

CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES



PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2019, CHAMBERS – 5:30PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

<i>Paul Pinckney</i>	<i>Legislator, District 5, Chair</i>
<i>Keith Batman</i>	<i>Legislator District 7</i>
<i>Andy Dennison</i>	<i>Legislator District 2</i>
<i>Patrick Mahunik</i>	<i>Legislator District 12</i>
<i>Aileen McNabb-Coleman</i>	<i>Legislator District 6</i>
<i>Charlie Ripley</i>	<i>Legislator District 9, Vice Chair</i>
<i>Ben Vitale</i>	<i>Legislator, District 3</i>

OTHERS: Legislator Christopher Petrus, Legislator Joseph DeForest, Legislator Joseph Bennett, Legislator Elane Daly, Legislator Ryan Foley, County Administrator J. Justin Woods, County Attorney Christopher Palermo, Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District, Executive Director, Doug Kierst, CEDA Executive Director, Tracy Verrier, Sheriff Brian Schenk, Deputy Director Emergency Management Neil Rivenburgh, Probation Director Jay DeWispelaere, Human Resources Director, Michael Russell, Board of Elections Deputy Commissioner, Roberta Massarini, Planning and Economic Development Director Stephen Lynch, Director, Administrative Assistant, Suzanne Gauthier, Ryan Franklin, The Citizen

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Charlie Ripley, Vice-Chair at 5:30 p.m.

EXCUSED: Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Patrick Mahunik

MINUTES TO APPROVE: Keith Batman motioned to approve minutes of January 9, 2019, 2nd by Ben Vitale. All members present voted in favor, passed.

APPOINTMENTS & RESOLUTIONS: Discussed with each committee report

STAFF:

<i>J. Justin Woods</i>	<i>County Administrator</i>
<i>Sheila Smith</i>	<i>Clerk of the Legislature</i>
<i>Amanda Morgan</i>	<i>Deputy Clerk of the Legislature</i>

CAYUGA COUNTY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STEPHEN F. LYNCH, AICP, DIRECTOR

ROUTINE RESOLUTIONS

2-19-PL-1 **AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT EXECUTION WITH THE OSWEGO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE TRANSFER OF NYSDEC FUNDING FOR THE FINGER LAKES-LAKE ONTARIO WATERSHED PROTECTION ALLIANCE TO CAYUGA COUNTY, STATE FISCAL YEARS 2018 – 2017 FUNDING**

- This routine resolution authorizes the annual execution of a contract between Cayuga County and the Oswego County Soil & Water Conservation District, thereby providing County access to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) grant funds under the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA) program.
- These annual funds are administered through the Planning Department and provide a number of county departments, agencies and partners with funding used to enhance, protect and preserve Cayuga County's water resources.
- This year's state FOLLOWPA allocation to Cayuga County will be \$89,200 which is \$200 more than included in the approved FY19 Planning Department Revenue/Expense lines for FOLLOWPA funds. The resolution adjusts the budget to accommodate the added revenue/expense and authorizes the execution of contracts.

Andy Dennison motioned to approve and move the resolution 2-19 - PL-1, 2nd by Keith Batman.

All members present voted in favor of resolution, passed.

RESOLUTIONS WITH BACKGROUND

- none

APPOINTMENTS

- none

POLICY MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE

- none

CAYUGA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY - CEDA

TRACY VERRIER, AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPOINTMENTS

- None

ED POLICY MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE

- Arts are an economic driver. They are employers, procure goods and services locally, contribute to quality of life, and bring visitors into our community.
- Local people attending arts events on average spend \$31.47 per person in addition to the cost of admission. If an arts event was not offered locally, 50% report they would have gone to a similar event in another community.
- 40% of attendees at arts events in Auburn come from outside of Cayuga County, and 69% of those come to Cayuga County specifically for the arts event. Non-local attendees spend \$45 per person in addition to cost of admission.

- Arts and related industries account for 7.8% of the NYS economy and account for 4.8% of employment in the State (US Dept. of Commerce, BEA, 2015). Nationally, arts are a bigger part of the GDP than agriculture, transportation, or tourism.
- Solar Project PILOTs – The Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) is considering the development of a standardized PILOT for solar energy projects. Under NYS Real Property Tax Law Section 487, these projects could apply for a full exemption on the increased assessment resulting from the project and each taxing jurisdiction would need to respond and negotiate individually. Tracy explained having a standardized PILOT would allow the taxing jurisdictions to refer the developer to the IDA and have one PILOT that covers all affected jurisdictions.

Additional Updates:

Tracy Verrier gave an update on the sewer line in the Town of Aurelius. CCIDA will be determining the costs and timelines associated with the development of the expanded line to increase the capacity for current and future businesses in the Industrial Park; along with whether the project will be broken down in one phase or two phases.

Tracy Verrier invited the Legislators to attend a Career Day to be held at Cayuga Community College on March 21st targeted for the High School Juniors and Seniors.

Keith Batman inquired whether any discussions have taken place with Cayuga County representatives regarding the recent announcement that the Amazon facility which will not be moving forward in the Queens/Long Island area. Local State representatives are offering Amazon to consider locations in Central New York. Tracy stated currently no discussions have taken place with Cayuga County representatives.

CAYUGA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING | CAYUGA WORKS CAREER CENTER

ANN KUBAREK, DIRECTOR

ROUTINE RESOLUTIONS:

- None

RESOLUTIONS WITH BACKGROUND:

- None

APPOINTMENTS

- None

POLICY MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE:

None

CAYUGA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - CCSWCD

DOUG KIERST, AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ROUTINE RESOLUTIONS

- None

RESOLUTIONS WITH BACKGROUND

- None

APPOINTMENTS

- None

SWCD POLICY MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE

- Doug Kierst stated staff is currently working on grant and State reporting.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF CAYUGA COUNTY - CCE

CATHERINE MORAN, INTERIM DIRECTOR

ROUTINE RESOLUTIONS

- Nothing received

RESOLUTIONS WITH BACKGROUND

- Nothing received

APPOINTMENTS

- Nothing received

CCE POLICY MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE

- Nothing received

CAYUGA COUNTY OFFICE OF TOURISM

KAREN KUHL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ROUTINE RESOLUTIONS

- none

RESOLUTIONS WITH BACKGROUND

- none

APPOINTMENTS

- none

CCE POLICY MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE

- We would like to thank the Legislature for supporting the TPA Program Project Director designation change.

ADJOURNMENT: MARCH 13, 2019

Ben Vitale motioned to adjourn the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting at 5:43 p.m., 2nd by Keith Batman. All members present voted in favor of the motion, passed.

Next Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019 at the Cayuga County Office Building, 6th Floor, Cayuga County Chambers, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant
Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development