

**Planning, Economic Development,
Environmental and Intergovernmental Affairs
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 @ 11:00 AM
Chambers**

MINUTES

**11:00 Call Meeting to Order
AM**

Meeting was called to Order by Supervisor Pinard at 11:01 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Joseph Pinard, Joe Magliocca, Eve Ann Schwartz, and Ronda Winn.

Others Present: Ellen Bowe, Samantha Field, Scott Flaherty, Scott Ingmire, Becky Marsala, Emily Burns, Jamie Kowalczyk, Ryan Coe, Candy Morgan, Sara Miller, Melissa Felton, Ryan Chaires, Kristin Guinto, Thad Yorks, and Kipp Hicks.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of May 24th and 31st Meeting minutes. Motion by Ronda Winn to Motion. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

- Meeting Minutes 5-24-2023
- Meeting minutes 5-31-2023

Department and Agency Reports

1. Sales Tax Update - Cindy Edick

Becky Marsala: No longer ahead of pace, currently down \$827 from previous year. Economy is just not what it used to be. People are not spending on the same things anymore.

2. Real Property Update

Becky Marsala: Reports from senate are looking to pass legislation in the interim a moratorium was put into effect until 2024 with regard to property auctions. At this time going to proceed as usual to ensure the predecessor can maintain with business and not have to back track on properties once the new legislation is in effect. At this time 61 parcels remain that can proceed. Pending legislature could deter buyers should an auction be held. Becky wants to continue with the processes to ensure that when ready for next auction it should be a smooth process to meet the criteria.

3. Career Center Update - Ellen Bowe

Summer youth orientation happening this week, have only gotten 45 kids approved this year, disheartening have space for 100 or more. Thinks the issue is not getting feed back from the schools. Oneida

city school is the lead on communication. Emailed all kids that is on the social services cases and mailed out applications. Typically school counselors are the points of contact therefore tried reaching out to Oneida County VVS but received no response. Drone training program trying to complete by end of July.

4. IDA Update - Kipp Hicks

The Hotel Oneida project has submitted site plans for the redevelopment of that property. This is one of the largest projects stemming from the City's DRI – Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant. The owner of the Camp Georgetown property has an electric upgrade underway that will allow him to manufacture a mushroom burger, an alternative to beef, which has a market in New York City restaurants. Melissa Davis has referred a farmer who has applied for a NY Grown and Certified grant through CNY Regional Planning and Development (CNYRPD). This request will allow her to expand her offerings of value added products which include jams and jellies. They could be a candidate for our revolving loan fund too. Melissa Davis has also referred a candidate who could fill the niche for a brewing company wanted in downtown Oneida, which was a project proposed for the city's DRI plan. The IDA is also in the process of assembling land for future leads for Micron suppliers. This database will be maintained by the CNYRPD board. Kipp Hicks has also met with the Mayor of the Village of Chittenango. They are considering applying for either the NY Forward or DRI grant program with the state's next round of funding. Clear Path for Veterans has a new CEO, and they are considering the potential for a workforce training center. Initial inquiries have been received about IDA tax breaks from the developers of the pocket neighborhood project which is central to the Planning Department's success in securing the Re-Imagine the Canal grant. Kipp Hicks and Ellen Bowe have met with the new management of Dutchland Plastics in Canastota. The International Boxing Hall of Fame (IBHOF) land transfer is almost complete; the IDA has signed the deed and transfer paperwork from the NYS Thruway to the IBHOF, which needs final sign-off from the NYS Comptroller. Kipp Hicks met with and toured the Johnson Brothers Lumber site in Cazenovia along with meeting the new owners of the Kristi Trailer building in Canastota. Lastly, the CFA workshop was a success with 18 attendees at the Hampton Inn last week. Attendees were able to learn about new funding opportunities in addition to asking questions about other state agency funding priorities.

5. CCE Update - Larkin Podsiedlik

Attended Senator Gillibrand event, focused on tech assistance to farmers and agriculturists. Teaching 101 tech assistance to farmers for development of processes. Farm Day July 29th

Looking for volunteers for Farm Day, usually duties are signing in people to help data collect. Supporting community garden in

Brookfield.

6. Tourism Update - Scott Flaherty

Occupancy tax 2nd quarter at \$68000, 15% increase after 5 yrs. Average daily rate cost of a room is up, key is that occupancy is up throughout the region. Marketing has summer theme social ads up, summer and antique ads are both up and running. May and June bumps in road due to changing video vendors. Feels in a good place now and wants to get things out in the community. 2023-2024 inspiration guide is coming along good and should be printed for distribution soon.

7. Planning Update - Scott Ingmire

Staffing is finally back to capacity with Thad Yorks formally a professor at Cazenovia College he started on June 14th. Thad joined the team and hit ground running, he's doing great. Last position open is being filled on July 17th by Nick, a recent graduate.

8. MCPLUS Update

Sullivan, Lenox, Wampsville and Cazenovia in the first phase. Huts are coming in as the concrete is ready to pour. Senator Schumer press release announced significant funding for ONSHORE ACT, trying to bring better infrastructure into areas. Wants Madison County to submit for some of this funding.

Resolutions:

1. Appointing a Member to the Central New York Regional Market Authority Board

Motion by Eve Ann Schwartz to Motion. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

2. Authorizing The Chairman To Modify An Agreement With Seguin Land Surveying, PLLC

Motion by Eve Ann Schwartz to Motion. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

3. Authorizing the Cancellation of an Occupancy Tax Certificate of Authority

Motion by Eve Ann Schwartz to Motion. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

4. Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to the Department of State for a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Grant for Oneida Lake

Motion by Eve Ann Schwartz to Motion. Second by Joe Magliocca.

The motion was Passed.

5. Calling for a Public Hearing regarding the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application

Motion by Eve Ann Schwartz to Motion. Second by Joe Magliocca.
The motion was Passed.

6. Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to New York State Parks for Delphi Falls County Park

Motion by Eve Ann Schwartz to Motion. Second by Joe Magliocca.
The motion was Passed.

7. Authorizing the Madison County Planning Department to Apply for a NYS Canalway Grant

Motion by Eve Ann Schwartz to Motion. Second by Joe Magliocca.
The motion was Passed.

Other Committee Business

Joe Magliocca shared that The Erie Canal Heritage Commission stayed at the mansion house toured the community and did a bike ride on the Canal and Rail trails to see the community. Joe states the location was a remarkable place to hold the event. Seemed practically every state agency for the waterways were in attendance and great outreach of people to showcase the community.

Next Meeting:

1. July 26, 2023 11 AM

Adjourn