

Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership

Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 13, 2021
Saratoga County BOS Boardroom
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Chair Maria Moran.

Present:

Board Members: Phil Barrett, Steve Bulger, Eric Connolly, Tim Dunn, Rocky Ferraro, Penny Hill, Jeff Jones, Todd Kusnierz, Maria Moran, Dave Wood, Tim Szczepanek, Benny Zlotnick.

Staff and Guests:

Matthew Rose

Legal Counsel: Justin Miller, Harris Beach, PLLC

Board Members absent: Justin Baker, Brendan Chudy, Josh Spain

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Bulger, seconded by Mr. Zlotnick to Remove the phrase "the Treasurer's Report" from the motion made by Penny Hill under New Business regarding the Authorizing Resolution under the Start Up NY Program-Sparkshoppe Ltd. Project at the June 21, 2021 Board meeting and correct the attendance list to not include Mr. Jones. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to accept the Minutes from August 9, 2021 was made by Mr. Barrett, and was seconded by Mr. Bulger. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was distributed and Mr. Ferraro gave a brief overview of the report. There was limited activity for the month of August. Mr. Ferraro reported that the second quarter payment has not been received from the County. Mr. Bulger said that the request for payment from the County will be going to the next meeting of the County's Economic Development Committee, and on to the full Board for approval next month.

Ms. Moran thanked Mr. Rose and Mr. Ferraro for continuing the day to day operations of the Partnership business.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Jones and was seconded by Mr. Szczepanik. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Bulger, seconded by Mr. Barret to enter into Executive session to discuss a contract negotiation. On a roll call vote, the motion passed. Mr. Dunn abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, Seconded by Mr. Ferraro to return to regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken during executive session.

Mr. Dunn announced his resignation from the Board of Directors of the Prosperity Partnership effective immediately at 4:55pm.

A motion was made by Ms. Moran, seconded by Mr. Zlotnick to accept Mr. Dunn's resignation. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett Seconded by Mr. Bulger to enter into an agreement with Dunn Strategy Group. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Moran said that the agreement will be drawn up in the form of a contract and will be reviewed by her as chairwoman and reviewed by counsel.

Mr. Dunn gave an update on the USDA Rural Development Grant. Mr. Dunn said that the project in the Town of Malta was approximately 80% complete when Ms. Schneider stepped down. The consultants are in the process of putting together a draft report for the Malta Economic Development Committee to review. It is anticipated that the report will be ready to review by the end of this week. A final report will be submitted to the Town at the end of September.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Barrett and was seconded by Mr. Bulger. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.