

CAYUGA COUNTY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING
January 5, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Legislator Stephen Barski, Chair, Legislator Cynthia Aikman, Legislator George Fearon, Legislator Mark Farrell, Legislator Patrick Mahunik, Legislator Michael Chapman, Legislator Timothy Lattimore (6:12 pm)

OTHERS PRESENT: Legislator Paul Pinckney, Legislator Hans Pecher, Legislator Michael Didio, Tom Squires, County Administrator, Stephen Lynch, Director, Department of Planning and Economic Development, Ann Kubarek, Director Employment and Training, Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant, Department of Planning and Economic Development, Doug Ververs, Executive Director Cornell Cooperative Extension, Ron Podolak, Director Cayuga County Soil and Water District, Justin Murphy, The Citizen, Don Thompson, Brandy Feocco, Kay Kotwica, Dave Pinckney

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Stephen Barski called the meeting to order on Thursday January 5, 2012 at the Cayuga County Office Building, Caucus Room #1, 6th Floor at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES: Motion by Fearon to approve minutes of December 1, 2011, 2nd by Aikman. All in favor, passed.

PRESENTATION- Brandy Feocco, Kay Kotwica, Dave Pinckney
Cayuga County Agricultural Society (Hosts of the Cayuga County Fair) Board members presented an overview of the Society's mission and described the events, competitions and educational activities they are involved in. An informational packet was left for the committee to review.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING – Ann Kubarek, Director

Ann Kubarek, the newly appointed director introduced herself and reviewed with the committee the process of the department funding through the Federal Workforce Investment Act. The County's unemployment rate for November was 7.2%, State - 7.9 %, Nation - 8.2% Last Year 7.8%.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT –Ron Podolak, Executive Director

Ron updated the committee on the County digester project and discussed a proposed emergency management plan for the new plant. Updates were also presented on the Emerson Park and CCIDA site projects.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (CCE) UPDATE – Doug Ververs, Executive Director

- Over 70 registrants for the 2012 Produced in New York 4- H Food Demonstrations to be held January 7th.
- 2012 Remember the Big Six Picnic fundraising is underway – to be held July 12th-15th at the Ward O'Hara Agricultural Museum
- Presenting a competitive grant application for the Nutrition and Ag Master Gardner programs to the City of Auburn on January 18th –ASPIRE Program

Committee discussed the 2012 County Fair location and funding issues.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE- Stephen Lynch, Director

2011 Planning/Economic Development Project Review

Steve Lynch distributed to the committee and displayed a countywide map noting the various current and ongoing projects the department's staff have been working on during 2011 and going forward into 2012. Legislator Lattimore asked if the department has sufficient staff to work on all of the projects and Steve Lynch stated no.

Committee discussed the proposed milk processing plant negotiations and ongoing discussion with the City of Auburn regarding water and sewer rates.

RESOLUTIONS:

1-12-PL-1 Authorizing Cayuga County to Declare Surplus and Transfer Vehicle to the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District for use in the Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program.

Motioned by Fearon, 2nd by Chapman to approve resolution. Tom Squires explained the background of the resolution and the process for assessing County vehicles to be sent to auction. All in favor. Members indicated their approval by signing the resolution.

1-12-PL-2 Authorization to Fund and Fill the Position of Planner Due to a Resignation of a Planner

Motioned by Farrell, 2nd by Mahunik to approve resolution. No discussion. All in favor. Members indicated their approval by signing the resolution.

Motioned by Chapman, 2nd by Mahunik to enter into executive session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. All in favor passed.

Motioned by Aikman, 2nd by Farrell to exit executive session at 7:02 p.m. All in favor passed.

APPOINTMENTS:

Cayuga-Cortland Workforce Investment Board

Ann M. Kubarek, 56 Grant St., Auburn, NY: Term: 1/1/12 – 6/30/13 (replaces Edward (Ted) Herrling)

Cayuga County Planning Board

Members serve until the locality they represent submits a new nomination:

Randall E. Frech (Village of Cato), 2598 Mechanic St., Cato, NY (replaces Carl Lincoln)

Dan George (Town of Conquest), 235 East Lake Road, Port Byron, NY (replaces Charles Knapp)

WQMA (Water Quality Management Agency)

Vicky Murphy (City of Auburn) Memorial City Hall, 24 South St, Auburn, NY

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

Chairman Stephen Barski, announced the Vice Chair of Planning and Economic Development Committee for 2012 will be Legislator Patrick Mahunik.

ADJOURNMENT: Aikman motioned to adjourn the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting at 7:08 p.m., seconded by Fearon. All in favor, passed.

Next Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for Feb 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant

Motion to approve minutes, 1st Fearon, 2nd Chapman. All in favor, passed. – February 2, 2012