

Economic Development Committee Minutes
February 8, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Tim Szczepaniak; Supervisors Vince DeLucia, Alan Grattidge, Art Johnson, Jack Lawler and Tom Richardson; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Andrew Jarosh, Treasurer; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Lisa Scaccia, Employment & Training; Jason Kemper, Planning; Marty Vanags, Shelby Schneider, Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Richardson, the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to authorize the acceptance of \$93,062.92 in additional federal aid through the NYS Department of Labor for the Disability Employment Initiative. Unanimous.

Ms. Scaccia said that the initiative has been in place since 2014. The program was created to assist individuals with disabilities in finding and maintaining employment. The purpose of the funding is to extend the disability resource coordinators in each of the one stop career centers through September 30, 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to authorize an amendment to the agreement with Rehabilitation Initiatives, LLC to provide the necessary administrative services funded through the NYS Department of Labor for the Disability Employment Initiative grant and amending the 2017 County budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Ms. Scaccia said that this is an extension of the contract with Rehabilitation Initiatives. Ms. Scaccia said that they provide the payroll and staffing services of the disability resource coordinators at the centers.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, to set a public hearing on March 15, 2017 at 4:25 pm for proposed amendments to the boundaries of Saratoga County Consolidated Agricultural Districts #1 and #2. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said the previously distributed a memo to the committee. Mr. Kemper said that he received petitions from five land owners, and it has been approved by the Saratoga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board. There are two parcels in the Town of Stillwater, one in the Town of Clifton Park, one in Providence and one in Malta.

Mr. Kemper gave a brief update on the Planning Conference. This year expenses were down and revenues were up. They added three new counties this year and a class from Skidmore participated. Mr. DeLucia commended Mr. Kemper and his department on a successful event.

Mr. Vanags gave a brief update on the activities of the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership. Mr. Vanags distributed a handout summary of a recent Saratoga County Workforce Development Roundtable that was held on January 26. The next roundtable will be held in March which will focus on talent attraction. The Saratoga County Small Business workshop series is scheduled to kick off on February 9, 2017 at the Elks Lodge in Mechanicville. A full list of the dates and locations of upcoming workshops are listed on the SCPP Facebook page. Mr. Vanags handed out a copy of the 2016 annual report and gave a brief overview.

On a motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board