

Economic Development Committee Minutes
February 8, 2023 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Mark Hammond; Committee Members C. Eric Butler, Joe Grasso, Jean Raymond, Kevin Tollisen, Kevin Veitch, Sandra Winney. Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Audra Hedden, Stephanie Hodgson, Matt Rose, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michelle Granger, Michael Naughton, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Kim Lambert, Planning & Economic Development; Jenniffer McCloskey, Employment & Training; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Andrew Jarosh, County Treasurer; Tori Riley, Saratoga Economic Development Corporation; Benjamin Glover, Intern, City of Saratoga Springs.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, the minutes of the November 8, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Hammond announced the appointment of Supervisor Kevin Veitch as Committee Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to authorize the issuance of a fourth quarter 2022 payment to Saratoga Economic Development Corporation for marketing and promotional services. Unanimous.

Final payment of 2022 is in the amount of \$62,785.67. \$225K has been allocated for SEDC in the 2023 County Budget. Tori Riley from SEDC distributed a handout regarding 2022 activities and gave a brief overview. A copy of the handout is attached to these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Butler, to renew an agreement with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation for the County's Participation in the State Septic System Replacement Program. Unanimous.

The agreement will extend the program to 12/31/2026 at no additional cost to the County. The grant amount \$94,435. Mr. Bulger gave a brief overview of the program.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, to authorize setting a Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the boundaries of the Saratoga County Agricultural Districts #1 & #2 . Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper gave an overview of the timeline and process of amending the boundaries of the Agricultural Districts. This year there are 12 properties/16 parcels. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize amending the agreement with Billi O's Inc. DBA Distinctive Catering for food and beverage services at the County's Annual Planning & Zoning Conference. Unanimous.

The amendment will increase the agreement by \$2,500. Mr. Kemper reported that this year exceeded their expectations in attendees at the Conference. Discussion took place regarding the success of the conference. Mr. Hammond thanked Mr. Kemper and his staff for a successful 2023 Planning & Zoning Conference.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Veitch, Committee approval of Town of Moreau and Town of Waterford 2022 Economic Development Grant reimbursements. Unanimous.

Town of Moreau project was for infrastructure improvements and the Town of Waterford was the Tugboat Roundup.

Mr. Kemper reported that this year's funding is in the amount of \$150,000 which equates to \$7,100 per Town. Discussion took place regarding the application process. Mr. Grasso suggested extending the application. After discussion, the Committee decided to release the applications to municipalities and leave the application process open until September 15, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Hammond, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board