

Economic Development Committee Minutes
October 6, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Phil Barrett; Supervisors Tara Gaston, Joe Grasso, Jon Schopf, Sandra Winney, Tom Wood; and Chairman of the Board Todd Kusnierz; Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Andrew Jarosh, Treasurer; Dennis Brobston, Tori Riley, SEDC.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. Winney, the minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Winney, seconded by Mr. Grasso, to authorize the 2nd Quarter payment to Saratoga County Economic Development Corporation. Unanimous.

Mr. Brobston said SEDC has put in for their second quarter payment which would bring them up to \$75,000 and gave an update on the projects they have so far this year which include five through IDA and Planning Boards that amount to \$16,400,000, about 100 jobs created, 32 retained and four projects in the approval process now that will amount to another \$82 million which puts them at an expected \$98 million by the end of the year with another \$8.5 million with the new payroll. The projects they've been working on are mostly manufacturing, warehousing and fabrication. Mr. Barrett asked about a press report he saw about a project in Clifton Park. Mr. Brobston said that Green Mountain Electric is looking at a former lumberyard property for \$6.2 million to use as a wire hub for fabricating, manufacturing and assembly.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. Winney, to authorize the 2nd Quarter payment to Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership. Unanimous.

Mr. Rose said on behalf of the Partnership, they're seeking second quarter payment and gave an update on the ongoing projects which included Next Wave Communities, the Town of Malta consulting with MRB Group for their latest project and a few outstanding Economic Development Funds. Ms. Gaston asked if the sales tax revenues were available? Mr. Barrett said it's bed tax revenue, not sales tax, but this payment would not be an overpayment. Ms. Gaston said her concern is not whether the payment puts anybody into the red and she thought that they would notify of how they were looking with each of these payments.

A motion was made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Ms. Gaston, to approve a Municipal Planning Grant of \$7,100 from Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership to the Town of Wilton. Unanimous.

Mr. Rose said this is an Economic Development Fund drawdown request from the Town of Wilton for repairs to the bell tower at the Wilton Heritage Museum for the full amount of \$7,100.

A motion was made by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Ms. Winney, to approve a Municipal Planning Grant of \$7,100 from Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership to the Town of Galway. Unanimous.

Mr. Rose said the Town of Galway is requesting the full amount of \$7,100 towards a feasibility study for possible senior housing done by MRB Group.

Community Development Program Update

Mr. Barrett said Pete Bardunias from the Capital Region Chamber is ill and couldn't make the meeting but he's been invited back for the November meeting to provide an update.

A motion was made by Ms. Winney, seconded by Mr. Wood, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Rider
Deputy Clerk of the Board