

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MCDEVITT
BEATY
BRAYMER
STROUGH
MAGOWAN
SIMPSON
WILD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS LEGGETT
HOGAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER
CHRIS BELDEN, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA BECK, JUNIOR PLANNER

REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT
JOHN WHEATLEY, VICE PRESIDENT

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS DIAMOND

FRASIER

GERAGHTY

LOEB

SOKOL

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

STAN CIANFARANO, COUNTY HISTORIAN

SUSAN SHEPLER, TOWN OF THURMAN RESIDENT

EVELYN WOOD, TOWN OF THURMAN RESIDENT

DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*

LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 25, 2019 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:

<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2019/economic>

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 9:42 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Economic Growth & Development Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to the Committee members and a copy of same is on file with the meeting minutes. Privilege of the floor was extended to Ed Bartholomew, *President of the Economic Growth & Development Corporation (EDC)*, who distributed copies of a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Collaborating" which he reviewed in detail. *A copy of the presentation is on file with the meeting minutes.*

During Mr. Bartholomew's presentation, Ms. Braymer inquired as to the status of expanding the broadband and he replied there had been a good faith effort. A brief discussion ensued in regards to the continuing lack of broadband in the northern portion of the County.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Wayne LaMothe, *County Planner*, who presented the following requests:

- 1) To re-appoint Chris Belden, *Assistant County Planner*, as Climate Smart Coordinator and appoint/re-appoint members to the Climate Smart Task Force, as listed in the agenda attachment.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$10,000 from Budget Code A.8029 470, *Contract*, to Budget Code A.9950 910, *Transfers*, to cover the cost of the contract amendment with Advokate, LLC.
- 3) To increase Capital Project H380.9550 280, *Promoting the First Wilderness*, in the amount of \$10,000 to transfer matching funds into project to cover the cost of the contract amendment with Advokate, LLC.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the requests and forward same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

- 4) To amend the contract with Advokate LLC, to increase the amount of the contract to \$6,340 to secure additional graphics and the installation of 12 town poster panels.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 5) To authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Warren Historical Society to sell town posters for the County.
- 6) To authorize establishing an account to receive funds from town poster sales.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above. The necessary resolution for Item 5 was authorized for the December 20th Board meeting, and Item 6 was referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Sara Frankenfeld, *GIS Administrator*, who provided an updated review of the 2020 Census with a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Warren County Counts". She stated the web page for Warren County census information was www.warrencountyny.gov/census2020. Ms. Frankenfeld apprised the next Complete Count Committee meeting would be held on December 9th at 10:00 a.m. and would be held in the Committee Meeting room in the Municipal Center.

Mr. LaMothe provided an update on the housing study and explained the RFP (*Request for Proposal*) was still under way, as they were waiting for Lake Placid to complete their housing study to serve as an example and extract information from that report.

Mr. McDevitt offered privilege of the floor to anyone present wishing to address the Committee on any matter. Mr. Diamond requested the Committee approve a resolution to oppose the Cooper Street non-profit housing project in the City of Glens Falls which would not support the local tax base. He commented that a better use of the property would be by light industry manufacturing, as it was zoned for. He said Miller Mechanical was interested in the property and would provide jobs and generate taxes and would be more economical.

A motion was made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Mr. Magowan to approve the resolution suggested by Mr. Diamond.

A lengthy discussion ensued during which it was revealed that the majority of the Committee was not in favor of the motion in light of the ongoing Article 78 action, as they felt it was best to allow the legal process to be carried out first, then take action if the Committee was still in favor of doing so. Mr. McDevitt called the question and the aforementioned motion failed, with Messrs. Simpson, Wild Beaty and Strough voting in opposition.

Ms. Braymer extended her appreciation to the Planning & Community Development Department for their presentation on the septic discussion at the November 19, 2019 Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee Meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion made by Mr. Strough and seconded by Mr. Simpson, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board