

Minutes

Planning & Economic Development Committee

February 19, 2020, 6:00 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Odell, Muldowney, Harmon,

Members Absent: Starks, Ward

Others: Tampio, Ames, Dennison, Geise, Chagnon, McCord, Reynolds, Aldrich

Chairman Odell called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (1/15/19)

MOVED by Legislator Muldowney, SECONDED by Legislator Harmon.

*Unanimously Carried*

Privilege of the Floor

*No one chose to speak at this time.*

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Proposed Resolution – Confirm Re-Appointment - Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency

Chairman Odell: Dennis Rak has graciously accepted reappointment to the IDA. Just note, we'll see two here for IDA appointments. One is the Legislative appointment and the others come from the County Executive. That is why we see these kind of in a – two separate resolutions. Any questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Confirm Appointment & Re-Appointments - Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency

Chairman Odell: All of these are reappointments with the exception of Jay Churchill, who's filling a vacancy, right Mark?

Mr. Geise: Yes. He's from Jamestown Electrical Plating, a local businessman.

Chairman Odell: Will be a great addition to the board. He serves on my Airport Commission.

Legislator Muldowney: Who is he filling the vacancy for?

Chairman Odell: It's been vacant for two years.

Mr. Geise: I don't know who left.

Chairman Odell: Everyone else is coming back and I'm grateful for that. Any questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Confirm Appointment - Chautauqua County Food Policy Council

Chairman Odell: Legislator Bob Scudder has graciously accepted a position on the board as our Legislative representative. I called him today to thank him for that and Melissa Keller is doing a great job in putting that team together and I believe Don, they had their first meeting today or a meeting today?

Mr. McCord: They had a meeting today.

Chairman Odell: Great so grateful for Bob stepping into that role. Any questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Confirm Re-Appointments - Chautauqua County Sports Fishery Advisory Board

Chairman Odell: These are all reappointments but I think we would be remised if we did not recognize and acknowledge the late Lance Ehrhardt that served on that for so many years, brought a lot of joy to a lot of people on the (*inaudible*) fishing trips and to the kids and all his hard work and dedication. I did speak to his wife Joann told me to do a little recognition of him tonight and she was grateful. All in favor?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Confirm Re-Appointments - Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District Board

Chairman Odell: All reappointments. Any questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Confirm Appointment & Re-Appointments – Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board

Chairman Odell: Joseph Galotti is a reappointment and of course, the term, County Executive Wendel, is placed in his position. Any questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution - Confirm Re-Appointment and Appointment – Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau Board of Directors

Chairman Odell: The honorable Kevin Muldowney is once again serving. I see honorable Tom Harmon, you are stepping into that role as well. All in favor?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Adjust the Division of Planning & Community Development’s 2019 and 2020 Budgets for Soil & Water for Water Quality Improvement Projects

Mr. McCord: The resolution that we have before us tonight is to make an adjustment to the 19’ budget and to the 20’ budget. If you remember, Soil & Water came in December and we agreed to front \$398,000 to Soil & Water for a project for a cash flow perspective. Because of the lateness of it, it really was never implemented in 19’, so we’re shifting to the 20’ budget.

Chairman Odell: Makes sense and (*inaudible*) to get it done and grateful for the assistance in cash flow. Any questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2020 Adopted Budget for County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Planning Grant from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets

Mr. McCord: We already have the resolution that accepted the grant and this resolution is simply to establish the accounts for both the \$50,000 from Ag & Markets and the \$30,000 from the Community Foundation to undertake the grant. We’re currently in the process of interviewing consultants and expect to make that decision in the next two to three weeks to begin the process.

Chairman Odell: Super, housekeeping, establishing the accounts, thank you. Any questions on this one?

Legislator Muldowney: Who actually makes the selection?

Mr. McCord: On the selection is made up of (*cross talk*) people from the Farmland Protection Board, Cornell Cooperative Extension and our office and through the result of an RFP.

Chairman Odell: Any other questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution - Establish Capital Project for Welch Trail Recreation Area

Mr. McCord: In 2016, money was designated for the Welch Trail. The Welch Trail is expected to be built this spring. This is just establishing the accounts to allow us to allocate that money out.

Legislator Muldowney: How long is the Welch trail?

Mr. McCord: It should be a mile and a quarter.

Legislator Muldowney: And that's behind the Welch's building? Is that where you start?

Mr. McCord: If you go up to the parking lot, there will be a road that comes down through that area where the Portage Inn used to be and the Welch Trail will start just to the west of that and go out the – it's a two prong trail. One will follow the old trolley tracks segment, the other one will go down to a lower flat to provide access to the creek.

Legislator Muldowney: Will that be done this year?

Mr. McCord: We're hoping. We're still in the design phase, right now. It's a Federal grant so it's a twostep design phase. Preliminary and final. We have to get both of those approved and then local forces, both from the Village and the Town, will utilize the grant funding for materials to build it.

Legislator Harmon: Once it's finished, once it's completed, who will maintain that?

Mr. McCord: It's on Town property and the Town will maintain it.

Legislator Harmon: So the Town will take care (*inaudible*)?

Mr. McCord: Right.

Chairman Odell: Takes a little time but we're getting there. Any additional questions, both good ones.

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution – Adjust the Division of Planning & Community Development's 2019 and 2020 Budgets for the Barcelona to Chautauqua Institution (B2C1) Trail Easement Grant

Mr. McCord: We obtained a trail easement grant from the Division of Parks in 2018. We've been working to get the property appraised and go through all of the steps that Parks will have us do for this grant. However, many of the areas that are a part of this trail segment were last surveyed in 1905 so we've been working off of handwritten documents. That has slowed down the process quite a bit including the title search process. So, we expended a little bit of the funds in 2019 but have to shift the money from 19' to 2020 to finish the project.

Chairman Odell: Any questions? Is there any issues at this point with attaining easements, especially with the -

Mr. McCord: It's a multistep process. So, as I just described, the first thing the State requires is to do – the State has a special appraisal process for this. It's not just a real estate appraiser that can do this. So we had to scope out and bid out the appraisal process which also then got us into, the State then said, we need survey maps, not just the maps that you have and then our Law Department really felt it was best to do the title search. The title search is John Orthendal and his crew at Chautauqua Abstract. It's been wonderful except for it takes him a little while to go back 100 years and be very thorough with his searches. So then the next step will be, once you have all those pieces together which we're still bringing a few of those pieces together, we'll actually be in the easement acquisition phase.

Chairman Odell: How many easements do you think we'll be looking at?

Mr. McCord: Eleven.

Chairman Odell: That's a challenge. We're dealing with 20 some individual easements for the Dunkirk Airport right now. It's for the obstruction rule process. Any additional questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

Proposed Resolution - Accept NYS Funding for 2020 Census Effort

Chairman Odell: I think this is pretty self-explanatory. Right Kathleen?

Mr. McCord: If you need me to fill in the blanks, I can.

Chairman Odell: No, I think we really don't have any blanks. I mean, this is the grant money coming in and to accept.

Mrs. Dennison: Yes.

Chairman Odell: (*Inaudible*) there an amount to be divided up to Chautauqua County, wonderful, wonderful. Any questions?

*Unanimously Carried*

OtherProposed Motion - Proclaiming March 2020 as Agriculture Month in Chautauqua County

Chairman Odell: We have motion before us this evening. Kathy is not here, but Kathy and Olivia, thank you for getting this assembled quickly. When I got back Monday, had a call from Dick Kimball, President of New York State Farm Bureau, asking would we help put forth the resolution declaring the month of March as Agriculture Month in Chautauqua County and so we said, of course. I said we'd be happy to take that up (*inaudible*) been a long time, many years. I remember Farm Bureau and (*inaudible*) Pierre and decided in talking to John Hemmer and Dan Pavlock, who are also representative to Cornell, add them onto the Motion as well. So it's for our information purposes only tonight and will be brought forth to our Legislature meeting next week.

Discussion - Budget Director Dennison & Don McCord – Designations of Occupancy Tax ReservesPresentation - Annual Presentation – Geise & Aldrich

MOVED by Legislator Harmon, SECONDED by Legislator Muldowney to adjourn.

*Unanimously Carried (7:18 p.m.)*

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
Olivia Ames, Deputy Clerk/Lori J. Foster, Sr. Stenographer