

Minutes

Planning & Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 6:00 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Chagnon, Starks, Odell, Niebel

Members Absent: Borrello,

Others: Tampio, Himelein, Hemmer, Reynolds, Dennison, McCord, Abdella

Vice Chairman Chagnon called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Vice Chairman Chagnon: The first thing that I'll let everyone know is that George Borrello, our Chairman of the Committee, is in Albany at the Municipal Consolidation Efficiency Competition Meeting. So, you have to put up with me tonight.

MOVED by Legislator Niebel, SECONDED by Legislator Odell and duly carried the minutes were approved. (1/18/17)

*Unanimously Carried*

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

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Motion – Proclaiming March 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Agricultural Literacy Week in Chautauqua County

Vice Chairman Chagnon: Any discussion? Any information to share?

Ms. Reynolds: It's about grapes this year, which is super exciting for us. The students will taste test two types of grape juice (*inaudible*) book. We're going to see a lot of kids.

Legislator Odell: No problems with sponsorships this year for the books and everything?

Ms. Reynolds: It's usually gone really well. Next week I'll have an update. We're still (*inaudible*). I appreciate those who donated and anybody who wants to do so.

Vice Chairman Chagnon: Does this require any action?

Clerk Tampio: No.

Proposed Resolution – Confirm Re-Appointments – Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority Board of Directors

Vice Chairman Chagnon: No one to speak on this?

Legislator Niebel: Mr. Chairman, have these people agreed to serve?

Vice Chairman Chagnon: I don't know the answer.

Legislator Niebel: I assume so.

Vice Chairman Chagnon: Dave, did you –

Chairman Himelein: I didn't personally ask them but I would assume they have. Usually they are asked before they are put on.

Legislator Niebel: I don't have a problem but I just wondered.

Vice Chairman Chagnon: Any further discussion on the proposed resolution?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Confirm Appointment – Conewango Watershed Commission

Legislator Niebel: I serve on the Conewango Watershed Commission and Kris Ivett's name was brought up at one of the meetings that I attended. Two or three people spoke very favorably about him and he will be replacing Herb Nobles, I think, who retired and Herb had served for I don't know how many years. Close to 40, I think.

Vice Chairman Chagnon: O.k., thank you for sharing that with us. Any other discussion on the proposed resolution?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Accept Grant Funding from New York State's Empire State Development Market New Year Program to Market County Overland Trails

Vice Chairman Chagnon: Welcome Don, what can you tell us about this proposed resolution?

Mr. McCord: Last year we were putting together some CFA's and decided that as much as we were trying to obtain funds for new trails in Chautauqua County, what we recognized is that our existing trail system which is of great value and we've put a lot of time and effort and really isn't marketed very well. We met with the Parks Department and talked to them about their website and some of their promotional materials and decided to put in a grant application working with the Visitors Bureau and the Parks Department to upgrade the marketing and to

actually put some symbols along the way that will help people that utilize the trail to know, not only where they are but some of the features, that are key features, within the trail system itself. It's a minimal cost to the County overall.

Vice Chairman Chagnon: I just had a question and I can ask it tonight rather than tomorrow morning but, one of the increased revenue accounts is other cultural and recreational income. Can you help us understand what that is?

Mr. McCord: I might be able to if you let me look at the number real quickly. That is the Visitors Bureau contribution. That is where Todd Button decided would be the best to slap that revenue through the budget process.

Vice Chairman Chagnon: That's the local match?

Mr. McCord: Right, that is the local match that is coming from outside the County so that will have to show up as a revenue coming in.

Vice Chairman Chagnon: O.k., discussion on the proposed resolution?

Legislator Starks: I think that is a great idea.

Vice Chairman Chagnon: Nice to see some State aid. All those in favor?

*Unanimously Carried*

Discussion - Chautauqua County Waterway Trails by Legislator John Hemmer

Discussion - Update on Agriculture Program – Regional Programming – Emily Reynolds

Other

Proposed Resolution - Authorizing Public Hearing for New York State Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Application

Mr. Abdella: We had been notified this afternoon by the Department of Planning & Economic Development that they are proceeding towards making a CDBG application relating to the cheese production facility and Fairbanks Road, Castelli America and in order to do that, this Legislature would have to hold a public hearing in March on that topic and so we just prepared a resolution that would authorize a public hearing for the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and I would suspect a companion resolution at that time to be considered.

Vice Chairman Chagnon: Any questions? So this will come to us as a proposed resolution to set the public hearing?

Mr. Abdella: That's correct.

Vice Chairman Chagnon: Everybody o.k.?

*Unanimously Carried*

Vice Chairman Chagnon: Don, is there something else under “other”?

Mr. McCord: Actually, I'm not going to do all that much talking. I will just introduce Leah Stow who is new with us this year for those of you who haven't met Leah yet. We did this presentation for the IDA Board, we've intended to do it for PED. We were going to combine this with updating the metric's this month but you had a lot of presentations already on your agenda. So, I talked to George and he said well, we'll divide it. We'll do the metrics in March and we'll do this presentation today. This is a fairly short presentation and it's on an item called State Book and the New York State Economic Development Council signed all of the communities that are members up to this item called State Book which is used heavily by site locators and they use it on a national basis. It's one of the prime tools that they use to locate sites and find information out.

Vice Chairman Chagnon: Anything else to come before the committee this evening?

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator Niebel to adjourn. (7:01 p.m.)

*Unanimously Carried*

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
Kathy K. Tampio, Clerk/Lori J. Foster, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature