



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Municipal Building

2nd Floor, Room 200

20 Ontario Street

Canandaigua, NY 14424

February 6, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Committee Chair Singer, Supervisors Evangelista, Lightfoote, Marshall, VanBortel, Venuti, and Wickham

OTHERS PRESENT

County Administrator Mary Krause, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, Director of Finance Mary Gates, Director of Planning Tom Harvey, County Attorney Gary Curtiss, First Assistant County Attorney Holly Adams, Assistant County Attorney Lea Nacca, County Treasurer Gary Baxter, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Sr. Planner Carla Jordan, Sr. Planner Betsy Landre, Planner Regina Sousa, Fiscal Manager Michael Wojick, President of Finger Lakes Visitors Connection Valerie Knoblauch, Landfill Manager for Casella Matt East, Regional V.P. of Casella Larry Schilling, Ontario County Soil and Water District Manager PJ Emerick, Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Executive Director David Zorn, and Finger Lakes Times Reporter David Shaw.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Committee Chair Singer.

MINUTES

Supervisor Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting held on January 17, 2017. Supervisor Wickham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TOURISM

- ♦ Request first draw of funds for 2017 contract Ms. Knoblauch presented to the committee the Visitors Connections profits and loss statements. She also at this time requested the first draw on the 2017 contract. Supervisor Marshall motioned to approve the first draw on the 2017 contract. Supervisor VanBortel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SOIL AND WATER

- ♦ Update on Ontario County SWCD Projects Mr. Emerick asked if there were any question on his report. As there were none he spoke briefly about an upcoming soil health

workshop that will be held on February 16, 2017.

PLANNING

- ◆ LSWMP - Implementation Working Schedule

The updates to the document since the last meeting are as follows:

- An internal recycling survey produced by Causewave was emailed to all county employees on February 1, 2017. Hard copies of this survey will be provided to employees without county email. Causewave is still working on the external survey.
- Ms. Sousa gave an update on the e-waste event that was held on January 21, 2017. 475 people attended the event and 77,000 pounds of electronics were collected.
- County Attorney Curtiss let the committee know that landfill 101 will be conducted before the Board of Supervisors meetings on March 9th and 30th.

- ◆ Clean Energy Communities Presentations

Mr. Zorn, Executive Director of Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, presented to the committee information on a NYSEDA based program called clean energy communities. He spoke of the process that communities need to go through to receive this status; and the funding that is available to them with the status. These actions would decrease the carbon footprint and increase energy savings. The Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council is available for assistance in all steps of this process. They will be holding workshops that will also provide more in depth information regarding different action items that need to be completed during the process of becoming a clean energy community.

- ◆ Landfill Status Updates

Mr. Schilling and Director Harvey informed the committee they are working with NYSEG to get easements to move current electric poles on County Road 5 to assist in the expansion of the landfill. These easements will be coming forward to the committee. They will also be relocating other utilities with the water line relocation work beginning next week.

- ◆ Ontario County Water Council - Annual Update
- ◆ Finger Lakes - Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA): Project Update
- ◆ Honeoye Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management Program: 2016

Ms. Landre gave a brief review of the reports that she provided in the agenda packet. The current funding cycle for FOLLOWPA will be providing \$88,360 to Ontario County. Ms. Landre will be going to Albany tomorrow to speak with legislators about additional funding for FOLLOWPA next year. FOLLOWPA has asked for letters of support for additional funding in the 2017-2018 NYS budget requests. Supervisor VanBortel motioned to provide a letter of support. Seconded by Supervisor Lightfoote. Motion carried.

- ♦ Proposed Changes to SEQR Director Harvey shared with the committee that the DEC is proposing changes to SEQR. They will be having a Public Hearing on March 31, 2017 and will be accepting comments on the changes until May 19, 2017. Director Harvey will compile comments and bring them to committee to review before sending them to the DEC.
- ♦ **RESOLUTION:** Ontario County Agriculture Enhancement Board Reappointment - Elizabeth Newbold Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to reappoint Elizabeth Newbold to the Ontario County Agriculture Enhancement Board. Supervisor Marshall seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- ♦ **RESOLUTION:** Funding of Senior Planner Position Supervisor Marshall motioned to approve the funding for a senior planner position. Supervisor VanBortel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY/
COUNTY TREASURER**

- ♦ **RESOLUTION :** Request for State Legislation to Amend New York Tax Law §1202-t - Hotel or Motel Taxes in Ontario County Ms. Necca provided some background on this local law. The proposed amendments to the law would provide for collection of occupancy tax on Airbnb's and removing the exemption for units that have three rooms or less for rent. Ms. Necca has been working with Airbnb and they are willing to collect the tax and send it to Ontario County if the law is amended. Mr. Baxter noted that this will increase the amount of administrative work associated with these fees but it will be worth it to collect the additional properties. The 2018 budget will hire an auditing firm to monitor that we are collecting the occupancy tax from all eligible properties. This is considered a best practice by the Comptroller's office. Supervisor Marshall motioned to move the request for State Legislation to Amend New York Tax Law §1202-t - Hotel or Motel Taxes in Ontario County. Seconded by Supervisor Lightfoote. The motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- ♦ **RESOLUTION :** Reappointment of Thomas Harvey Director of Planning County Administrator Krause recommends the reappointment of Director Harvey. She has completed a performance appraisal and discussions with goals for the future. Supervisor Wickham made a motion to approve the resolution for the reappointment of Thomas Harvey Director of Planning. Seconded by Supervisor VanBortel. The motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Marshall, seconded by Supervisor VanBortel the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kristin Haremza
Deputy Clerk to the Board