

Minutes

Planning & Economic Development Committee

February 20, 2019, 6:00 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Odell, Chagnon, O'Connell, Himelein

Member Absent: Starks

Others: Tampio, Ames, Borrello, McCoy, Dennison, Geise, Reynolds, Lacorata, Heitzenrater, Wilfong, Hemmer

Chairman Odell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (1/16/19)

MOVED by Legislator Chagnon, SECONDED by Legislator O'Connell

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

Proposed Resolution- Confirm Appointments - Chautauqua County Land Bank Board of Directors

Chairman Odell: We're appointing Charles Cornell and Rebecca Meeder. I did speak to Gina Paradis earlier this week and she indicated these are both current vacancies. No one is being replaced. Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Confirm Re-Appointments – Chautauqua County Planning Board

Chairman Odell: These are re-appointments, John Frey and John Penhollow. Everyone is doing a great job on that Planning Board. Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Increase the Membership of the Chautauqua County Sewer Agency Pursuant to Article 5-A of the County Law

County Executive Borrello: I believe this is where we are reactivating the sewer agency.

Legislator Chagnon: We're adding one individual from the Town of Mina.

Chairman Odell: Yep, adding (*inaudible*) from seven now to eight to include Town of Mina and French Creek is the addition to the agency.

County Executive Borrello: Yes, we're looking to expand and create a potentially larger more regional, within the County regional effort here. So the Town of Mina will be included as we look to potentially connect up Sherman and the Town of Mina to Findley Lake.

Chairman Odell: And all of French Creek. From all accounts, it's going to be really well received. Any questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Chautauqua County to Enter into an Agreement with the Town of Chautauqua to Operate Lake Maintenance Equipment

Mr. McCoy: The County was fortunate enough to receive a State Municipal Facilities grant through the efforts of Senator Young for \$100,000 to purchase lake maintenance equipment. We looked at a number of options and we settled on a piece of equipment called called a Mobitrac. They are made in the Netherlands, there's about 650 of them deployed worldwide. They have been shipped and delivered and they are now in the Town of Chautauqua. The Town of Chautauqua is so impressed with the Mobitrac that they have actually purchased their own. They have offered to operate and maintain the equipment at no cost to Chautauqua County. Improve the technology on Chautauqua Lake. I have a lot of confidence in the Town Supervisor. I think if anybody can make it work, it would be Don Emhardt. This is a great example of multiplying with zeros because the County has no money invested in this and we received a \$100,000 grant. The Town of Chautauqua has essentially doubled the investment in Chautauqua Lake so I think it's going to work out for everybody.

Legislator Chagnon: It will be operated and maintained and stored at no cost to the County. Even better.

Chairman Odell: I like it. I did talk to Supervisor Emhardt a few days ago just to get the particulars and he said this was a different raking operation and it holds over 600 pounds. He's very pleased. Glad we're seeing this collaborative effort.

Legislator Chagnon: This piece of equipment should be very helpful in dealing with collection of floating vegetation in and around docks where it's very difficult to get in an maneuver. This is a small and very maneuverable piece of equipment.

Chairman Odell: Any other questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Modify the Department of Planning and Development's 2019 Budget to Accommodate the Barcelona to Chautauqua Institution (B2CI) Trail Easement Grant

Mrs. Dennison: This grant was amended into the 2018 budget in resolution 51-18 and at that time it was put into department 6320, the Department of Economic Development –

Mr. Giese: The Division.

Mrs. Dennison: But the grant was not executed in 2018. So the resolution proposes to amend the grant into the 2019 budget. In 2019, it's going to go into a different department 8020, the Department of – Division of Economic Development and - Division of Planning and Community Development. I cannot get these two things straight to save my life. So 8020, Community Development so we're putting it into that department because that is the department that is going to actually execute the –

Chairman Odell: Correctly put it into the right slot.

Mr. Giese: Exactly. It was in the Division of Economic Development and it's being moved over to the Division of Planning and Community Development who is monitoring and administering it. That is where it should belong.

Chairman Odell: Right, since everything was changed, it's a correct place for it.

Mrs. Dennison: The resolution does call for a use of the occupancy tax reserve but that's not a change from 18'. In 18', we were planning to use a portion of the reserve, it was not used because the grant wasn't undertaken so there will be funds returned to the reserve and we're taking them out again in 19'. Also this amount of money is part of a designation for trail development so it is use of funds that have been specifically set aside for this purpose.

Legislator Chagnon: Kathleen you indicate the grant was not executed. Did you mean that the project wasn't executed or that the grant –

Mrs. Dennison: The work was not done.

Legislator Chagnon: The grant is in hand but the project was not initiated in 2018.

Mrs. Dennison: Yes, thank you for that correction. The work was not completed in 18'.

Legislator O'Connell: What caused it not to happen?

Mrs. Dennison: I don't know that I can answer that.

Mr. Giese: Well there's certainly some changeover in the Division, in the department, and that's obviously has been repopulated. So there was a manpower issue for sure. There might have been other things but those are the ones I know about.

Chairman Odell: I would suspect you are correct.

Mr. Giese: And the State typically takes a long time before you can actually get the money. There is a lot of bureaucracy involved in dotting all the i's and crossing all the t's.

Chairman Odell: Any other questions?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Use of 3% Occupancy Tax Monies to Repair Decaying Roof on the Sheridan Historical Society Building

Mr. Giese: This project is to use \$5,200 of the 3% reserve. There is a little over \$10,000 in the reserve that can be expended. To assist the Sheridan Historical Society in repairing the roof. It's a historic building. It was the Odd Fellows Hall, built in 1927 and it stores a lot of artifacts and the leaking roof is damaging not only the structure itself but the artifacts. The Historical Society secured a \$7,312 grant from the North Chautauqua Community Foundation. It's contributing \$2,188 of its own money and it request a little over \$5,200 from the occupancy tax reserve to do this project. This certainly is an attraction for the County and they do a lot of good work there.

Legislator Chagnon: Just to clarify, you indicated that the money is coming from the occupancy tax reserve and you quoted the amount. Actually it's coming from the off cycle occupancy tax reserve. We set aside a certain amount from the 3% reserve for off cycle projects that come to us. So the occupancy tax reserve is much more than that but this is money that we designated for off cycle potential projects like this one.

Mr. Giese: Thank you for clarifying.

Legislator Chagnon: You are welcome.

Chairman Odell: So it's in the minutes. Very good. Any other questions?

Legislator O'Connell: I just think that the Town of Sheridan was very fortunate to have their own building (*inaudible*), small amount to help that continue so I think that's money very well spent. I hope that any of the other modernization projects they have, they have as much (*inaudible*)....

Chairman Odell: Anything else to add?

Unanimously Carried

Discussion- Hops Co-Op Strategy- County Executive Borrello, Chris Lacorata, Mark Geise

Other-

No other “other”.

MOVED by Legislator Chagnon, SECONDED by Legislator O’Connell to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (7:04 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Olivia Ames, Committee Secretary, Lori J. Foster, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature