney reported the following budgets are all tracking:

- A. Economic Development – Ms. Tinney reported that there is a resolution in this committee's packet authorizing a budget transfer of \$100,000.00 from line item A6422-422800 Intergovernmental Charges to line item A6422-412890 General Government Income.
- B. Planning
- C. Sustainability Management

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Reports – Ms. Tinney introduced T Hansen.

- 1. Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), T Hansen – A monthly report was not distributed, however Ms. Hansen reported on the following:

- a. Master Gardeners - Successful plant sale at 56 Main Street.
- b. Veterans Affairs Office – Building a relationship with Mike Middaugh; hosted a coffee mess event at the farm in April and has since been using the farmhouse to host veterans who may have an interest in agriculture.

- c. Economic Development and Planning Department staff to visit the farm on Monday, June 13th, as well as Legislative Chair Ms. Sauerbrey. Ms. Hansen let everyone know they are all welcome.
 - d. Strategic vision and funding opportunities - Just submitted a USDA grant for \$600,000.00. This is a 3 year grant; \$200,000.00/year to support new farmers to begin on the CCE farm to get experience and transition them off on their own.
 - e. Soil and Water applied, on CCE's behalf, for New York State Ag and Markets Climate Resilience Grant Funding for \$400,000.00. This is for storm water retention on the farm.
 - f. CCE will be seeking assistance from the ED&P Team to apply for an ARC Grant.
2. Tioga County Tourism – Report in the committee packet.
 3. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District – Report in the committee packet.

Ms. Tinney introduced the new ED&P part time staff member, Office Specialist II, Karen Warfle.

B. Grants

1. Status- Ms. Tinney reported on the status of grants the ED&P Department is involved in:
 - a. Potential - 16
 - b. Pending - 22
 - c. Active - 38
 - d. Completed – 1; Briggs/Awad Restore NY & DRI.

Ms. Tinney reported the following:

C. Economic/Community Development

1. Village of Owego
 - a. Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) administration – This project is ongoing. Three completed projects within the DRI; Coburn Library, Briggs and Awad Building and the Noble Building on Front Street had some façade work done. Other DRI projects are in various levels of completion.
 - b. NY Main Street (North Ave.) administration – Ms. Woodburn and Ms. Schnabl continue to work on these projects. Possible completion date in September.
 - c. High Density/Mixed Use determination by Village of Owego ZBA – The housing project with INHS on Temple and Liberty Street will probably not happen.

Legislator Mullen mentioned the need for Veterans housing; single story, handicap accessible. Ms. Tinney reported the challenge will be finding a developer to take on this type of project. After some discussion, Ms. Tinney stated being open to discussing this further.

2. Village of Waverly
 - a. RESTORE- Twigg – MWBE waiver approved; final payment request has been approved. In the final stages of this project.
 - b. Mural Project- Gateway beautification project continues.
3. Village of Candor
 - a. NY Main Street administration – Construction has begun on this project.

4. Town of Nichols- Broadband ConnectALL announcement – We were chosen in partnership with Town of Nichols, Southern Tier Network and NY Power Authority; 1 of 4 communities in the State of NY to be the initial deployment of the ConnectALL Broadband initiative. This will allow us to reach unserved and underserved areas previously recognized and allow for an over build in the Village of Nichols and some of the outlying areas. Ms. Tinney thanks the County for their support.

Legislator Weston asked about internet service in some of the small communities in the area. Ms. Tinney reported Southern Tier Network will lay down the fiber which will allow internet providers (Spectrum, Haefele, etc.) to connect into that fiber providing internet service to homes in those areas.

Ms. Tinney also reported she will be meeting with the Town of Owego to talk about broadband connection with them.

5. Municipalities
 - a. Snowmobile Grants- The State restructured the program requiring the auditing and oversight of the snowmobile clubs and trails to fall on our department, making it a challenge for Ms. Ortu. One club did not cooperate with this new process requiring a discussion with Mr. DeWind, the County Attorney.

D. Land Bank

1. Temple/Liberty Street demolitions are complete.

E. Workforce Development – Mr. Lanning continues to work on the following:

1. Formation of Talent Supply Table– Keeping track of workforce development efforts.
2. Participates in Youth Opportunity Now.
3. Attended the Home Central Trades Day Event on May 26th – Well attended by contractors and students.
4. Candor Junior EMS Initiative- Provides assistance on this project.

F. Planning

1. Solar Best Practices and Policies document complete– Ms. Tinney previously emailed this document to the committee. Ms. Jardine will be sharing the document with the towns and villages; offering to speak to Boards to answer questions.
2. Countywide Strategic Plan- Resolution listed below; asking to apply for ARC grant funding with 50% local match (\$25,000.00) from County General Fund. After some discussion, Ms. Tinney will attend the Worksession to discuss the 50% match coming from the General Fund and answer questions.

G. Sustainability Management- Ms. Pratt continues to work on the following:

1. Tioga County Energy Action Plan- Ms. Pratt and Ms. Jardine have bought forward the need for a Climate Action Plan. Ms. Tinney distributed information explaining the purpose and goals of the plan pointing out there is a CFA grant opportunity requiring a 50% match. The plan has an estimated cost of \$30,000.00 and the 50% match, \$15,000.00, can come from the Sustainability Budget. This grant is due by July 29, 2022. A decision does not have to be made today, but Ms. Tinney would like to bring a resolution forward in July. This resolution will also be presented at the Public Works committee meeting. A discussion followed. Ms. Tinney added if we have a plan in place, it opens up opportunities for funding.
2. June E-Bulletin created to send to Tioga County Employees.
3. Completed/Submitted MS4 (Stormwater Management) Report

4. Hazardous Waste Program
 - a. Electronics/Hazardous Waste paid to Broome Co- \$6,285.50
 - b. Electronics/Tioga County Towns paid- \$838.35 (Newark Valley)
- H. IDA- The following projects are being worked on:
 1. Lounsberry Industrial Pocket
 2. Owego Gardens II
 3. SunEast PILOT negotiations- Agreed on \$10,000 per MW; resolution will be presented to the IDA Board to approve the PILOT.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Grants
 1. Village of Waverly- Downtown Revitalization Initiative continues.
- B. Economic/Community Development
 1. Presentations- No presentations this month.
- C. Land Bank- Mentioned above.
- D. Workforce Development
 1. Alliance for Manufacturing Technology PILOT Training Program- Mr. Lanning working on implanting this program in Tioga County.
- E. Planning
 1. 239 Reviews presented this month:
 - a. 2022-012 Town of Spencer, Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit- Verizon Wireless; recommended approval.
 - b. 2022-013 Village of Waverly, Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit- Valley Bowling Center; recommended approval.
- F. Sustainability Management
 1. Meeting with CHOW to discuss End Food Waste Program.
 2. Attended Veteran's Coffee Mess- Discussions on reduce, reuse and recycle.
- G. IDA
 1. 3 manufacturers- Projects listed above.
- H. Misc.
 1. State Lead Responses- No leads this month.

V. PERSONNEL

- A. PT- OSII
 1. Karen Warfle started June 6th.

VI. RESOLUTIONS – The following resolutions were presented:

- F02 -Authorize Submission of ARC Area Development Grant Application for Strategic Plan
- F03-Appoint Member (K Flesher) to the Tioga Co LDC Board
- F08-Budget Transfer EDP
- F11-Authorizing Legislative Chair Signature on NY Owego II LLC Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement 2022
- F29-Authorizing Legislative Chair Signature on NY Owego III LLC Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement 2022

After reviewing the above resolutions, Ms. Tinney asked this committee for support to move the resolutions forward; vote on the resolutions follows:

Legislator Roberts - yes
Legislator Mullen - yes
Legislator Ciotoli - yes
Legislator Weston – yes

The following resolution was pulled:

- F09-Resolution to Appoint S Zubalsky-Peer to TCPDC Board

VII. PROCLAMATIONS- N/A

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sampson

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