

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING April 5, 2022

ATTENDEES:

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

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Cathy Haskell

Guests: Wendy Walsh, Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District

Legislator Dale Weston was not in attendance.

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 March 8th, 2022

Committee Chair, Legislator Roberts, asked for approval of the minutes from the March 8, 2022 committee meeting. Legislator Mullen made a motion to accept the March 8, 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
- B. Planning
- C. Sustainability Management

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Reports – Committee Chair, Legislator Roberts, introduced Ms. Walsh.

1. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District, W. Walsh - Monthly report was distributed. Ms. Walsh reviewed her report highlighting: Agriculture, Chesapeake Bay TMDL, Dean Creek Watershed Protection Project, Hazard Mitigation, Stormwater, Stream Program and various meetings, trainings and miscellaneous activities.

Not in the monthly report, Ms. Walsh reported having a replacement for the Member-At-Large vacancy on the Board of Directors and is hopeful to bring a resume forward next month.

2. Tioga County Tourism Report is in the committee packet.
3. Cornell Cooperative Extension – No report this month.

B. Grants

1. Status – Ms. Tinney reported on the status of grants the ED&P Department is involved in:
 - a. Potential - 15
 - b. Pending - 16
 - c. Active - 31
 - d. Completed – 0

Ms. Tinney reported the following:

C. Economic/Community Development

1. Village of Owego
 - a. Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) administration – The following projects are moving forward:
 - i. Home Central
 - ii. Shear Paradise
 - iii. Applied Technology
 - iv. Racker
 - b. NY Main Street (North Ave.) administration - Projects are ongoing.
2. Village of Waverly
 - a. RESTORE- Twigg – Continue to wait for the NYS MWBE waiver of 3%; 27% of 30% has been met. All requests are backlogged. Ms. Tinney has requested help from ESD to push this through due to the small percentage.
 - b. Mural Project- Gateway beautification; Waverly Central School students continue to move this project forward located on the railroad overpass coming into Waverly.
3. Village of Nichols
 - a. Sweeper/Vacuum Truck; shared services – Equipment has been ordered.
4. Village of Candor
 - a. NY Main Street administration – Projects are moving forward.
5. Municipalities
 - a. Visits - Village of Owego.
 - b. Snowmobile Grants- ongoing
6. Annual Breakfast
 - a. Scheduled for Thursday, April 28th at Tioga Downs; invitations going out this week.

D. Land Bank

1. Temple & Liberty Street Project has been stalled; opposition letter filed.
 - a. Demolitions- Tentatively scheduled for early April.
 - b. Village of Owego Local Approval Process- Still pending.

2. Owego Apalachin Central School District Project – Students assisting in property renovation for resale. An outstanding judgement was found; waiting for a closing date.
- E. Workforce Development
1. Workforce Pipeline Development Study- Implementation continues.
- F. Planning
1. Training – Ms. Jardine and Ms. Pratt have been working on trainings available to the municipalities; 3 of 5 completed. They have been well attended.
 - a. NYSERDA- Code Enforcement for Solar scheduled 4/26.
 - b. NYSERDA- Battery System Law scheduled 4/27.
- G. Sustainability Management – Ms. Pratt is working on the following:
1. Renewable Energy Best Practices Study – Continue to look for a funding source for this study.
 2. End Food Waste- Working with Public Health and CCE.
 - a. CCE- Seeking funding for Composting Program equipment.
 3. April E-Bulletin to Tioga County Employees
 4. Seeking funding for EV charging stations.
 5. Electronic Waste drop off sites – Working with Mr. DeWind on putting an agreement together.
- H. IDA
1. Lounsberry Industrial Pocket – Construction of 5 to 6, 12,000 square foot, light manufacturing spec spaces for lease; project is moving forward.
 2. Owego Gardens II – Ad placed accepting resident applications for the townhouses.
 3. SunEast PILOT - Negotiations continue on the potential PILOT for the project on Montrose Turnpike.
- I. Misc.
1. GIS Mapping - Ongoing
 2. GIS/IDA/EDP - Available sites mapping is on the County Website.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reports
- B. Grants
- C. Economic/Community Development
 1. Presentations - None
- D. Land Bank – Continued efforts on Liberty and Temple Street project.
- E. Workforce Development – Mr. Lanning is working on the following:
 1. Attended the Waverly Central School Job Fair on 3/1 – Event was well attended.
 2. Talent Supply Table for the oversight committee
 - a. Data collection by school district- Programs offered in school districts.
 - b. Research best practices.
 - c. Mapping report outline for workforce education to share with BOCES and schools.

Legislator Mullen asked about involvement in the Waverly STEM Project/Chemung School Education Center for students of the Southern Tier. Ms. Tinney reported Mr. Lanning is aware and has been in contact regarding this program.

3. Candor EMS Junior Initiative

- a. Program budget preparation.
- b. Connection with TC3 to help with training.
- c. Provide assistance with grant application; funding necessary for building improvements. Building must be brought up to code to run program at this location.

F. Planning – Ms. Jardine is working on the following:

1. 239 Reviews (2)

- a. 2022-004 Village of Waverly, PUD Special Permit and Site Plan Review- mini storage units Cayuta Ave; recommended approval.
- b. 2022-005 Village of Owego, Site Plan Review and Area Variance- Racker neighborhood hub; recommended approval.

2. 2020 Strategic Plan Data Collection – County wide strategic plan needs updating. Ms. Jardine has put together documentation asking department heads how effective the last plan was. The data received will be compiled in a report; Ms. Tinney will report back with this information for review.

G. Sustainability Management

1. Providing assistance with 2022 Environthon.
2. Arbor Day Community Planning - Outreach and education.
3. IT review of Twitter account – Meeting with Mr. Loveland as required per County Social Media Policy.

H. IDA

1. IT review of FB, Instagram, Twitter accounts - Meeting with Mr. Loveland as required per County Social Media Policy.

I. Misc.

1. State Lead Responses (0)

Not on the agenda, Ms. Tinney reported submitting a Letter of Intent to ARC for a Power Grant to extend broadband to the northern part of the County. There is ARPA money left specific to broadband and the possibility of an ARC Power Grant is being explored. If considered, a resolution will be brought forward asking for permission to apply next month.

V. PERSONNEL

A. PT- OSII

1. Vacant – The search continues to fill this position.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

- A. D03-Authorization to Renew E-Waste Agreement with Towns to Accept Household Electronic Waste from Tioga Co Residents
- B. D15-Authorize Transfer of Funds for Purchase of an iPad in the EDP Department
- C. D19-Authorization to Accept Hooker Foundation Funds and Modify ED&P Budget

After reviewing the 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

Regarding the Candor EMS Training, Legislative Chair, Ms. Sauerbrey, asked Ms. Tinney if anyone connected with Mike Simmons, adding that they also conduct training. Ms. Tinney will look into.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS- N/A

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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