

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING August 2, 2022

### **ATTENDEES:**

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

**Staff:** LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Cathy Haskell, Brittany Woodburn

**Guests:** Becca Maffei, Tourism Director

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 July 5, 2022

Committee Chair, Legislator Roberts, asked for approval of the minutes from the July 5, 2022 committee meeting. Legislator Mullen made a motion to accept the July 5, 2022 minutes, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli. All were in favor.

### **II. FINANCIAL**

The 2022 Year-to-Date Budget Reports, as well as the 2023 proposed budgets are in the committee packets. Ms. Tinney reported the following:

#### A. Economic Development

- Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
- The 2023 proposed budget is with a zero increase as requested. The \$100,000.00 that appears to be an increased expense is offset by the revenue of the same amount because of the Hooker Foundation Grant for the Education Workforce Coordinator position.

#### B. Planning

- Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
- The 2023 proposed budget is zero increase as requested.

#### C. Sustainability Management

- Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
- The 2023 proposed budget is zero increase as requested.

The committee was in agreement with the proposed budgets.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Reports

1. Tioga County Tourism, Becca Maffei - Monthly report was previously emailed; an updated report was distributed. Ms. Maffei reviewed her report, highlighting; DRI Wayfinding Sign Project, Finger Lakes Farm Country, Event Updates, Recruitment Website, Village of Owego Campaign, Online Services Program and Water Trail Update.
2. Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District – No report.
3. Tioga County Cornell Cooperative Extension – No report.

Committee Chair Roberts asked if Ms. Tinney would invite Ms. Hansen, CCE, to the next meeting to talk about extra funding for the farm for 2023 and to extend an invitation to Legislator Brown to the meeting as well. Ms. Tinney agreed.

4. Tioga County Property Development Corporation (Land Bank), Brittany Woodburn  
Ms. Tinney pointed out going forward she was going to rotate members of her staff to present at the monthly Legislative Committee meetings to give an update on what they are working on. Last month Mr. Lanning presented; today Ms. Woodburn, Land Bank Director, will present her report. Ms. Woodburn distributed information regarding the Land Bank and reported on what the Land Bank has been doing; highlighting the following:

- Demolitions on Temple and Liberty Street; Request for Proposals (RFP) have been sent seeking interested housing developers for that site.
- In partnership with Owego Apalachin School District; the Land Bank purchased a house on Liberty Street and students in the Construction Trade Program are going to rehab the house for resale. Interior demolition is complete; rehab begins again when school starts in September. This project was funded through the Hooker Foundation.
- Received a NY Main Street Revitalization Grant through the Land Bank to rehabilitate 3 buildings on Main Street in the Village of Candor.
- Ms. Woodburn thanked the Legislature for the use of ARPA Funds; allowing to continue the work of the Land Bank for 2022-2023. So far, funds have been used for operational expenses and to assist with the Temple and Liberty Street demolitions.
- The State just launched a program for operational money only; this is an initial push to get money to Land Banks that are not doing well right now. Hopefully, they will launch this program in 2023 to assist in demolitions, rehab and various capital projects in Tioga County.
- In the process of acquiring six properties set aside by Mr. McFadden, County Treasurer, due to foreclosures. RFP's have been sent out for these properties.
- Actively seeking funding sources.
- To date the Land Bank has had projects in Waverly, Owego, Candor and is looking forward to projects in Newark Valley.

#### B. Grants

1. Status - Ms. Tinney reported on the status of grants the ED&P Department is involved in:
  - a. Potential (12)

- b. Pending (22)
- c. Active (36)
- d. Completed (2)

Ms. Tinney reported it is grant season right now. The State closed the Consolidated Funding Application window on Friday, last week. Everyone was busy making the deadline; hopefully we will get a response in October.

C. Economic/Community Development

1. Village of Owego

- a. Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) administration is ongoing.
  - i. Attended the Home Central Open House today, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00AM-1:00PM; a beautiful building. The first of the small business development DRI projects to be completed.

Legislative Chair Sauerbrey asked that the Local Planning Committee be notified as the DRI projects get completed. Ms. Tinney indicated that a press release will be going out.

- b. NY Main Street (North Ave.) – Administration by Ms. Schnabl. Streetscape is progressing; new light poles and baskets have been installed.

2. Village of Waverly

- a. Mural Project- Gateway beautification- Norfolk Southern did not approve the placement of the paintings on the underpass. Now looking at Plan B; where to display the paintings by the students.
- b. NY Forward application (All of TEAM)- This application is similar to the DRI, but smaller. Providing a letter of interest to the State on behalf of the Village of Waverly; due August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Economic Analysis Report- Final draft has been presented; Ms. Jardine assisted on this project. This is a key component making the Village of Waverly competitive when applying for funding from the NY Forward Program.

3. Village of Candor

- a. NY Main Street administration – Ms. Woodburn reported on this Land Bank project.

4. Town of Nichols- Broadband- ConnectALL

- a. A second public meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- b. The building of this project started August 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Ms. Tinney thanked the Legislature for providing ARPA funds for this project and mentioned the Town also contributed.

5. Municipalities

- a. Snowmobile Grants - Ongoing
- b. Sweeper/Vacuum truck status
  - 1. Truck has been delivered.
  - 2. Working on the Shared Services Agreement.

Committee Chair Roberts reported the truck's computer system is not working and a new one has been ordered.

- c. Recruitment Website – Ms. Maffei reported on this.

6. REAP – Ms. Ortu worked on the following:

- a. Elks

- b. Central Fire Station – Looking to improve the tower.
- c. Cemetery Study – Applying for funding for a county-wide cemetery study. Cemetery Associations soon becoming defunct and cemeteries will become the responsibility of the municipalities.

D. Land Bank

- 1. RFP published- Temple/Liberty Street properties – Ms. Woodburn reported on this.

E. Workforce Development – Mr. Lanning worked on the following:

- 1. Talent Supply Table first meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a good meeting; Ms. Tinney will share the minutes with this committee.
  - a. Completed Education Mapping Report.
  - b. Completed Career Pathways document.
- 2. Business Tours
  - a. CVS Warehouse.
  - b. Corning Community College- Attended Open House.
  - c. Cornell Cooperative Extension- Visited the farm.

After a discussion about employment for Veteran's returning home from service, Ms. Tinney agreed to have Mr. Lanning contact Mr. Middaugh, Tioga County Veterans Service Director.

F. Planning- Ms. Jardine worked on the following:

- 1. Countywide Strategic Plan- Application has been submitted for ARC funding; should hear a response soon.

G. Sustainability Management- Ms. Pratt worked on the following:

- 1. August E-Bulletin to Tioga County Employees.
- 2. Ending Food Waste video completed and posted to website.
- 3. Published "Don't Be Like This Guy" promotion.
- 4. Hazardous Waste Program
  - a. Electronics/Hazardous Waste paid to Broome Co- \$11,708.10
  - b. Electronics/Tioga County Towns paid- \$1,641.60

H. IDA

- 1. Owego Gardens- ongoing

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Reports

B. Grants

- 1. Best Bev- ESD Capital Grant- \$13M
- 2. Tioga County- ARC Strategic Plan Update has been submitted.

C. Economic/Community Development

- 1. Presentations- Ms. Tinney presented to the Leadership Tioga class at State Line Auto.

D. Land Bank

- 1. Village of Newark Valley- Discussion on future projects.

E. Workforce Development

F. Planning

- 1. 239 Reviews- The following reviews were presented to the County Planning Board:

- a. County Case 2022-104: Town of Newark Valley, Site Plan Review and Solar Use Permit (West Creek Rd.)- Unanimous disapproval
- b. County Case 2022-105: Town of Owego, Zoning Amendments for Solar Energy- Unanimous approval
- c. County Case 2022-106: Town of Nichols, Solar Energy Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review (Tioga Downs)- Unanimous approval
- d. County Case 2022-107: Town of Owego, Site Plan Review Franklin Land Associates. Unanimous approval
- e. County Case 2022-108: Town of Barton, Site Plan Review, GLT Enterprises (Nasco Flooring) Approval with conditions
- f. County Case 2022-109: Town of Owego, Site Plan Review, Forsy Savage. Unanimous approval
- g. County Case 2022-020: Town of Owego, Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit, Mapleridge Ranch. Unanimous approval

G. Sustainability Management

1. EV Charging presentation to Rotary- Ms. Pratt presented on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Tinney reported that last month we discussed applying for a NYS Vehicle Infrastructure Grant for installation of EV charging stations in the county parking lot. There was conversation about how it would work, ongoing costs, maintenance fees, etc. With some research, Ms. Pratt found a different funding source through New York Power Authority (NYPA), a program called Evolve New York. Ms. Pratt submitted the county parking lot as a potential site to see if they had any interest and they are very interested. This program provides for the installation, operation and maintenance repair and replacement of all EV charging stations for a 10 year period. After 10 years, we have the option to continue with the same agreement or not. Ms. Pratt has given the agreement to Mr. Hammond, Public Works Commissioner, and Mr. DeWind, County Attorney, for review. Once reviewed and approved, Ms. Tinney reported a resolution would be presented next month to authorize going into the agreement.

Committee Chair Roberts asked Ms. Tinney to email the agreement to all the committee members.

After a general discussion, Ms. Tinney reported taking all questions and concerns into consideration before presenting the resolution.

H. IDA

- 1. ARC Grant- Applied for Lounsberry Industrial Pocket study; a preliminary engineering report.
- 2. ESD Grant- Provided application assistance to Raymond Hadley for municipal water extension.

I. Misc.

- 1. State Lead Responses- One lead this month.

**V. PERSONNEL**– No report

**VI. RESOLUTION** – No resolutions this month.

**VII. PROCLAMATIONS- N/A**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sampson

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