

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 3, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Legislator Daniel Schuster, Chair, Vice-Chair, Legislator George Fearon, Legislator David Axton, Legislator Peter Tortorici, Legislator Christopher Palermo
Excused: Legislator Linda Murphy and Legislator Patrick Mahunik

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Allen, County Manager, Roger Mills, Chairman of Legislature, Legislator Fran Mitchell, Legislator Ann Petrus, Legislator Steve Cuddeback, Ted Herrling, Director of Employment and Training, Ron Podolak, Director Cayuga County Soil and Water, Wanda Jackaub, Cayuga County Soil and Water, Doug Ververs, Director Cornell Cooperative Extension, Stephen Lynch, Director of Planning, Suzanne Gauthier, Planning Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: Daniel Schuster, Chair, called the Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday November 3, 2008, at the Cayuga County Office Building, Caucus Room 1, 6th Floor at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES: Schuster asked to move the approval of the minutes for October 3rd to next month.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA:

Dan requested to add the Employment and Training resolution to the agenda.

Employment and Training - Ted Herrling, Director

Ted Herrling explained that the new provider of internet services would result in an annual savings of \$1143.

11-8-PL-1 Authorizing the Chairman to sign an agreement with Verizon for a dedicated internet connection. Motion by Fearon, 2nd by Tortorici. No discussion. Members indicated their approval by signing the resolution.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Cayuga County Soil and Water – Ron Podolak, Director

Budget Presentation - Ron Podolak and Wanda Jackaub reviewed with the committee the 2009 budget request. After a discussion on the proposed workers compensation costs, as well as reductions in expenses from the Soil and Water's original budget request; an adjustment to the 2009 overall budget request needs to be made. Motioned by Fearon, 2nd by Tortorici, to recommend to the Ways and Means Committee to make corrections to the Soil and Water's budget by adding the worker's compensation costs and reducing the expenditures to be included in the final CCE figures not to exceed \$747,000. No discussion. All in favor, passed.

Digester Budget – Committee reviewed the 2009 digester budget. Discussion followed on the anticipated costs and projected revenues for the County digester project. Committee asked for an updated business plan for 2009. A recommendation was discussed to increase the 1st quarter invoice to Soil and Water payable from the 2009 County contract to facilitate cash flow early in the year.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Update– Doug Ververs, Director

- 2008 Cornell Regional Farm and Small Business One-Day Income Tax School – December 11th
- NYSERDA Heat Smart workshops held in the fall presented ways for home owners to save on their energy bills.
- Energy from Grass- CCE along with the Dep't of Crop and Soil Sciences at Cornell has been studying the use of perennial grasses as a renewable energy source in the future.

Budget Presentation

Doug discussed how the proposed reduction in County funding for 2009 would result in additional lost revenue from other sources totaling \$56,500. These reductions would result in the lost of employees and the programs associated with those programs. CCE will appear before the Ways and Means committee to discuss the proposed changes.

Planning and Economic Development Update -Steven Lynch, Director

- HHWW 08 -Steve reported that 506 County households participated in the Household Hazardous Waste Day held on Oct 4th.
- Town/Village staff support projects update was distributed to the committee.

APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS:

- Steve Lynch reviewed with the committee the various upcoming appointments and reappointments for the following boards: Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency, Water Quality Management Agency, Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board, Ag and Farmland Protection Board.
- The boards will be discussing the changes to their respective boards and will forward the requested names to be presented at next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Fearon motioned to adjourn the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting at 6:47 p.m., seconded by Tortorici. All in favor, passed.

Next Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 2, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant

Motion to approve minutes 1st Tortorici, 2nd Murphy, All in favor, passed. – DEC 2, 2008.