

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 1, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Legislator Linda Murphy, Chair, Legislator Dan Schuster, Legislator Ann Petrus, Legislator Cynthia Aikman, Legislator George Fearon, Legislator Roger Mills, and Legislator Patrick Mahunik

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Tortorici, Chairman of Legislature, Legislator Francis Mitchell, Legislator Chris Palermo, Fred Westphal, County Attorney Susan Galbraith, Taitem Engineering, Stephen Lynch, Director Planning and Economic Development, Doug Ververs, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Steve Neratko, Planner, Suzanne Gauthier, Planning Administrative Assistant, Sarah Gantz, The Citizen

CALL TO ORDER: Lindy Murphy, Chair, called the Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting to order on December 1, 2009, at the Cayuga County Office Building, County Chambers, 6th Floor at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES: Murphy asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting of November 2, 2009. Motion by Petrus, seconded by Aikman to approve minutes. All in favor, passed.

PRESENTATION: Clean Vehicle Feasibility Study
Susan Galbraith, Senior Energy Analyst Taitem Engineering
Steve Neratko, Planner, Cayuga County Planning and Economic Development
Steve Neratko and Susan Galbraith reviewed with the committee the initial analysis of the County Fleet study performed over the summer of 2009. The study done in conjunction with New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), will assist the County in an evaluation of their current fleet and to further assess how the County can save money and reduce fuel consumption and pollutant production. Upon further analysis of the data obtained and with direction from the committee, Taitem will assist the County in making recommendations that would suit the County needs and evaluate the options available.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Linda presented to the committee the following names for board/agency members' nominations.

Water Quality Management Agency

All appointments are for one year. (January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010)

Environmental Advisors

Stephen Lynch, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Eileen O'Connor, Director of Cayuga County Environmental Health
Gary Duckett, Director of Cayuga County Parks and Trails
Ron Podolak, Director of Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District
Bruce Natale, Cayuga County Solid Waste Management Program Advisor
Doug Ververs, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director

Non-County-Local Officials

Bruce Ross, City of Auburn, Memorial City Hall, 24 South St., Auburn, NY
Harry Hinman, Cayuga County Association of Villages, 2722 Mechanic St., PO Box 13, Weedsport, NY
Edward Wagner, Town of Owasco, 57 Willowbrook Dr., Auburn, NY,
Keith Batman, 3649 Keesee Road, Moravia, NY

Waterbody Associations

Dale Powell, Duck Lake Association, 192 East Lake Road, Port Byron

John Corcoran, Owasco Watershed Lake Association, 11790 State Route 90, Locke, NY

Jim Young, 4549 State Route 34B, Union Springs, NY

Motion by Schuster, 2nd by Aikman to present names to Legislature for approval. All in favor, passed.

Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority

All appointments are for two years (January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011)

Legislative Appointment: Christopher Palermo, PO Box 199, Red Creek, NY 134143

William McVea, 14948 West Bay Road Sterling, NY 13156

Robert Reohr, 1513 Great Gully Road, Union Springs, NY 13160

Motion by Aikman, 2nd by Mills to present names to Legislature for approval. All in favor, passed.

Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency

Herb Marshall, 8016 Powers Road, Port Byron, NY years (January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011)

Motion by Aikman, 2nd by Petrus to present names to Legislature for approval. All in favor, passed.

Planning and Economic Development update – Stephen Lynch, Director

Steve stated the final proposals for the two Cayuga County sites for the proposed Finger Lakes Museum will be submitted this week. Two sites in Cayuga County have been selected to present final proposals. The search committee hopes to make a final site selection decision by the end of the year.

Cornell Cooperative Extension update – Doug Ververs

- Doug described an integrated pest management program through Cornell that is being developed to treat hemlock woolly adelgids through releasing a natural predator to help reduce the destruction of hemlocks on the East Coast.
- Annual meeting to be held December 10, 2009.

Committee Discussion – County digester project

Fred Westphal discussed with the committee that a grant has been awarded to the Cayuga County Soil and Water District from NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation of up to \$3.2 million in funding for the completion of the County digester project. Westphal is drafting a resolution to facilitate the development and construction of the digester in anticipation of reimbursement from the stimulus grant.

Motion by Fearon, seconded by Aikman to move forward in concept with the preparation of a resolution to create a new Capital H for the \$3.2 million in grant funds for the completion of the County digester project. All in favor, passed.

Motioned by Petrus, seconded by Aikman to draft a resolution to loan the Soil and Water District \$78,000 for expenses for the digester project. All in favor, passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Petrus motioned to adjourn the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Aikman. All in favor, passed.

Next Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to be held at the Cayuga County Office Building, 160 Genesee St, 6th Floor, Caucus Room #1, Auburn, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant

Motion to approve minutes, 1st Fearon, 2nd Aikman. All in favor, passed. – January 5, 2010.