

Minutes

Planning & Economic Development Committee

**April 15, 2020, 6:00 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom
And Live Streamed for Public Viewing**

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Odell, Starks, Harmon, Ward, Muldowney

Others: Tampio, Ames, Dennison, Chagnon, Rasmussen, Geise, Nixon

Chairman Odell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (3/18/20)

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator Harmon.

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Chairman Odell: Anyone to speak to the privilege of the floor tonight?

Clerk Tampio: We have received no email comments from the public.

Proposed Resolution - Authorize Submitting Grant Application for 2020 Community
Development Block Economic Development Grant Funding through
the New York State Office of Community Renewal

Mr. Geise: Thank you. I'm joined by Carol Rasmussen, who is the business development manager for the IDA. So, I'll talk a little about this and Carol could fill in the details?

Ms. Rasmussen: Sure.

Mr. Geise: This is a redo of a resolution that was approved last year. It's for a grant for the lodge at Chautauqua Lake- the Webb's project and because they didn't break ground and implement the project they have to come back and reapply. Basically, the County will contract with the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation to administer and implement the project. A public hearing will be held just prior to the Legislature meeting next week, which will provide an opportunity to the public to ask questions or comment. Again, this gives the County Executive authorization to execute the (*inaudible*) grant agreement and certified (*inaudible*.) It's a really just a redo of the resolution. Would you like to add anything?

Ms. Rasmussen: No. Well said, Mark. The public hearing is just to obtain citizens views as Mark said. We do have a resolution going forward to approve an agreement between Chautauqua County and CREDC. CREDC will be administering this grant once it's approved, so the resolution is (*inaudible*) permission to submit the grant to the OCR and also, as the grant is approved there will be an agreement between the County and CREDC and we will administer the grant.

Chairman Odell: Thank you Carol and Mark. Does anyone have any questions on this one?

Legislator Ward: I have a question about the language in the fourth whereas. It states, "the County has held a public hearing."

Mr. Geise: I can explain that. The Legislature is going to be approving this at the meeting next week- at that time the public hearing will have been held. So, today it isn't, but when they're considering this we will have held that public hearing prior to when they're approving this. That's why the language is that way.

Chairman Odell: Yeah.

Legislator Ward: That wouldn't trip anybody up given the fact that we're approving his prior to the meeting even though the language says it's already been hold?

Mr. Geise: Because at that time the Legislature is going to be reviewing it and approving it and at that time the public hearing would have already been held.

Chairman Odell: That's exactly it. Good question. The public hearings for this and the airport will be held ahead of this. Any other questions?

(Cross-talk)

Ms. Rasmussen: Right. It's just a pass (*inaudible*) to leverage private investments.

Chairman Odell: Exactly. All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution - Amend Resolution 194-19 - Authorize Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau as the Local Tourist Promotion Agency for the Matching Funds Program Sponsored by New York State Division of Tourism

Mr. Geise: I'm joined by Andrew Nixon, the director of the CCVB. This is to amend the resolution to change the grant cycle. It was from April 1, 2019- March 31, 2020 and it needs to be changed to January 1, 2020- December 31, 2020 in order to coincide with the grant program cycle.

Chairman Odell: Thank you for (*inaudible.*) Any questions from the committee on this one? All in favor please say aye? Opposed

Unanimously Carried

MOVED by Legislator Ward, SECONDED by Legislator Starks to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (6:12 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Kathy K. Tampio, Clerk/Olivia Ames, Deputy Clerk