

Economic Development Committee Minutes
May 14, 2014 - 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lawler; Supervisors Daly, Grattidge, Johnson, Kinowski, Lewza, Veitch, Sausville, Martin, Jenkins, Wood and Collyer; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Shauna Sutton, Deputy County Clerk.

Chairman Lawler called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Mr. Lawler said that after consultation with committee members, he has put together a proposed list of seven initial Board of Directors for the committee's consideration. He said discussions have taken place regarding the importance of having Supervisors on the Board of Directors of the soon to be officially named, Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership; however, at no point would Supervisors have the majority of the Board.

Mr. Lawler said it is important to have Supervisors on the Board who have the historical knowledge of what has gone on in the last eighteen months and prior. He said he wanted to keep some historical context in place so that the Board would have a resource to turn to should they want to know what the intention was for the Economic Development Plan and intentions of the Board of Supervisors.

The initial proposed seven member Board is as follows:

1. Supervisor Art Johnson
2. Supervisor Anita Daly
3. Supervisor Jack Lawler
4. Brendan Chudy
5. Omar Usmani
6. Penny Hill
7. Raymond Callanan, IDA Chairman

Mr. Lawler said Brendan Chudy is the Global Foundries FAB 8 Chief Legal Counsel. He said he was delighted to have a representative from the Global Foundries executive team as a part of the Saratoga County Economic Development organization. Global Foundries is, by far, the most heavily invested company in Saratoga County with capital investment of approximately \$7 to \$10 billion. He said having them partner with the county, as inaugural board members, is a demonstration of their commitment to work with the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors and Saratoga County Government to try and make Economic Development as exciting as possible. Having Mr. Chudy on the Board of Directors will allow the Partnership to work closely with Global Foundries.

Mr. Lawler said Omar Usmani is an Executive Partner at Aeon Nexis, and Co-chair on the Executive Committee of the Capital Region Economic Development Council. The Capital Region Council is going to play a major roll for many years to come in large scale economic development throughout the region. Having Mr. Usmani on the Board of Directors, will keep Saratoga County very intricately involved in the Capital Region's Economic Development Council activities.

Mr. Lawler said Penny Hill has agreed, if appointed, to serve as a Director of the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership. She is an Associate Dean at Hudson Valley, and manages Tech Smart at the Luther Forest Technology Campus. Currently, Ms. Hill is putting together the Start-up New York Strategic Plan which will create a one mile circle around the campus that will be eligible for Start-up New York benefits.

Mr. Lawler said he was pleased to offer the name of a former long term Supervisor, and current Chairman of the Saratoga County IDA, Raymond Callanan as a member of the Board of Directors for the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership.

Mr. Lawler said these people bring the greatest opportunity and resources to start the Partnership off. He said the seven board members will have the authority, if given the opportunity, to further expand the board in the near future. Several other Supervisors and a number of community and business leaders have offered their names for consideration as well. This information will be turned over to the board, where a recommendation would be made to the Economic Development Committee and back to the Board of Supervisors for appointment and approval. There is an expectation that the original Board of Directors will expand to somewhere between 11 and 15 total members. In addition, an Advisory Committee will be appointed to provide feedback and suggestions to the Board of Directors. A number of business people and municipal officials have expressed an interest to serve in that capacity, he said.

Mr. Lawler thanked all the Economic Development Committee members for their individual efforts in getting to the point where the county is ready to create the Economic Development organization with great people willing to serve as board members.

On a motion made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Ms. Daly, the above proposed seven board members for the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership were approved unanimously.

Mr. Collyer said he would like to see someone from the North Country represented on the Board of Directors. He said Ms. Raymond has been Supervisor for a long time and has a lot of expertise, and he would like to see her have a seat on the Board to represent the northern region of the county.

Mr. Lawler said he has asked at two previous meetings, if any Supervisors were interested in serving on the Board to please let him know.

Mr. Jenkins requested a letter of support for grant applications for sewer lines on Rt. 9.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Lewza requesting the Chairman to draft a letter of support on behalf of the Town of Moreau's Consolidated Funding Application. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom