

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MCDEVITT
BEATY
STROUGH
SIMPSON
MACDONALD
LEGGETT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: WOOD
DICKINSON
MONTESI

OTHERS PRESENT:

WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER
REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:
ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISOR MERLINO
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 21, 2016 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/2016/economic/>

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 10:31 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Wayne LaMothe, County Planner, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. LaMothe presented a request to establish Capital Project H367, First Wilderness 2015 in the amount of \$871,976 for the Last Local Waterfront Revitalization Program under the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to authorize the request as outlined above and forward same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Next Mr. LaMothe presented a request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$20,000 from Budget Code A.8029 470, Contract, to Budget Code A.9950 910, Transfers, and \$170.80 from Budget Code A.8022 840, Workmans Comp, to Budget Code A.8021 860 Hospitalization, to match the First Wilderness Program. Continuing Mr. LaMothe presented a second request for transfer of funds in the amount of \$170.80 from various accounts to correct workman compensation balances.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the requests for transfers of funds as outlined above and to forward same to the Finance, Personnel and Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the Request for Transfer of Funds form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing with his agenda review, Mr. LaMothe reviewed the Table of Organization for the Planning and Community Development Department. *A copy of the Table of Organization is on file with the minutes.*

Next Mr. LaMothe reviewed the 2015 Annual Report in detail. *A copy of which is on file with the minutes.* Mr. Leggett inquired the meaning of the abbreviations on the Project summary and Mr. LaMothe answered the abbreviations referred to site plan, area variance, use variance, rezoning, conditional use, sign variance and totals. Mr. LaMothe distributed a 186 page First Wilderness Heritage Program Plan Update that he reported would be complete in March 2016. He indicated at

that time he would be looking for a resolution supporting the implementation of the plan and Board approval. *The Plan Update is on file with the minutes.*

This concluded the Planning Department portion of the Committee meeting and the Economic Growth and Development (EDC) portion of the meeting commenced at 10:56 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ed Bartholomew, President of the EDC, who indicated the EDC had hosted a breakfast with 160 attendees including Heather Briccetti, President and CEO of the Business Council of New York State Inc., Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Supervisors Strough, Seeber & Merlino, along with Joanne Conley and Peter Girard from the Warren County Tourism Department.

Mr. Bartholomew spoke of the traffic study, to which Warren County had provided \$25,000; EDC provided \$25,000 & National Grid provided \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000 in funding that would be performed on the Rt. 9 corridor from the outlets at Northway Exit 20, south to the Glen Drive-In including the K of C building. He added a small Committee would be formed to examine and determine what engineering consulting firm would be selected to perform the study. He said the goal was to improve the flow of traffic for emergency vehicles, passenger vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

Next Mr. Bartholomew talked of an advertising campaign included in the Warren County Winter Travel Guide with hope of attracting people to Warren County. Then he discussed broadband in rural areas such as the Towns of Horicon and Stony Creek, as well as schools and libraries. He indicated it was important to have broadband for emergency services, noting funding was available, however, he said, there were many rules and regulations to follow. He informed he would provide Governor Cuomo with a map of the areas in Warren County that were in need of broadband with the hope of receiving funding.

Mr. Bartholomew mentioned EDC worked in collaboration with the Tourism Department and Ross Dubarry, Manager, Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport, on the application for the 2017 Regional Fly-In. He reported that Apex Solar Company was a business in Warren County that currently employed 165 and was continuing to grow. He added another growing company in the County was Etain, LLC located in the Town of Chester. Mr. Leggett inquired what a business in Chestertown had to do to receive broadband and Mr. Bartholomew answered businesses and individuals should contact him directly and he would reach out to internet providers. Mr. Bartholomew continued Just Water would be available throughout the Country come spring. He informed Just Beverage repurposed an old church and utilized the structure for their business in Warren County. Mr. Strough noted Just Water was interested in promoting trail systems and community amenities throughout Warren County. Mr. Bartholomew added Just Beverage showed interest in purchasing local water.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth and Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Leggett, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist