

Economic Development Committee Minutes  
January 4, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Matthew Veitch; Supervisors Alan Grattidge, Jack Lawler, Scott Ostrander and Chairman of the Board Ed Kinowski; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Planning; Lisa Scaccia, Employment & Training; Andrew Jarosh, Treasurer.

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

Mr. Veitch announced the appointment of Mr. Grattidge as the Committee Vice-Chair.

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, the minutes of the December 6, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Kemper previously distributed a memo via email outlining his items.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Lawler, to set a public hearing on Wednesday, February 14, at 4:25 pm for amendments to the Saratoga County Agricultural District #2. Unanimous.**

Mr. Kemper said that the Ag. District amendment process begins in October every year. Three petitions were received, two in the City of Saratoga Springs and one in the Town of Malta. The Saratoga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board has approved all three applications.

Mr. Kemper said that amendments to resolutions 222-2015 and 24-2016 on the Open Space Grants for the Towns of Malta and Galway will be voted upon at the Law & Finance Committee. The Town of Malta project acreage and grant amounts have changed since the original award from a project cost of \$650,577 to \$634,376 and total acreage of 131 to 129.154 acres. The Town of Galway project cost is now \$137,208 with a County match reduced from \$23,405 to \$22,708.

Mr. Lawler requested that Mr. Kemper forward a list detailing outstanding open space grants and open space reserve account balance to the Committee.

Mr. Kemper said that the MS4 stormwater contract with Cooperative Extension agenda item will be brought up at a future meeting.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize an amendment to Resolution 168-2011 to increase the purchase price for the Zim Smith Trail Extension ROW Acquisition to a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000. Unanimous.**

Mr. Kemper said that the original resolution amount was \$180,000. The appraisals for the properties have been completed and are higher than the original amount anticipated. Total proposed purchase prices have a combined total of \$222,600, partly due to increased acreage. The landowners have not yet been approached with the appraisal amounts. Mr. Kemper said that

the request for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 would give the authority to approve the purchase prices if they are changed during final negotiations with the landowners. Funds are available in the Zim Smith capital account.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Grattidge, to authorize the Washington County EOC to operate the Adult and Dislocated Worker Program in Washington County. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Scaccia distributed copies of the proposal for WIOA Adult and Dislocated worker services for Washington County. Mrs. Scaccia said that the Workforce Development Board encompasses Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties. Since 1999 Washington County EOC has provided for the career centers in Washington County. In 2017 an RFP was released by Saratoga County for the Washington County service and the Washington County EOC was the only respondent. The Workforce Development Board approved the EOC to provide the service on 1/3/2018. The agreement will run until 6/30/2018 and will total \$155,000. If additional funds become available, the agreement will have language to be able to accept up to 20% in additional funds. Mrs. Scaccia said that she will return to the committee for a renewal for 7/1/2018.

Mr. Veitch discussed the 2018 goals for the committee. Mr. Veitch said that he is planning to resume monthly reports from the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership and he plans on meeting with the president each month. Kevin Hedley is the new Chairman of the SCPP and Mr. Veitch has invited Mr. Hedley to attend the next Economic Development committee meeting. Mr. Veitch said that he will reach out to both Chambers of Commerce in the County and any other economic development entities. Mr. Veitch said that he will encourage the Tourism Advisory Committee to meet regularly. Mr. Veitch said that he is willing to work with any of the towns and cities to gather any local input that they have regarding their economic development initiatives. Mr. Veitch recognized that there is a challenge having two economic development agencies within the county and said that he would like to look at figuring out a plan for working with some sort of partnership between the two and make it work as positively as possible going forward. Mr. Lawler said that there are many people attempting to lead the charge and it's important to coordinate those efforts. Mr. Lawler said that he would like to see this effort driven by the County and the Partnership. Mr. Lawler suggested that a strategy meeting be held with private sector and other organizations that would like to be involved. Mr. Veitch said that NYRA is getting ready to showcase their Junior Boxes at the grandstand end of the racetrack, a new feature for 2018.

**On a motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board